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BACKGROUND

The TWT has been working to assure that, when appropriate, wildland fire training programs are compliant with direction issued by the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Integration Center (NIC). In May 2006 the Training Working Team (TWT) developed the concept of “interchangeable” courses as follows:

Courses that have been developed jointly with an interagency all-hazard subject matter expert group and contain the same learning objectives and content may be deemed “interchangeable” by the NWCG. Interchangeable courses do not require equivalency determination by each agency and may have multiple course codes/numbers. Interchangeable courses will be incorporated into IQCS/IQS and credit will be given for the NWCG course.

CURRENT STATUS

In order to match NWCG course development and NIC direction, the TWT directed the NWCG Training Development Unit to work with various all-hazards Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to align common course objectives. Subsequently, this has been done with the entire I-Course curriculum. The final phase of the I-Course project is nearly completed. Examples of “interchangeable” courses are I-100, which was developed in concert with the US Fire Administration’s Q-462, and the Emergency Management Institute’s IS-100.

The following courses have been determined to be interchangeable:

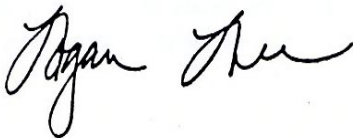
I-100 = IS-100 = Q-462

I-200 = IS-200 = Q-463

Interchangeability will be set for the remainder of the I courses as those courses are certified. All interchangeable courses will be identified in the Field Manager’s Course Guide located at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/training/fmcg.pdf>

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TWT Chair

Date

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