

COURSE: Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation

TOPIC: Policy (Unit 1)

SUGGESTED TIME: 50 Minutes

TRAINING AIDS NEEDED: Flip chart, pens, laptop with powerpoint software, PFPI powerpoint presentation on disk, annual FWS fire statistics viewgraph, overhead projector (optional)

**INSTRUCTOR NOTES:**

Although policy appears that this is an easy unit to instruct in 1 hour, it is very easy to get distracted and off course if you do not present the material in a very organized fashion. Pay close attention to the time and try to minimize chances for diversion.

One area that always gets lots of attention is that of qualifications. With the establishment of the RXB3 position, there is a lot of opportunity for misunderstanding about the position. Remember that the position was developed for use on Service lands only and is intended to be used in situations where only a few personnel are used to conduct the burn, the burn would have a very low threat of escape, and it presents minimal risk to the people involved in the operation. Therefore, a burn boss has only a limited span of control to exercise.

The BLM adopted the concept of the RXB3, but currently each agency has agency specific standards.

The BLM standards as of 7/00 are as follows:

Required Training: S290 Intermediate Fire Behavior

Suggested Training: S201 Supervisory Concepts and Techniques

Experience: Successful position performance as an Incident Commander Type 5, FFT1

Fitness: Arduous

The BIA standards as of 7/00 are as follows:

Required Training: S290 or XS390 (old version)

Suggested Training: S281, S230, S234

Experience: Single Resource Boss

Other positions that will maintain currency: RXB1, RXB2, or any Single Resource Boss

Fitness: Arduous

The U.S. Forest Service discussed of the concept of the position in their latest manual supplement, but has not taken steps yet to determine qualifications, etc.

The National Park Service has not adopted the position at this time.

### **LOWDEN FIRE PRESENTATION**

A separate presentation on the Lowden Fire of 1999 is included in Unit 1. This presentation is highly recommended for use during this course. It does not have to occur after Unit 1, but it seems to be best received either in the early part of the class, or at the end. There is a separate power point presentation for the Lowden Fire, and it is not found within the PFPI training package. There are a number of interesting handouts that supplement this presentation, and they are found in the final report. A link to the final report is provided in this material and can be printed for student review.