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2023 -2025 Tribal Wildland Firefighter Training (TWFT) Initiative

Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received \$800,000 from the legislature to improve access to wildland fire training courses during the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year increasing opportunities for enrolled members of Washington state tribes to gain training and qualifications necessary to work as wildland firefighters. Through the initiative, costs associated with training such as per diem, travel, course fees, etc. for tribal members will be provided. Funding in the way of scholarships will be provided to tribal members or tribal nation employees that participate in the trainings noted below. Proof of attendance will be required in the form of a certificate, and then payment to the tribe will be made.

In addition, DNR will partner with the Washington State University Extension Service (WSU Extension) to deliver training and workshops introducing tribal members and tribal nation employees to fire suppression and prescribed fire as important aspects of fire management on landscapes. Half of the funding will be allocated to this effort. Specific information regarding these sessions with WSU Extension will be announced by WSU and shared with all tribes within the state of Washington. ***Scholarship for attendance is \$1,500 each per session.***

The DNR is the lead agency for wildland firefighter training in the State of Washington. All training and qualifications provided by the Department adhere to the standards set by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG). The DNR works collaboratively to provide wildland firefighter training with other NWCG partner agencies including, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and other states agencies.

Access to any currently available NWCG approved wildland firefighter training can be provided through the initiative (See [NWCG PMS310-1](#)). Basic firefighter qualification (Wildland Firefighter 2) can be achieved by completing the required courses, field day, and work capacity test. This initiates the issuance of a Red Card, qualifying the holder as a wildland firefighter. Advanced qualifications require additional course work *as well as* demonstration of knowledge and skills proficiency through training assignments documented with the position Task Book. Trainings available include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **NWCG basic and advanced wildland firefighting – Firefighter 2 and 1.**
 - The training for these qualifications is delivered in two ways:
 - In-person DNR Academies, held yearly in the spring.
 - Virtual classes with a field day, scheduled with Academy staff.
 - ***Scholarship for attendance is \$10,000 each per session.***
- **NWCG single resources– Crew Boss, Felling Boss, Heavy Equipment Boss, Firing Boss, Helicopter Manager**
 - The training for these qualifications is in-person at the DNR Academies and throughout the country with partner agencies.
 - ***Scholarship for attendance is \$10,000 each per session.***



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- **NWCG intermediate and advanced incident management – O-305, S-420, L-481, Complex Incident Management course (CIMC).**
 - These trainings are available during the fall, winter and spring in Washington and throughout the country with partner agencies.
 - Nominations or enrollment into virtual courses are ongoing at the [Wildland Fire Learning Portal](http://wildlandfirelearningportal.net) (wildlandfirelearningportal.net).
 - **Scholarship for attendance is \$10,000 each per session.**

- **DNR-sponsored L-380 or L-381**
 - These trainings are offered every spring by DNR.
 - **Scholarship for attendance is \$5,000 each per session.**

- **Other NWCG position certifications such as Dispatch, Logistics and Public Information Officer.**
 - These trainings are available during the fall, winter and spring in Washington and throughout the country with partner agencies.
 - Nominations or enrollment into virtual courses are ongoing at the [Wildland Fire Learning Portal](http://wildlandfirelearningportal.net) (wildlandfirelearningportal.net).
 - **Scholarship for attendance is \$5,000 each per session.**

- **Prescribed fire training** – Training available during the fall, winter and spring in Washington and throughout the country with partner agencies.
 - NWCG prescribed fire - Burn Boss Type 3, 2 and 1.
 - Washington Certified Burn Manager. Contact Kyle Lapham at kyle.lapham@dnr.wa.gov, or go to <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/certifiedburner> for more information.
 - Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges (Trex). See <http://www.waprescribedfire.org/trex>.
 - National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center (NIPFTC) intensive course. Follow instructions for applying by going to the NIPFTC website at <https://www.nafri.gov/pftc/newsannouncements>.
 - **Scholarship for attendance is \$20,000 each per session.**

More information on qualification requirements, course offerings, and enrollment can be obtained by contacting:

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