

# Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordinating Group

September 27, 2016

Congratulations! You have been selected to attend the N9035, RAWs Maintenance course to be held November 1-3, 2016.

## **Where and When**

The class will be held in the RAWs Building, #410C on the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) Campus in Boise, ID. **You must have your government ID to enter the NIFC Campus.**

**NOTE:** This course will be very hands-on, and will take place inside and outside the classroom. Prepare for the changing weather conditions while outside. Cold weather gear and rain jackets are recommended along with sunscreen.

To receive a certificate of completion for this course, you must attend from the scheduled opening to the scheduled completion; please make your travel plans accordingly. Your training session will begin promptly at 0800, Tuesday, November 1, and is scheduled to end about 1700 on Thursday, November 3. However, on Friday, the instructors will be available for any additional questions or any additional software or equipment training. It is highly recommended that you take advantage of this opportunity. Please assure you are on time!

## **What You Will Need**

1. Complete the **RAWs Maintenance Participant Information Form**. This form must be completed and sent to [jdopp@blm.gov](mailto:jdopp@blm.gov) by **October 14, 2016**.
2. Must acquire a WFMI login with maintenance edit privileges for the stations you will be maintaining by completing the [WFMI Access Form](#). Be sure to complete the entire form because you need maintenance edit access in order to do RAWs maintenance. Send the form to your regional coordinator and they will sign it and send it onto your agency representative. Your agency representative will confirm your need for WFMI access and send the completed form to the RAWs Depot where your WFMI account will be created. You will then receive an email with your username and password. Make sure you are able to log into WFMI before attending class.
3. If you will be responsible for maintaining weather stations equipped with FTS 12S Dataloggers, you must have a laptop computer loaded with the required interface software ([FTS Toolbox](#)). Once you select the link, select the "Other" tab. You can then download the Toolbox software. If your laptop computer does not have a RS-232 serial port (9 pin male), you must purchase a USB to serial port adapter to interface a FTS 12S Datalogger. Most generic USB to serial

adapters will function properly. One available model is the [Gigaware USB-A to serial adapter](#). Please install the adapter drivers onto your laptop before attending class.

4. If you are responsible for maintaining weather stations equipped with F6 dataloggers, no computers, interface cables, or interface software is required. If you do not know the type of equipment you will be responsible for maintaining, acquire the names of the weather stations that you are responsible for and contact the RAWS Help Desk at 208-387-5475 or by email at rawshelp@blm.gov and they can assist you in determining what type of equipment you have.
5. Bring a compass that you are familiar with if possible. A very important part of the class is aligning weather stations along with GOES antenna alignment. All other tools required for the class will be provided.

### **For Course Content questions**

If you have any questions about the course please contact Lead Instructor Justin Dopp, Remote Sensing/Fire Weather Support Unit (RSFWSU), 208-387-5476, jdopp@blm.gov, Robbie Swofford, Remote Sensing/Fire Weather Support Unit (RSFWSU), 208-387-5362, rswofford@blm.gov, or the RAWS helpdesk at 208-387-5475, rawshelp@blm.gov.

### **Cancellations**

If you cannot attend this course, call or email the Pacific Northwest Training Center, at 541-504-7349/7342, or email: r6\_pnwcg\_training@fs.fed.us **no later than October 14, 2016**.

There is a waiting list of people who wish to attend this course; your prompt reply to this letter if you cannot attend is appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you at the session.

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Course Coordinator

Downloads:

- Campus Map
- NIFC Directions
- NIFC Area Lodging
- RAWS Maintenance Participant Information Form