



National Wildfire Coordinating Group

## Incident and Position Standards Committee

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**Date:** 7 November 2023  
**To:** Justin Jager, Chair, Interagency Fire Unmanned Aircraft Systems Subcommittee  
**From:** Marlene Eno-Hendren, Chair, Incident and Position Standards Committee  
**Subject:** Approval of Incident and Position Standards Committee Request for Change 2023-07, Update to Unmanned Aircraft System Pilot Position Task Book

**Purpose:** This memorandum approves the content of Incident and Position Standards Committee Request for Change 2023-07 received from the Interagency Fire Unmanned Aircraft Systems Subcommittee (IFUASS) to update the Unmanned Aircraft System Pilot (UASP) Position Task Book (PTB).

**Action:** Currently, four unmanned aircraft system positions are combined into one PTB, PMS 311-79. Effective with the January 2024 update to the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications*, PMS 310-1, the UASP PTB will be a standalone PTB and not combined with the other UAS positions. Trainee responders with an initiated UASP PTB, PMS 311-79, in the Incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS) or the Incident Qualification System (IQS) prior to the January 2024 release of the PMS 310-1, will complete the PMS 311-79 PTB. Responders opening a UASP PTB or holding an expired PTB (i.e., PMS 311-79) after the January 2024 update to the PMS 310-1 will utilize the updated version, PMS 311-78.

The updated UASP Position Task Book, PMS 311-78, will be available at <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/position-taskbooks> upon revision of the PMS 310-1 in January 2024.

**Background and Coordination:** After hundreds of flight hours over wildland fires by the interagency UAS community since 2019, the UASP Steering Committee recommended updates to the PTB to provide a more consistent and operationally relevant standard for UASP performance, training, and evaluation.

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