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Memorandum

To: NWCG Working Team Chairs
From: NWCG Chair 
Date: August 30, 2006
Subject: Moratorium on New 310-1 Positions

The latest revision of the National Interagency Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) *Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1)* was posted April 2006 on the NWCG home page. While similar to the previous January 2000 version of the *Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualifications System Guide*, it does contain several significant changes. Included in these changes are the additions of new positions. The criteria used for the addition of new positions can be found on page 16 of the 310-1.

With the publication of the new revision of the 310-1 it has been decided that a moratorium on the addition of new positions will be in place until further notice. A number of issues need to be addressed before new positions can be considered. Among them are the following:

1. What officially constitutes a Technical Specialist (THSP) and how will we manage these positions into the future.
2. Who determines and what are the qualifications and certification requirements for the position?
3. Coordination with the IQCS group to input position and qualifications into qualification database.
4. Coordination with the ROSS group to input position into system.
5. Coordination with Incident Business Practices Working Team to determine if position will be staffed by a Casual Hire and to determine correct pay rate based on job duties.

Once these issues are resolved and a concise process for submission of new positions is established, the moratorium will be lifted.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Leaverton, IOSWT Chair at (719) 553-1411 or email (bleaverton@fs.fed.us).

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