

# Fire Use Modules

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# National Park Service

## Regions & Module Locations



# Who are we?

- Mission- The mission of the Fire Use Module program is to develop and provide national self sufficient, multi-skilled, fire professionals with a primary commitment to fire use operations and planning.

# We are

- A group of 7 highly professional fire fighters (Permanent subject to furlough)
- Specialize in Fire Use and Prescribed fire operations and planning
- Operationally low maintenance
- Designed for WFURB.

# Minimum Qualifications

- ▶ Module Leader – Incident Commander, Type 4 (ICT4), Single Resource Boss (SRB)-Crew or Engine, and Fire Effects Monitor (FEMO).
- ▶ Assistant Module Leader – Incident Commander, Type 5 (ICT5) and Fire Effects Monitor (FEMO).
- ▶ Lead crewmember – Advanced Firefighter (FFT1), Incident Commander, Type 5 (ICT5)
- ▶ Crewmembers - Firefighter (FFT2)
- ▶ Among the module crewmembers there will be an individual (not one person) qualified as: FEMO, FALB, FALA, and HECM

# What's next?

- ▶ More interagency by in
- ▶ Struggle for standards
- ▶ Not all modules are the same.
- ▶ Differentiate
  - Not complete agency consensus
- ▶ NPS in process of review and update.
  - Completed by 2009?

# New qualifications

- ▶ Module Leader - Division Supervisor (DIVS), Incident Commander Type 3 (ICT3), Strike Team Leader Crew (STCR), and Prescribed Fire Burn Boss, Type 2 (RXB2), Fire Effects Monitor (FEMO)
- ▶ Assistant Module Leader –Task Force Leader (TFLD), Ignition Specialist, Type 1 (RXI1) and Field Observer (FOBS) Fire Effects Monitor (FEMO)
- ▶ Lead Crewmember – Incident Commander, Type 4 (ICT4), Single Resource Boss (SRB)-Crew or Engine, Fire Effects Monitor (FEMO)
- ▶ One person qualification as a Faller Class C (FALC), and one Helicopter Crew Member (HECM)

# Qualifications of current Module

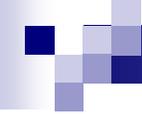
- Leader- DIVS, TFLD, STEN, CRWB, ENGB, HECM, ICT4, RXI2, RXB2, FALB, FEMO, FOBS, GPS, ATVO, Crosscut Faller
- Assistant- FFT1, FALA, HECM, FEMO, ENGB, RXI2, ATVO
- Crew member FFT1, FALB, ATVO, FEMO, HECM, Crosscut Faller
- Crew member FFT1, HECM, FEMO, FALB, ATVO
- Crew member FFT2, FALA, HECM, FEMO, PLDO, FRAW, ATVO
- Crew member FFT 1, ENGB, ATVO, FALA , ICT5, RXB3
- Crew member FFT2, ICT4, ENGB, ATVO, FALB, RXB3

# What can we do for you?

- Fire fighting! ENGB, DIVS (paradigm shift)
- Field observations- FEMO, FOBS, FBAN?
- Structure protection- Planning, implementation
- Aviation- HECM, PLDO
- Fire RAWS
- GPS and GIS
- ATV use
- Tech- Data RAMS, Remote wireless sites,

# What can we do for you?

- Monitoring- Fuel sampling, plot work
  - Rx plans, Fire Use planning, Fire management plans
- Toys- ATVs, Computers, Satellite phones, GPS, ignition devices
- Photo documentation
- Burn team operations on suppression-
- Logistically self sufficient
  - Two groups, including spike camps

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- The Fire Use Module is available for interagency use for wildland fire use and prescribed fire assignments. Other agencies can order modules to assist in burn preparation, fire effects, and hazard fuel reduction projects. Regions may establish an approval process for these requests.

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- Who pays
    - RX and WFUB
  - Ordered through ROSS- RX
    - Rostered
  - Detailers





# Priorities

- Previously established regional priorities
- Potential resource benefits
- Protection of Wildland Urban Interface
- Projects with narrow prescription windows
- First come, first serve basis if all other factors are equal

- ▶ Suppression specialist balanced with ecology backgrounds
- ▶ Strong ability to make independent decisions
- ▶ Focus is on Leaders





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