

National Wildfire Coordinating Group Operations and Workforce Development Committee

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To: Renee Beams, Geographic Area Training Representative
From: Mark Jones, Chair, Operations and Workforce Development Committee
Subject: L-280 Lead Instructor Qualifications Request for Change

The OWDC reviewed the request for change on June 13, 2012.

After consulting with the Leadership Sub-Committee, the Operations and Workforce Development Committee does not support changing the lead instructor qualifications for L-280, Follower to Leadership. Both the Leadership and Operations and Workforce Development Committee's feel that current Single Resource Boss is the appropriate minimum lead instructor qualifications.

However, the NWCG Field Managers Course Guide (PMS 901-1) does provide an exception to the lead instructor qualification requirements:

Exception for Lead Instructor Qualifications:

Exceptions to the lead instructor qualifications may be granted by the host agency(s) on a case by case basis. Instructors that are not currently qualified in the position(s) called for in the instructor criteria, but, who hold a higher qualification in the same functional area, and have been certified in the position in the past may be granted lead instructor status.

We believe this exception will meet your needs to fill the lead instructor role with someone that is not currently a Single Resource Boss.

Please direct any questions to Chris Wilcox, Chair Leadership Subcommittee at (208) 387-5599.



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