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For the past 2 years, the WO Fire and Aviation Management has contracted for the delivery of a training course entitled *Fireline Leadership* to its Interagency Hotshot Crew and Smokejumper programs. Based on guidelines found in the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) publication 310-1, this office is certifying the *Fireline Leadership* course as an agency equivalent course for the NWCG *S-301 Leadership and Organizational Development* course.

The January 2000 edition of the NWCG publication 310-1, page 8, states, "Agency equivalent courses may be substituted for required courses when learning and performance objectives meet or exceed required course learning and performance objectives." As an equivalent course, *Fireline Leadership* addresses the primary content and objectives found in *S-301*. It exceeds the number of course hours required for *S-301*. The course has consistently received high ratings from participants and management evaluators. Lastly, the current *S-301* course, scheduled for revision in 2000, has not yet begun, and no course will be available in the near future.

Completion of any USDA Forest Service sponsored *Fireline Leadership* course, retroactive to January 2000, will meet all training course requirements that would be satisfied by attendance in an *S-301* course.

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