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Qualifications Management Committee

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To: Wildland Fire Community

From: Joe Sean Kennedy, Qualifications Management Committee (QMC) Chair

Subject: Transition Plan for Implementation of Updates to the Single Resource Boss Positions

Purpose: The training and position qualification pathways for the Single Resource Boss (SRB) positions have been updated based on analysis conducted during the Incident Performance and Training Modernization (IPTM) effort.

Action: Currently all SRB positions include S-230, Crew Boss (Single Resource) as required training in the position qualification pathways. The SRB positions are:

- Crew Boss, Single Resource (CRWB)
- Engine Boss, Single Resource (ENGB)
- Felling Boss, Single Resource (FELB)
- Firing Boss, Single Resource (FIRB)
- Heavy Equipment Boss, Single Resource (HEQB)
- Helicopter Manager, Single Resource (HMGB)

With the recent revision of S-230 through IPTM, the curriculum has shifted to focus more on Crew Boss-specific tasks, rendering the course less relevant for those pursuing other SRB position qualifications. Each SRB position, with the exception of FELB, has a position-specific training course being updated through IPTM. These position-specific courses are:

- S-219, Firing Operations
- S-230, Crew Boss (Single Resource)
- S-231, Engine Boss (Single Resource)
- S-236, Heavy Equipment Boss (Single Resource)
- S-372, Helicopter Manager

To reduce redundant training for responders qualifying in multiple SRB roles, and to ensure training is relevant to the position being pursued, a new course was developed that provides the foundational knowledge for those pursuing SRB qualifications: S-229, Single Resource Boss (Online). In January 2027 this course will become required training for all SRB positions and a required prerequisite for the position-specific courses. See position-specific transition plans for implementation of changes to required training beyond S-229, including timing and details for changes to requirements to position-specific training.

Specifically, this action would update the following for CRWB, ENGB, FELB, FIRB, HEQB, and HMGB:

- Add to Required Training: S-229, Single Resource Boss

Additionally, this action would update the following for ENGB, FELB, FIRB, HEQB, and HMGB:

- Remove from Required Training: S-230, Crew Boss (Single Resource)

Historical recognition would be applied to all currently qualified SRB responders. Trainees will be required to complete the identified additional required training upon release of the January 2027 update to the 310-1 prior to certification.

These updates will 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 in January 2027.

Background: Through the IPTM analysis process, the following position stewards for the SRB positions have been engaged in position qualification changes:

- CRWB, ENGB, HEQB, FELB, FIRB: Operations Management Committee
- HMGB: Aviation Management Committee

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