Procedure Changes

Effective Date: April 21, 2021
Section Change: Add Section 2.6 and 9.1.3.4
Justification: With the implementation of the State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss Curriculum and Certification, SFT determined there was a need to form a specific PACE Committee to review equivalency requests for persons who met the course prerequisites by means of other than taking the specific courses.

SFT Contact: Contact SFT Staff assigned to the specific certification.
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7.13: STATE-CERTIFIED PRESCRIBED- FIRE BURN BOSS

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7.13.1.1: Overview

1. State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss includes instruction on how to perform essential and advanced-prescribed-fire tasks without supervision including site inspections and prescribed-fire planning, obtaining approval and permits, developing and implementing a burn plan, monitoring fire effects, maintaining prescriptive requirements, and conducting an after-action review. Certified persons may act as contractors with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

7.13.1.2: History

A. Established
   • January 1, 2021
B. Revised
   • Not applicable
7.13.1.3: Prerequisites

A. Coursework Requirements
   1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System
   2. S-190, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
   3. S-130, Firefighter Training

B. Firing Requirements
   1. Qualified FIRB; or
   2. S-219, Firing Operations; or
   3. CA-219, Wildland Firefighting – Firing Operations; or
   4. C-234, Ignition Operations; or
   5. S-234, Ignition Operations; and
   6. Equivalent experience

C. Leadership Requirements
   1. S-131, Advanced Firefighter; or
   2. L-280, Followership to Leadership; or
   3. Qualified NWCG FFT1; and
   4. Equivalent experience

7.13.1.4: Education

A. State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss

7.13.1.5: Certification Exam

A. Not applicable

7.13.1.6: Certification Task Book

A. State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss Certification Task Book

7.13.1.7: Experience
A. Not applicable

7.13.1.8: Position

A. Not applicable

7.13.1.9: Application

A. See 7.2.4: Application Process – With a Certification Task Book.

B. Supporting Documentation
   1. Copies of course completion certificates for each educational requirement

7.13.1.10: Maintenance

A. State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss certification is valid for one year from the date of issuance

7.13.1.11: Recertification

A. State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss recertification is designed for an individual currently certified as a State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss

B. The candidate shall successfully complete at least one (1) of the following requirements annually to maintain certification:
   1. Successfully complete the State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss course
   2. Successfully complete the State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss Refresher
   3. Be the Primary Instructor for a State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss SFT registered course
   4. Be the Primary Instructor for a State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss Refresher SFT registered course

C. SFT will reissue a State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss certification valid for one (1) year from date of certification expiration.

7.13.1.12: Lapsed Certification
A. A State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss certification for candidates who did not meet the recertification requirements by the expiration date, is considered to be lapsed.
   1. All recertification requirements must be completed by the expiration date.

B. For a lapsed certification, SFT Certification can be regained by completing additional education courses and other listed requirements. The continuing education hours are in addition to the forty (40) hours required for recertification. Once these requirements are met, certification candidates can apply for recertification.
   1. For lapses less than six (6) months: reapply for Certification (See 7.2.4: Application Process – With a Certification Task Book.)
      i. Candidates are not required to submit a task book or copies of course completion certificates
   2. For lapses six (6) months to less than twelve (12) months:
      i. S-130 Refresher
   3. For lapses of twelve (12) months to twenty-four (24) months:
      i. State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss
   4. For lapses greater than twenty-four (24) months:
      i. Complete entire State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss education courses (see 7.13.1.4: Education) and Certification Task Book (see 7.13.1.6: Certification Task Book)

C. For lapsed certification, one must reapply to for certification