



National Wildfire Coordinating Group
Incident and Position Standards Committee

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To: Travis Bailey, Chair, Incident Logistics Subcommittee
From: Marlene Eno-Hendren, Chair, Incident and Position Standards Committee
Subject: Approval to Remove Support Branch Director and Service Branch Director Positions from the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications*, PMS 310-1.

Purpose: This memorandum communicates approval of the Incident Logistics Subcommittee (ILSC) recommendation to remove Support Branch Director (SUBD) and Service Branch Director (SVBD) positions from the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications*, PMS 310-1.

Action: Effective January 2024, SUBD and SVBD positions will be removed from the PMS 310-1 and NWCG Position Catalog, and the Incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS) and Incident Qualification System (IQS) applications. Historical records for responders with these qualifications will be maintained in IQCS and IQS.

Background and Coordination: In Fall 2022, the NWCG Executive Board requested the Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC) evaluate transitioning Branch Director positions to Complex. The IPSC tasked the ILSC to determine transition requirements for SUBD and SVBD. The ILSC researched the Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC) ordering history and determined that SUBDs and SVBDs are not utilized in the current business practices of incident management teams (IMT); instead, IMTs order fully qualified Logistics Section Chiefs. There were only 44 total orders for SUBD and SVBD positions since 2020 with only a small percentage of those orders for incidents. The ILSC also reached out to over 90 currently qualified and rostered IMT Logistics Section Chiefs on interagency IMTs across all geographic areas with the majority of respondents supporting removal of the two positions. The NWCG Executive Board supported removing the positions on June 20, 2023.

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