



National Wildfire Coordinating Group  
**Incident and Position Standards Committee**

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**Date:** 1 June 2021  
**To:** Frank Guzman, Chair, NWCG Executive Board  
**From:** Jim Shultz, Chair, Incident and Position Standards Committee  
**Subject:** Archive NWCG#018-2010 - Assignment of Trainees to Incident Positions

**Purpose:** This memorandum recommends the archive of NWCG#018-2010 - Assignment of Trainees to Incident Positions memo, hereafter referred to as the memo.

**Issue/Action:** Per request from the NWCG Executive Board, the Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC) reviewed the memo and determined the contents do not represent an NWCG standard nor should language be included in any existing NWCG standards document and that the memo be immediately archived.

**Background and Coordination:** The memo was originally issued in response to recommendations in the Dutch Creek Incident Safety Action Plan related to the supervision of trainees in positions and scenarios under which life safety decisions are made. IPSC coordinated with the Risk Management Committee, the Incident Operations Subcommittee, and the Incident Command Subcommittee to arrive at a determination that the issues identified in the memo had been mitigated through language in Federal Policy documents as well as through the existing risk management processes used in wildfire incident management.

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