NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #83 MANAGEMENT OF WILDLAND FIRE INVESTIGATION CURRICULUM June 22, 2006

BACKGROUND

When the Wildland Fire Investigation Working Team (WFIWT) was established one of its primary objectives identified in their current charter was the development of wildland fire investigation training. It was agreed that the WFIWT would develop a training curriculum to support three levels of Wildland Fire Investigators.

Issue Paper #43 identified the following courses for development:

FI-110, Wildland Fire Cause Determination for First responders (replaced P-130)

FI-210, Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination (replaced P-151)

FI-310, Wildland Fire Investigation: Case Development (new course)

FI-410, Wildland Fire Investigation: Case Management (new course)

CURRENT STATUS

The PMS 310-1 currently supports one level of Wildland Fire Investigator, INVF. FI-110, Wildland Fire Cause Determination for First responders, and FI-210, Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination both support this position and are currently certified and available in the Publications Management System.

FI-310, Wildland Fire Investigation: Case Development is currently under development with the Fire Investigation Working Team and the NWCG Development Unit. Development has not yet begun on FI-410, Wildland Fire Investigation: Case Management.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED / DENIED

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Due to the decision by the Incident Operations Standards Working Team (IOSWT) to establish only one level of Wildland Fire Investigator, FI-310 and FI-410 will not support any position within the PMS 310-1.

Involvement of the NWCG Development Unit for the development of FI-310 and FI-410 as part of the NWCG curriculum will be halted. Oversight and further development will be the responsibility of the Wildland Fire Investigation Working Team. No NWCG numbers will be associated with these courses. If at some future point the IOSWT approves additional Wildland Fire Investigator positions in the PMS 310-1 the Training Working Team will coordinate with the WFIWT on training curriculum needs.

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