

**NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #139**  
**ASSIGNMENT OF COURSE NUMBER TO GIS SPECIALIST (GISS) RECURRENCE**  
**TRAINING**  
**December 10, 2021**

**BACKGROUND**

The GISS recurrency training debuted in the Wildland Fire Learning Portal in 2021. Prior to that a yearly webinar hosted by the Geospatial Subcommittee was held in the spring of each year. These webinars go back at least 10 years and have been used to get new information out to GISS, GISS-T and others interested in the GISS position. The GISS position is a highly technical overhead position. Yearly updates to the technology have made a yearly recurrency training necessary for GISS to perform their job duties. Additional information about this need can be found in the issue paper [Geographic Information System Specialist Position Updates & the NWCG Standard Management Cycle](#).

**CURRENT STATUS**

The request for change from the Geospatial Subcommittee recommending moving S-341 from Other Training Which Supports Development of Knowledge and Skills to Required Training for the GISS position was approved at the December Incident and Position Standards Committee meeting. Along with that request the Geospatial Subcommittee asked to formalize and require the associated annual GISS recurrency training. GISS and GISS-T will be required to take the recurrency training annually.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Assign RT-341 to the GISS recurrency training.

Effective date will be January 14, 2022.

**APPROVED**

**SIGNATURE**

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**Incident and Position Standards Committee Chair**

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**Date**

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