BACKGROUND

The Development Group has recommended that the TWT approve elimination of S-133 at the end of 2004, and immediately remove the Fireline Safety Reference from the Publications Management System and replace its reference in S-133 with the Incident Response Pocket Guide.

CURRENT STATUS

This four hour course, published in 1992, was designed as a refresher seminar in fire behavior for fireline personnel, based on a needs assessment of major fire entrapment incidents that occurred between 1985 and 1990. As stated in the course introduction, it is appropriate as a supplement for the S-200, S-230 or S-330 training courses and can also be used for pre-season refresher training at the local unit level. Course is based on "The Fire Environment Concept" which is a 1972 publication.

S-133 is required training for the ICT5 but is not required nor additional training for any other position in the PMS 310-1. Student prerequisites include S-130, S-190 and at least one season of experience in wildfire suppression.

The course has been incorporated into S-190 and S-290 revisions and its need as a stand alone course appears to be limited to the ICT5 requirement. While a number of agencies use course components as part of annual refreshers it appears that the course applicability is limited. Detailed background paper attached.

RECOMMENDATION

Rather than maintaining S-133 as an NWCG course the TWT requests that IOSWT consider S-290 as required training for an ICT5 in the PMS 310-1. The components of S-133 that are effective tools are incorporated in the S-290 and we would be able to drop S-133 from the NWCG curriculum. This would reduce TWT recurring workload.

ACTION REQUIRED

Change the PMS 310-1 to reflect S-290 rather than S-133 as required training for ICT5.

APPROVED/(DENIED)
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SIGNATURES

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TWT Chair   **Date**

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IOSWT Chair   **Date** 2/26/04

will remain a required course for ICT5