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Faller Class B (FALB)*
Faller Class C (FALC)
(*POSITION PERFORMANCE ON A WILDLAND OR PRESCRIBED FIRE ASSIGNMENT REQUIRED)

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BLM FIRE AND AVIATION MANAGEMENT POSITION TASK BOOK

A Position Task Book (PTB) has been developed for the Class A, B, and C Faller. The PTB lists the performance requirements (tasks) for the specific position in a format that allows a trainee to be evaluated against written guidelines. Successful performance of all tasks, as observed and recorded by an evaluator, will result in a recommendation to the agency that the trainee be certified in that position.

Evaluation and confirmation of the trainee's performance of all the tasks may involve more than one evaluator and can occur on incidents, in classroom simulations, and in other work situations. It is important that performance be critically evaluated and accurately recorded by each evaluator. All tasks must be evaluated before recommending certification. All bullet statements within a task which require an action (contain an action verb) must be demonstrated before that task can be signed off.

A more detailed description of this process, definitions of terms, and responsibilities are included in the Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualification System Guide, 310-1. A brief list of responsibilities also appears below.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. The **Home Unit** is responsible for:
 - Selecting trainees based on the needs of the home unit and higher levels.
 - Ensuring that the trainee meets the training and experience requirements included in the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (Redbook).
 - Initiating PTBs to document task performance.
 - Explaining to the trainee the purpose and processes of the PTB as well as the trainee's responsibilities.
 - Providing opportunities for evaluation and/or making the trainee available for evaluation.
 - Providing an evaluator for local assignments.
 - Tracking progress of the trainee.
 - Confirming PTB completion.
 - Determining certification per local policy.
 - Issuing proof of certification.
- 2. The **Trainee** is responsible for:
 - Reviewing and understanding instructions in the PTB.
 - Identifying desired objectives/goals.
 - Providing background information to an evaluator.
 - Satisfactorily demonstrating completion of all tasks for an assigned position within three years.
 - Assuring the Evaluation Record is complete.
 - Notifying home unit personnel when the PTB is completed and providing a copy.

• Keeping the original PTB in personal records.

3. The **Evaluator** is responsible for:

- Understanding the Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualifications System.
- Being qualified and proficient in the position being evaluated.
- Meeting with the trainee and determining past experience, current qualifications, and desired objectives/goals.
- Reviewing tasks with the trainee.
- Explaining to the trainee the evaluation procedures that will be utilized and which objectives may be attained.
- Identifying tasks to be performed during the evaluation period.
- Accurately evaluating and recording demonstrated performance of tasks. Satisfactory
 performance shall be documented by dating and initialing completion of the task.
 Unsatisfactory performance shall be documented in the Evaluation Record.
- Completing the Evaluation Record found at the end of this PTB.

4. The **Final Evaluator** is responsible for:

Signing the verification statement inside the front cover of the PTB when all Faller Class A
tasks have been initialed and if the trainee is recommended for certification. The verification
statement for the Class B and C Faller is located at the beginning of the tasks for each of
these positions.

5. The **Incident Training Specialist** is responsible for:

- Identifying incident evaluation opportunities.
- Assuring that trainees have met prerequisites.
- Identifying and assigning a qualified evaluator that can provide a positive experience for the trainee, and making an accurate and honest appraisal of the trainee's performance.
- Providing PTBs to approved trainees on the incident when home unit was unable to provide them.
- Documenting the assignment.
- Conducting progress reviews.
- Conducting a closeout interview with the trainee and evaluator and assuring that documentation is proper and complete.
- Notifying trainee's home unit.

POSITION: FALLER CLASS A (FALA)

TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD#	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
 Describe the elements of a Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) required for chain saw operations and apply to a given situation. Identify the task or procedure to be accomplished. Identify hazards associated with the task or procedure: Physical Environmental Chemical Miscellaneous Implement actions to reduce or eliminate hazards. Identify first aid supplies/location and emergency evacuation procedures. 	O		

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2. Obtain and assemble materials needed for a chain saw operator's kit. Kit will be assembled and prepared prior to receiving an assignment appropriate for the make and model of chain saw employed. Kit will contain critical items needed for the assignment and items needed for functioning during the first 48 hours. Kit will be easily transportable. The kit should include but is no limited to: Chain saw Proper chaps Chain saw files (both flat and round files) Falling ax Wedges Scrench Falling horn Extra chain Proper chain saw fuel mix Bar oil Cleaning rags Tuning screwdriver Approved fuel container Raker gauge Sharpening jig File guide Tachometer Miscellaneous chain saw parts (e-clips, bearings, spark plug, air filter, etc.)			

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3. Describe and identify basic chain saw parts. This may include but is not limited to the following items: Bar studs Chain Chain tensioner Chain sprocket Chain brake Muffler and spark arrester Spark plug Starter grip/pull cord Dogs Handlebar/mounts and antivibration system Hand guard/brake Guide bar Gunning sights Rear handle/trigger handle Throttle Oiler adjustment screw Throttle interlock On/Off switch Choke Oil and fuel caps Air filter Tank vent Clutch cover/needle bearing	O		

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 4. Describe and identify basic chain components. This may include but is not limited to the following items: Cutting sequence Standard Semi-skip Full skip Cutter types Chipper Chisel Round Square Semi-chisel Tie straps Drive links Rivets Master link Depth gauge/raker 	O		
 5. Identify the minimum specifications required when ordering a chain. Pitch Gauge Number of drivers 	O		

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 6. Describe and identify basic guide bar types. This may include but is not limited to the following items: Straight bar Solid nose Sprocket nose Bow bar 	О		
 7. Explain function, purpose, care and maintenance of personal protective equipment (PPE) required for chain saw operations. Agency approved hardhat Eye protection Appropriate gloves Leather 8" minimum high boots with nonskid sole Hearing protection (85 decibels or higher) Long sleeve shirt (fireline operations, Nomex shirt required) Long pants (fireline operations, Nomex pants required) Chain saw chaps that extend 2" below boot tops Bar cover Fire shelter (for fireline operations) Hand tools 	O		

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8. Demonstrate correct field use of all required PPE during chain saw operations.	0		
 CHAIN SAW MAINTENANCE Describe the proper procedures for maintaining a chain saw during typical chain saw operations. Identify external fasteners required to maintain chain saw components. Demonstrate the ability to remove the drive sprocket cover and bar, properly clean, reassemble, and tension the chain. Describe the methods used to adjust the tuning of the chain saw carburetor with tachometer. Clean the chain saw in field operational environments. Ensure proper function of the automatic oiler. Identify daily, weekly, and monthly chain saw maintenance requirements. Ensure all chain saw safety features are in place and functional. This may include but is not limited to: Chain brake Tip guard Spark arrestor Antivibration system Throttle lock Determine that the chain saw is in safe working condition prior to use. 	O		

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10. <u>Describe maintenance procedures and lubrication requirements of the guide bar.</u>	О		
11. <u>Describe maintenance procedures and lubrication requirements of the saw chain.</u>	О		
 12. Inspect and clean chain saw air filter. Ensure that choke is closed before air filter removal. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for cleaning the air filter and determining when it needs to be replaced. 	0		
 13. Demonstrate proper methods for sharpening a chain using required PPE and tools. Sharpening jig File guide 	0		

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 14. Identify and discuss potential mechanical problems and solutions. This may include but is not limited to: Poor cutting with chain. Engine will not start. Carburetor out of adjustment. Chain stays in motion while idling. Engine cuts out during operation. 	O		
 Demonstrate proper methods for fueling a chain saw. Determine proper mix ratio of fuel for chain saw. Properly mix fuel for chain saw. Fuel chain saw according to agency standards. Describe approved handling and transportation procedures for chain saw fuel and oils. Describe proper disposal methods of chain saw fuel and oils in the field and at home unit. Demonstrate safe purging procedures. 	O		

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CHAIN SAW SITUATIONAL AWARENESS (SIZEUP)			
16. Describe personal safety considerations and attitudes (risk management) when undertaking chain saw operations. This may include but is not limited to:	О		
 Job complacency Confidence level Assignment refusal Qualification for assignment Distractions Proper PPE 			
17. <u>Identify and discuss physical considerations</u> that affect chain saw operations. This may include but is not limited to:	О		
Physical conditioningFatigueTime of dayWork rest cycles			
18. <u>Identify and discuss environmental considerations that affect chain saw operations</u> . This may include but is not limited to:	О		
SmokeWeatherLight conditionsInsects			

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TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD#	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
19. Analyze a felling assignment for safety and efficiency considerations.	О		
 Tree characteristics Species Live or dead Sound/soft Direction and degree of lean Weight distribution Soundness/defects Fire/insect damage Multiple tops Widow makers Bark soundness Deformities Splits and frost cracks Base of the tree Soundness of root system Conks and mushrooms Surrounding terrain Steepness Rocks Draws and ridges Immediate work area Walk the intended lay Consequences of lay People Roads Vehicles Hazards Snags in area Footing Escape routes/safe zones 			

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TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD#	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
 20. Analyze a bucking and limbing assignment for safety and efficiency considerations. Percent of slope/incline Potential rolling, sliding, binding, tension, and compression Spring poles Root wads Hazards Escape routes/safe zones Material placement 	O		
 CHAIN SAW SAFETY 21. Describe established procedures for safe chain saw operations for a Faller Class A (up to 8-inch dbh). Handle chain saw safely during transportation in vehicles and on foot. Follow approved chain saw starting and handling procedures. Correctly mitigate hazards or decline the assignment. Follow safety briefing components while performing chain saw operation. Maintain identified LCES standards. Identify safe work spacing for sawyer and swamper (control the cutting area of two and one-half tree lengths). Describe the relationships of the face and back cuts and the purpose of the holding/hinge wood. Describe procedures for plumbing and gunning a tree. 	O		

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TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD#	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
 22. Identify and explain hazards and reactive forces during a cutting operation. Spring poles Root wads Kickback Top bind Side bind End bind Bottom bind Tension and compression 	O		
 CUTTING OPERATIONS 23. Receive and understand a briefing from the appropriate supervisor on cutting operations. Job Hazard Analysis Project parameters 	О		

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TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD#	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
 24. Demonstrate proper chain saw handling and cutting techniques to safely and efficiently accomplish a limbing operation (up to 8-inch dbh) applying chain saw situational awareness (sizeup). Work plan verbalization Swamper briefing Escape routes and safe zones Overhead and ground hazard analysis Spring poles and tension/compression analysis Work area preparation Cutting area control Body positioning Thumb placement Bar tip use Over/under reaching avoidance Power head (below shoulder height) Limb removal sequence Kickback avoidance Foot travel with chain saw 	O		
Gunning sight usePlumb bob useChain brake use			

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TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD#	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
 25. Demonstrate proper chain saw handling and cutting techniques to successfully accomplish a bucking operation (up to 8-inch dbh) applying chain saw situational awareness (sizeup). Work plan verbalization Swamper briefing Overhead and ground hazard analysis Escape routes and safe zones Bind/tension-compression analysis Work area preparation Thumb placement Wedge/pie cut use Cut sequence Kerf observation Release cut movement Multiple bind situations Drop cutting Spring poles – tension/compression analysis Kickback avoidance Bar tip use Chain brake use Foot travel with chain saw 	O		

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26. Demonstrate proper chain saw handling and cutting techniques to successfully accomplish a falling operation (up to 8-inch dbh) applying chain saw situational awareness (sizeup).	0		
 Work plan verbalization Swamper briefing Go/No go decision/walk away Plumb lean – determine lay Escape routes, alternatives and safe zones identification and preparation Work area preparation Undercutting – gunning or horizontal cut Gunning sights use Sloping cut Back cut Procedure alteration (if necessary) Body positioning Warning shout Escape route/safety zone use 			
 Perform stump analysis. Lay of the tree (desired/other lay) Undercut position Sloping cut position Face cut angle Back cut Dutchman (one/both corners) Holding/hinge wood Undercut as a whole 	O		

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TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD#	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC TASKS FOR FALLER CLASS B.			
 CHAIN SAW MAINTENANCE AND TROUBLESHOOTING Demonstrate proficiency in chain saw mechanics and maintenance sufficient for project and fireline assignments. Demonstrate use of chain saw safety features. Ensure all chain saw safety features are in place and functional. Troubleshoot performance problems and correct minor mechanical problems in the field. Identify mechanical conditions that require shop mechanic repair. 	O		
29. Demonstrate the methods used to adjust the tuning of the chain saw carburetor with tachometer.	О		
 30. Ensure that the guide bar and chain are in optimal working condition. Demonstrate efficient chain sharpening techniques in the field. Identify or perform necessary repair to the guide bar and chain. Manufacture chain loops from chain reels using proper tools. 	О		

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CHAIN SAW SITUATIONAL AWARENESS (SIZEUP) 31. Identify and mitigate environmental considerations that affect chain saw operations. • Fire behavior • Stand health/characteristics • Hazard trees • Terrain • Weather • Visibility • Position on slope	O		
 32. Analyze a chain saw operation for safety and efficiency considerations. Establish and maintain communication (verbal commands and assigned radio frequencies) within chain saw team, adjoining crews, and supervisor. Identify the medical plan and make sure that those assigned are aware of procedures to be followed in the event of a medical emergency prior to beginning work (Incident Action Plan or Job Hazard Analysis Medical Plan). Ensure that a secure cutting area (minimum two and one-half times the height of the tree to be felled) is maintained. Identify alternatives/solutions for situations that exceed skill level to safely perform task. 	O		

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CUTTING OPERATIONS			
33. Receive and understand a briefing from the appropriate supervisor on cutting operations.	О		
34. Demonstrate proper chain saw handling, wedging, and cutting techniques to successfully accomplish a chain saw operation (8- to 24-inch dbh) on a minimum of three trees.	О		
 Apply chain saw situational awareness (sizeup). Verbalize work plan. Demonstrate proficiency with the conventional falling method, ensuring sufficient angle, size and depth of the face and back cut, and sufficient holding wood and stump shot to direct and guide the tree to the predetermined lay (plumb lean). Describe and demonstrate the relationships of the face and back cuts and the purpose of the holding/hinge wood. Demonstrate dexterity in operating the chain saw from either side of the tree (right- and left-handed stance). Perform a stump analysis. 			

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 35. Demonstrate correct bucking and wedging procedures on a log whose diameter is greater than the chain saw bar length (up to a 24-inch diameter) by performing correct relief cuts to eliminate bind(s) while employing the double-cutting method to buck log into lengths for hand removal. Apply chain saw situational awareness (sizeup). Verbalize work plan. 	O		
 36. Demonstrate proper chain saw handling and cutting techniques to successfully remove hang-up trees. Apply chain saw situational awareness (sizeup). Verbalize work plan. 	О		
 INCIDENT ACTIVITIES 37. Obtain complete briefing from the appropriate supervisor on fireline operations. This includes but is not limited to: LCES Incident Action Plan MIST considerations, when applicable 	I		

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POSITION: FALLER CLASS B (FALB)

TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
38. Evaluate fuels, topography, fire behavior, and weather factors throughout entire cutting operation.	W/ RX		
 39. Demonstrate the tactical application of chain saw teams in fireline construction. Tactical deployment types Indirect/direct Progressive Leap frog Tandem Material disposal site Windows Keyholes Banking Jackpot avoidance 	W/ RX		
 40. Demonstrate the ability to evaluate and/or successfully fall a hazard tree to the intended lay applying chain saw situational awareness (sizeup). This may include but is not limited to: Fire weakened Diseased Heavy leaner Snag 	O		

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 41. Demonstrate the tactical application of chain saws in a mopup operation. Bone piling Cold trailing 	W/ RX		
 42. Demonstrate and/or discuss the tactical application of chain saws in helispot construction. Specifications (refer to IRPG) Material removal sequence 	0		
 43. Identify hazards inherent with Wildland/Urban Interface during chain saw operations. This includes but is not limited to: Public Power lines Pets/livestock Property 	О		

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POSITION: FALLER CLASS B (FALB)

TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD#	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
 TRAINING AND EVALUATION 44. Participate in training apprentice sawyers in the classroom and field. Participate in the delivery of an agency-approved chain saw training course 	0		
 (S-212, Wildland Fire Chain Saws, or equivalent) or refresher. Assign tasks to Faller Class A trainee and evaluate and document his/her work performance. 			

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FALLER CLASS C

TASK BOOK ASSIGNED TO:				
INDIVIDUAL'S NAME, DUTY STATION, AND PHONE NUMBER				
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POSITION: FALLER CLASS C (FALC)

TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC TASKS FOR FALLER CLASS C.			
GENERAL 45. Develop Job Hazard Analysis for chain saw operations.	0		
 46. Identify potential hazards and mitigating techniques given various tree species, stand conditions, and visual indicators of disease. Conifers versus hardwood Dead versus live Root systems Wood properties Growth forms Stand density Conks, boles, or mistletoe 	O		
ADVANCED CHAIN SAW MAINTENANCE AND TROUBLESHOOTING 47. Develop shop maintenance schedules, order parts and equipment, maintain inventory, and identify problems requiring commercial chain saw shop repair.	О		

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TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
 48. Demonstrate proficiency in advanced maintenance and troubleshooting in the field. This may include but is not limited to: Clutch replacement Fuel/spark/air Starter assembly Bar stud Performance problem troubleshooting Minor mechanical problem correction 	O		
CUTTING OPERATIONS49. Develop a work plan and present a briefing to the appropriate personnel on cutting operation.	О		
 50. Demonstrate proper chain saw handling and cutting techniques to successfully accomplish felling a tree (greater than 24-inch dbh) to a predetermined lay. Apply chain saw situational awareness (sizeup). Verbalize the work plan. Perform a stump analysis. 	О		

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TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD#	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
 51. Demonstrate proper chain saw handling and cutting techniques to successfully accomplish felling a tree (greater than 24-inch dbh) 90 degrees off its plumbed lean. Apply chain saw situational awareness (sizeup). Verbalize the work plan. Perform a stump analysis. 	O		
 52. Demonstrate proper chain saw handling and cutting techniques to successfully accomplish felling a tree (greater than 24-inch dbh) employing the double-cut method. Apply chain saw situational awareness (sizeup). Verbalize the work plan. Perform a stump analysis. 	O		
 53. Demonstrate proper chain saw handling and vary facing techniques to successfully accomplish felling a tree (greater than 24-inch dbh) considering lack of top weight and lean. Apply chain saw situational awareness (sizeup). Verbalize the work plan. Perform a stump analysis. 	O		

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TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD#	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
 54. Demonstrate proper chain saw handling and cutting techniques to successfully accomplish felling a heavy leaning tree (greater than 24-inch dbh) employing a side-boring, back cut technique. Apply chain saw situational awareness (sizeup). Verbalize the work plan. Employ double-cutting method, if possible. Perform a stump analysis. 	O		
 55. Demonstrate proper chain saw handling and cutting techniques to successfully accomplish felling a fire-weakened tree (greater than 24-inch dbh). Apply chain saw situational awareness (sizeup). Verbalize the work plan. Employ double-cutting method, if possible. Perform a stump analysis. 	О		
 56. Successfully mitigate a hang-up tree. Apply chain saw situational awareness (sizeup). Verbalize the work plan. Utilize alternative methods, if needed. Avoidance (flagging, appropriate notification, etc.) Fireline explosives Heavy equipment 	O		

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TASK	C O D E*	EVALUATION RECORD#	EVALUATOR: Initial & date upon completion of task
TRAINING AND EVALUATION	О		
 57. Participate in training apprentice sawyers in the classroom and field. Participate in the delivery of an agency-approved chain saw training course (S-212, Wildland Fire Chain Saws, or equivalent) or refresher. Assign tasks to Faller Class A and B trainees and evaluate and document their work performance. Serve as mentor for Faller Class A and B trainees. 			

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EVALUATION RECORD

There are four separate blocks allowing evaluations to be made for each falling class category. These evaluations may be made on incidents, simulations in classroom, or in daily duties, depending on what the position task book indicates. This should be sufficient for qualification in the position if the individual is adequately prepared. There are also several pages after the evaluation records that should be used by the evaluator to record a stump analysis for trees that will be felled.

COMPLETE THESE ITEMS AT THE START OF THE EVALUATION PERIOD:

Evaluator's name, incident/office title, and agency: List the name of the evaluator, his/her incident position or office title, and agency.

Evaluator's home unit address and phone: Self-explanatory

#: The number in the upper left corner of the experience block identifies a particular experience or group of experiences. This number should be placed in the column labeled "Evaluation Record #" on the Qualification Record for each task performed satisfactorily.

Location of Incident/Simulation: Identify the location where the tasks were performed by agency and office.

Incident Kind: Enter kind of incident; e.g., wildland fire, prescribed fire, search and rescue, flood, etc.

COMPLETE THESE ITEMS AT THE END OF THE EVALUATION PERIOD:

Number and Type of Resources: Enter the number of resources and types assigned to the incident pertinent to the trainee's task book position.

Duration: Enter inclusive dates during which the trainee was evaluated. This block may indicate a span of time covering several small and similar incidents if the trainee has been evaluated on that basis; e.g., several initial attack fires in similar fuel types.

Management Level or Prescribed Fire Complexity Level: Indicates ICS organization level; i.e., Type 5, Type 4, Type 3, Type 2, Type 1, Area Command or prescribed fire complexity level (low, moderate, high).

NFFL Fuel Model: For wildland fire and prescribed fire experience, enter number (1-13) of the fuel model(s) in which the incident occurred and under which the trainee was evaluated.

Grass	1.	Short Grass (1 foot)	Timber	8.	Closed Timber Litter
Group	2.	Timber (grass & understory)	Group	9.	Hardwood Litter
	3.	Tall Grass (2-1/2 feet)		10.	Timber (litter understory)
Brush	4.	Chaparral (6 feet)	Slash	11.	Light Logging Slash
Group	5.	Brush (2 feet)	Group	12.	Medium Logging Slash
	6.	Dormant Brush-Hardwood Slash	_	13.	Heavy Logging Slash
	7.	Southern Rough			, 55 5

Recommendation: Check as appropriate and/or make comments regarding the future needs for development of this trainee.

Date: List the date the record is being completed.

Evaluator's initials: Initial here to authenticate your recommendations and to allow for comparison with initials in the Qualification Record.

Evaluator's relevant red card rating: List <u>your</u> certification relevant to the trainee position you supervised.

Faller Class A Evaluation Record

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Faller Class B Evaluation Record

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Faller Class A Stump Analysis

EVALUATOR'S STUMP ANALYSIS SKETCHES					
Tree 1	Tree 2	Tree 3 Height DBH			
Evaluation Block Reference #: Evaluation Block Reference #:		Evaluation Block Reference #:			
Tree 4	Tree 5 Height DBH % Slope Species Condition Feet from Center of Lay	Tree 6			
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Faller Class B Stump Analysis

EVALUATOR'S STUMP ANALYSIS SKETCHES					
Tree 1 Height DBH % Slope Species Condition Feet from Center of Lay	## Tree 2 Height DBH % Slope Species Condition Feet from Center of Lay	Tree 3 Height DBH % Slope Species Condition Feet from Center of Lay			
Evaluation Block Reference #:	Evaluation Block Reference #:	Evaluation Block Reference #:			
% Slope Species % Slope Species Condition Condition		Tree 6 Height DBH % Slope Species Condition Feet from Center of Lay			
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Faller Class C Stump Analysis

EVALUATOR'S STUMP ANALYSIS SKETCHES					
Tree 1 Height	Tree 2 Height DBH % Slope Species Condition Feet from Center of Lay Evaluation Block Reference #:	Tree 3 Height DBH % Slope Species Condition Feet from Center of Lay Evaluation Block Reference #:			
Tree 4	Tree 5 Height DBH % Slope Species Condition Feet from Center of Lay	Tree 6 Height DBH % Slope Species Condition Feet from Center of Lay			
Evaluation Block Reference #:	Evaluation Block Reference #:	Evaluation Block Reference #:			
Tree 7 Height DBH % Slope Species Condition Feet from Center of Lay	Tree 8 Height	Tree 9 Height			
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