

CALIFORNIA WILDLAND FIRE COORDINATING GROUP



DATE: February 17, 2016

SUBJECT: N9035 – RAWS Maintenance

TO: Course Participant

Congratulations! You have been selected to attend the *Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS) Maintenance* training session at the *Wildland Fire Training Center, McClellan, CA* on *May 3-5, 2016*. The course will start at *0800 on Tuesday, May 3rd* and conclude at *1200 on Thursday, May 5th, 2016*. To receive a certificate of completion for the course, you must attend the entire course. Please make your travel plans accordingly.

Tuition: Your tuition cost: \$725

Objectives:

This course is designed to train personnel to understand National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) requirements concerning RAWS stations and to perform installation and maintenance of permanent and portable RAWS stations.

This training includes an introduction to the Wildland Fire Management Information (WFMI) module where students will learn how to:

1. check weather observations,
2. order parts, and
3. complete post trip documentation

Prerequisites:

You will need to obtain access to the Wildland Fire Management Information (WFMI) weather module before attending the course. The access request form is located at <https://wfmi.nifc.gov/cgi/WfmiHome.cgi>

- select 'Access Request' link
- read the 'General Rules and Guidelines Governing the Use of Bureau of Land Management Computer Systems'
- select 'WFMI Weather - Maintenance User Access Request Form'

If requesting view access only, complete section I, sign section II, and fax to number on form.

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If requesting edit access to one or more Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS), complete sections I, II, and III. When filling in section III on the form, if you need edit access for only one or a few fixed stations or portable units, list them in section III; otherwise, *leave blank* if you need access to all RAWS within your unit.

For federal government employees, have the Regional RAWS Coordinator sign section IV of the form and they will forward the form to the Agency Representative. A list of Regional Coordinators can be found at: <http://raws.fam.nwcg.gov/contacts.html>

State/local government cooperators do not need a signature in section IV unless a Regional (State) Coordinator has been designated; fax the form to the USFS Agency Representative.

All students must submit an NWCG Nomination Form with proper agency charge codes and signatures for payment. Forms can be obtained online at: <http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/>

Dress: Students are to wear casual office attire. This means suitable for public contact (no shorts, tank tops, flip flops, etc.) The session also includes one or more field exercise(s) located at the training center, come prepared to spend time outdoors.

Reminder – this is a NO HAT facility.

Travel: For travel and lodging information navigate on the internet to the WFTC website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r5/fire-aviation/management/?cid=STELPRDB5363444>
WFTC Dormitories are unavailable from January 25 – April 15, 2016.

Billing Information

Forest Service (Other Regions): The approved NWCG Nomination Form will be used for payment. This form must include proper agency charge codes and signatures.

Other Federal Agencies: The approved NWCG Nomination Form will be used for payment. This form must include proper agency charge codes, agreement numbers, and signatures.

Other Non-Federal Agencies: It is recommended that students pay with a check or money order at the facility at the start of class. There is an additional 8% administrative fee added to this tuition charge. If payment is not received, a bill of collection will be issued to your agency.

Cancellations: Cancellations must be made one week prior to the course start date. If a cancellation occurs after the one-week cut off and the slot goes unfilled, there will be a charge not to exceed the tuition charge for the course.

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Any questions regarding this course may be directed to your unit training coordinator or appropriate training representative. If you are self-sponsored, you may contact the training center directly at wftc@fs.fed.us.

If you have any questions, please contact Course Coordinator, Keren Sites, at the Wildland Fire Training Center, McClellan, CA at 916-640-1130 or at kksites@fs.fed.us.

/s/ Keren Sites

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