



WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER ONLINE TRAINING

HOW TO BECOME QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN TNC'S U.S. PRESCRIBED FIRE WORK.

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Overview

Since 1962 The Nature Conservancy has used controlled burns to manage and restore lands throughout the United States. We rely on trained staff, partners and volunteers to safely conduct burns and achieve conservation objectives. If you would like to join a TNC burn crew, you will need to successfully complete a series of online courses (below), a field day session, and an annual refresher course after your first year.

This document is a brief guide to the online courses required to meet the

minimum qualifications of a wildland firefighter (FF Type 2 or FFT2). Visit the [National Wildfire Coordinating Group](#) for more information about FFT2 training and qualifications.

For more information about how The Nature Conservancy uses fire, visit [nature.org/whyfire](#). TNC provides additional training and opportunities to broaden, diversify and localize the fire management workforce. Women and people of color are especially encouraged to participate.

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QUESTIONS?

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REQUIRED TRAINING

Complete the following online classes prior to taking the field day portion of the S-130 Wildland Firefighter training.

FEMA Courses:

ICS-100, Introduction to ICS

IS-700, NIMS: An Introduction

NWCG Courses:

S-190, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior

S-130, Firefighter Training

L-180, Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service

How to take these courses online:

Step
1 Start by creating a FEMA Student Identification Number (SID) here: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/>.

You will be assigned a unique **FEMA SID** number. Keep track of this information, as that is your lifelong assigned identifier to log-in to these and future on-line courses.

Step
2 Once you have a SID, register with the National Fire Academy at: <https://nfa-hcm03.ns2cloud.com/learning/user/selfRegisterInit.do>.

This process will generate a unique **User ID**. Keep track of this information. For new students, please scroll to the bottom to register. The system will generate your User ID after you click submit. Your User ID will also be emailed to you with a link to log on. **WARNING: You MUST WAIT TWO HOURS before attempting to logon following initial registration.**

Step
3 You are asked to choose 1 of 2 “Security Domains.” Choose USFA.

Step
4 After 2 hours, open the email with your User ID and log in to NFA/NWCG Online using the link provided in the email. Alternatively, return to <https://nfa-hcm03.ns2cloud.com/learning/user/selfRegisterInit.do> and use the ‘LOG ON’ button at the top of the page.

Step
5 From this page, enter your User ID (case sensitive). There will be a dual authentication either through email or cell phone text message based on the information you provided during registration.

Step
6 Now you should be looking at your NFA Online home page. Here you can update your profile and track course completions.

Step
7 Go to “My Learning Home” and in the “Search Catalog” box enter L-180, S-190 or S-130 as necessary to find and start the course. Note: S-190 is a prerequisite to S-130.

Step
8 For FEMA courses, ICS-100 and IS-700, click the links provided. After completing the courses, take the final exam online using your FEMA SID.

Step
9 SAVE your course completion certificates. You should make both paper and digital copies. Keep these handy for your entire career, as future employers will require this documentation.

FEMA Courses



Controlled burn at The Nature Conservancy's Kingston Preserve in Oregon. Photo © Jason Houston.

ICS-100: Introduction to ICS

2 HOURS

This self-paced course is an introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS).

IS-700, NIMS: An Introduction

3.5 HOURS

This course is an introduction and overview of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents.



NWCG Courses



Controlled burn at The Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve in Florida. Photo © Carlton Ward, Jr.

S-190: Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior

6-8 HOURS

This course provides instruction in the primary factors affecting the start and spread of wildfire and recognition of potentially hazardous situations. Prerequisite to taking S-130.

S-130: Firefighter Training 2008 Blended Course Option

-22 HRS ONLINE + FIELD DAY

This course addresses the foundational skills universal to all wildland firefighters. The material is divided into 12 online modules (1 to 3 hours each) and a mandatory, instructor-led field day exercise (Module 13).

L-180: Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service

-4 HOURS

This course exposes students to human performance concepts as part of basic wildland firefighter training.

The Field Day

During the field day exercise or at another time, you will need to successfully complete:

- Deployment of emergency fire shelter
- A work capacity (pack) test: either arduous (3-mile hike with 45-pound pack in 45 minutes), or moderate (2-mile hike with 25-pound pack in 30 minutes).