



NWCG Operations & Workforce Development Committee Leadership Subcommittee



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To whom it may concern,

The NWCG Operations and Workforce Development Committee - Leadership Subcommittee (LSC) has established a formal research relationship with Michael T. DeGrosky, who is pursuing a PhD in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership, through Northcentral University.

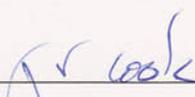
The purpose of this study is to explain how participants' perceptions of job-related utility impact participants' subsequent transfer of learned knowledge and skills from leadership development training. The researcher (DeGrosky) intends to examine leadership training transfer in the context of wildland fire agencies and the L-380 Fireline Leadership course.

The researcher's study will benefit our agencies by building on previous L-380 evaluation efforts, providing a fuller understanding of L-380 effectiveness, and gaining information useful to future course maintenance and revision efforts.

The LSC encourages field units that are contacted by the researcher to allow employees who have completed the L-380 course to become participants in this research population.

The LSC has designated Bill Miller, Smokejumper – Missoula Aerial Fire Depot as a principle point-of-contact for this effort. In addition, secondary points-of-contact for follow-up questions from NWCG member agencies are as follows:

Bureau of Land Management - Ted Mason, National Fire Training Unit Lead
Bureau of Indian Affairs – Jeremy Bennett, Regional WUI Specialist
Local Government Agencies – Brian Fennessy, Assistant Fire Chief, San Diego Fire-Rescue
National Association of State Foresters – Mark Stanford, Chief of Fire Operations, Texas Forest Service
National Park Service – Jim McMahon, Midwest Regional Fire and Aviation Management Officer
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Chris Wilcox, National Fire Operations Lead
U.S. Forest Service – Jim Cook, Training Projects Coordinator



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