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FROM : National Wildfire Coordinating Group

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SUBJECT : SAFETY ADVISORY : 2003 Revisions, Safety Refresher Training Website

Revisions to the Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher Website (WFSTAR) will be launched on January 31, 2003. This website, developed under the direction of the Federal Fire and Aviation Safety Team (FFAST) was initially launched in March 2002.

The purpose of the WFSTAR website is to provide a one-stop shopping resource for the instructors of refresher training to obtain information necessary to conduct high quality safety refreshers. The site identifies topics for refresher training and lists a wide variety of reference materials that support refresher training, including

- Publications
- Videos
- Training packages
- Lessons learned
- Investigation reports

The website includes links to the refresher training policies of the federal fire management agencies and NWCG direction for refresher training. The website also provides the opportunity for instructors to submit abstracts of their refresher training programs for use by others.

The website updates for 2003 include a new National Emphasis Topic and current Hot Topics. The 2003 National Emphasis Topic is Driving Safety. Hot Topics include Revised 10 Standard Fire Orders, New Fire Shelter, Thirtymile Fire, and other topics. The address for the WFSTAR website is http://www.nifc.gov/safety_study/index.htm. This address will get you to the NIFC Safety Page and then just click on the Refresher Training icon.

As a reminder, the NWCG has adopted language requiring annual fireline safety refresher training for all personnel who may be subject to assignments on the fireline, such as technical specialists and ground support personnel delivering resources to the fireline. This mandatory requirement applies to all NWCG members. The full text of the memorandum can be found on the WFSTAR website under "Policy Statements".

If you have any questions, please contact your agency representative on FFAST.

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