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To: All Employees and Firefighters

The White Mountain National Forest Fire Team is preparing for another prescribed burn/wildland fire season. Several items require your attention and action for the 2011 season. These items include:

1. Annual Refreshers
2. Health Screening Questionnaire
3. Work Capacity Test(s)
4. NEF Training Schedule
5. Contact Information

**1) ANNUAL REFRESHER, SINGLE RESOURCE BOSS/IC MEETING**

- a) All line qualified personnel **MUST ATTEND** an annual Firefighter Refresher to maintain currency.
- b) All qualified Single Resource Boss and Type 3, 4 and 5 Incident Commanders (including trainees) **MUST ATTEND** an annual Single Resource Boss/IC meeting to maintain currency.

**2011 WMNF Firefighter Refresher/Single Resource Boss/IC Meeting Dates**

Date	Location	Contact	Phone / e-mail
March 29	Refresher: Hubbard Brook	John Neely	603-536-6261 <a href="mailto:esmall@fs.fed.us">esmall@fs.fed.us</a>
March 30	IC Refresher Supervisors Office, Campton	Chris O'Brien	603-466-2713 ext 228 <a href="mailto:chrisobrien@fs.fed.us">chrisobrien@fs.fed.us</a>
June 7	Refresher: Supervisors Office, Campton	John Neely	603-536-6261 <a href="mailto:jneely@fs.fed.us">jneely@fs.fed.us</a>

**NOTE:** Non-line qualified employees are encouraged to attend the annual refresher. However, because a refresher is not required for non-line qualified employees, the cost of attendance will be borne by your primary function.



## 2) HEALTH SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

In late 2009, the Interagency Wildland Firefighter Medical Qualification Standards Program (MSP) was suspended. Until a new MSP is developed by the Forest Service, the Health Screening Questionnaire (HSQ) will again be required for all arduous, moderate and light duty Work Capacity Tests for both agency and AD personnel. The latest version of the HSQ and Informed Consent form are attached. If you are qualified for a position that requires a Work Capacity Test, please complete the HSQ and Informed Consent, and forward both to Chase Marshall for processing. Please do not hesitate to contact Chase at the contacts listed below if you have any questions regarding the HSQ.

## 3) WORK CAPACITY TEST

Firefighters **MUST MEET** the minimum fitness requirements for the type of duties you wish to be assigned. The fitness "tests of record" are the Work Capacity Tests (Pack, Field, Walk). The level of the WCT that you take is determined by the position requirements as listed in FSH 5109.17.

### 2011 Work Capacity Test Dates

Date	Location	Contact	Phone / e-mail
March 30	Campton Supervisors Office	John Neely	603-536-6261 <a href="mailto:jneely@fs.fed.us">jneely@fs.fed.us</a>
May 7	Fryeburg Fairgrounds Fryeburg, ME	Ron Shorey	603-447-2166 ext 111 <a href="mailto:rshorey@fs.fed.us">rshorey@fs.fed.us</a>
June 8	Androscoggin District Office Gorham, NH	Chris O'Brien	603-466-2713 ext 228 <a href="mailto:chrisobrien@fs.fed.us">chrisobrien@fs.fed.us</a>
July	TBD	TBD	

Included in this package is a brochure outlining the WCT and how to prepare for it.

Please note the following:

- Footwear must provide good foot and ankle support, i.e. it must cover the ankle. Low rise hiking shoes that do not cover the ankle are not allowed. Firefighters arriving at the test site with unsuitable footwear (i.e. sneakers) will not be tested. It is preferable that you use the same footwear you have been training with.
- You need to bring your own 45-pound pack with which you have been training. Packs will be weighed at the test site.
- Please bring adequate water for your needs.

#### 4) NEF TRAINING SCHEDULE

Attached is a tentative training schedule summarizing fire related training planned for the White Mountain, Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests and the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Commission (Compact) for the coming year. Please contact Chris O'Brien if you have any questions regarding the training schedule.

#### 5) CONTACT INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest and participation during the 2010 prescribed fire/fire season. With your help, the Forest was able to accomplish its fire management goals in an efficient and safe manner. Despite an overall slow fire season, we were fortunate to be able to send a New England Forests crew to Quebec, several WMNF crewmembers to Massachusetts in support of Tropical Storm Earl, and 19 additional resources on various assignments, including 14 dispatch personnel to Northeastern Area Coordination Center in Augusta, Maine.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Unit Fire Team

Member:	Pemigewasset:	John Neely	603-536-6261
	Androscoggin:	Chris O'Brien	603-466-2713 ext 228
	Saco:	Ron Shorey	603-447-5448 ext 111
	Supervisors Office:	Erin Small	603-536-6260
	Any Unit:	Tom Brady	603-536-6208
		Chase Marshall	603-536-6262 <a href="mailto:cmarshall@fs.fed.us">cmarshall@fs.fed.us</a> Fax-603-536-3685
		Marcia Smith	603-447-5448 ext 108 <a href="mailto:mmsmith@fs.fed.us">mmsmith@fs.fed.us</a> Fax – 603-447-8405

We look forward to working with you again this fire season!

*/s/ Chase J. Marshall*  
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