



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 Fixed Wing Base Manager (FWBM) Position

Issue/Action: To update the qualification requirements and progression pathway of the FWBM position based on analysis conducted during the Incident Performance and Training Modernization (IPTM) effort.

Specifically, this action would update the following:

- Remove Required Training: A-203, Basic Airspace, A-204, Crew Aircraft Capabilities and Limitations, ICS-100, Introduction to ICS, and IS-700, National Incident Management System: An Introduction.
- Add Required Training: A-205, Risk Management I.
- Remove Other Training Which Supports Development Of Knowledge And Skills: Geographic Area Fixed Wing Base Manager Training, and Geographic Area Intermediate Air Operations.
- Add Other Training Which Supports Development Of Knowledge And Skills: A-305, Risk Management II, A-306, Aviation Contract Administration, A-307, Aviation Policy and Regulations II, A-311, Aviation Planning, and S-273, Single Engine Airtanker Manager.

Historical recognition for FWBM will be applied to all currently qualified responders.

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 FWBM.

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