

**NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #135
ASSIGNMENT OF COURSE NAME AND NUMBER FOR M-582, FIRE PROGRAM
MANAGEMENT, LEADING COMPLEX FIRE PROGRAMS
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BACKGROUND

The curricula for basic wildland fire management knowledge and skills for Agency Administrators (AA) and Fire Management Officers (FMO) historically resided in three different courses: M-581, Fire Program Management; Local Fire Management Leadership (LFML); and National Fire Management Leadership (NFML). M-581 targeted aspiring FMOs and is an Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) requirement for FMO and a recommended course for other positions. LFML and NFML targeted AAs who have roles and responsibilities in fire management programs. Overlap of course subject areas existed between the three courses (see EB Tasking Memo 2015-002).

To provide better training for those overseeing fire management programs, M-581 and introductory material from LFML were combined into M-581, Fire Program Management, An Overview. Advanced AA training content is found in a new course, M-582, Fire Program Management, Leading Complex Fire Programs, which replaces NFML. M-582 will be managed by the new NWCG Agency Administrator Advanced Wildland Curriculum Steering Committee.

CURRENT STATUS

Both M-581, Fire Program Management, An Overview and M-582, Fire Program Management, Leading Complex Fire Programs were certified on June 29, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

As recommended by OTC, the NWCG Executive Board approved the addition of a new course, M-582, Fire Program Management, Leading Complex Fire Programs (see EB Memo 2017-004).

Effective date will be June 29, 2017.

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Operations and Training Committee Chair

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