

NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #57
MODIFICATION OF COURSE NAME FOR
WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION TACTICS, S-336
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BACKGROUND

The revision of the NWCG course Wildland Fire Suppression Tactics, S-336, is nearing completion.

CURRENT STATUS

The 1990 version of S-336 concentrated on providing basic tactics. Most of those tactics are now covered in the single resource boss courses. The Wildland Fire Suppression Tactics Reference Guide, PMS 465, was developed directly from the 1990 Fire Suppression Tactics course in anticipation of S-336 being dropped from the PMS system. Issue Paper 25 was approved in 1999, directing that S-336 remain in the curriculum.

The title for this course was changed previously from the 1990 title "Fire Suppression Tactics" to "*Wildland* Fire Suppression Tactics with the approval of the TWT by conference call. During the revision of the course, the subject matter experts made substantial revision to the course content. The revised course objective is to provide the student with "The knowledge and practice in decision making necessary to effectively apply wildland fire suppression tactics." The revised course is not about what tactic to use when and where, instead it emphasizes the human factors, communication and leadership skills the tactician must demonstrate to get tactics accomplished.

Field reviews indicated that the name for the course may no longer be accurate, based on the revised content.

RECOMMENDATION

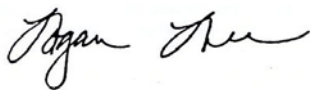
Change the name of Wildland Fire Suppression Tactics to Tactical Decision Making in Wildland Fire.

ACTION REQUIRED

Approval from the TWT of the name change.

APPROVED / **DENIED**
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SIGNATURE



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TWT Chair

Date