



## NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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TO: Michael Froelich, Chair, Incident and Positions Standards Committee (IPSC)

FROM: Matt Woodwick, Chair, National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC)

SUBJECT: Update to Unmanned Aircraft System Pilot (UASP) Position

**Issue/Action:** To update the qualification requirements and progression pathway of the UASP position in the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications*, PMS 310-1, based on analysis conducted during the Incident Performance and Training Modernization (IPTM) effort.

Specifically, this action would update the following position qualification standards:

- Add Required Training: RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR) and S-131, Firefighter Type 1.
- Add Required Experience: Satisfactory performance as a Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2).
- Add Position that Maintains Currency For UASP: Unmanned Aircraft System, Manager (UASM).
- Add Other Training Which Supports Development Of Knowledge And Skills: A-456, Beyond Visual Line of Sight and Extended Line of Sight Operations, S-211, Portable Pumps and Water Use, S-112, Introduction to Chainsaw Operations, S-219, Firing Operations.

Historical recognition will be applied to all currently qualified responders, with the exception of the annual requirement for RT-130 which all UASP responders will be required to complete to maintain qualification.

These updates would be made in the *NWCG Standards for the Wildland Fire Positions Qualifications*, PMS 310-1 and the *NWCG Wildland Fire Position Qualification Flowchart*, PMS 308.

**Background:** Through the IPTM analysis process, the NWCG National Interagency Aviation Committee has approved the change in the qualification pathways for UASP.

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