

Wildland Fire Training—Changes are here!

Geographic Area Training Representative Update December 2019

What is Happening to nationalfiretraining.nwcg.gov?

On January 10, 2020 the legacy website for national wildland fire training, nationalfiretraining.nwcg.gov, will be retired. The site has effectively served the field for over 20 years. However, it is running on outdated software which results in security vulnerabilities to the entire site upon which it resides. In anticipation of the site going dark, the Geographic Area Training Representatives (GATRs) have been migrating the information housed on nationalfiretraining.nwcg.gov to the new Wildland Fire Learning Portal (the portal).

Beginning January 10, 2020, people who are looking for information about wildland fire training opportunities or information about a specific session or geographic area training center, should visit the learning portal at wildlandfirelearningportal.net.

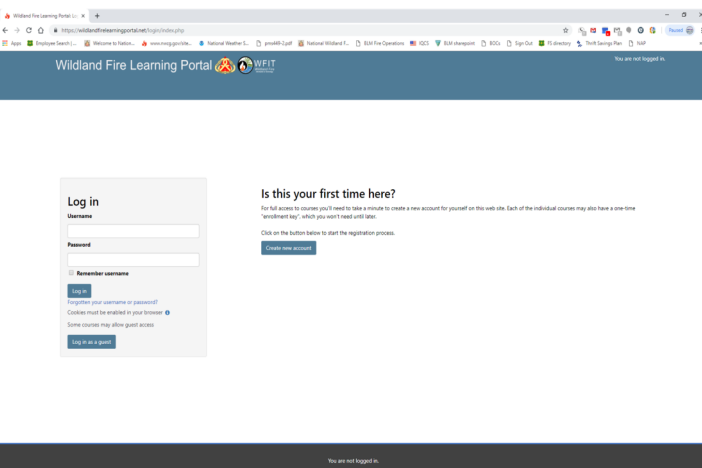
Session Name	ZIPs	Dates	Area Location	Coordinator	Fee
1411 - Advanced Leadership for Command and General Staff Course Description: Session Details	88	11-18-2019 to 11-22-2019	Great Basin Boulder, CO 80505	Heath Evans Date: 10-29-2019 Phone: 303-441-5111	\$800.00
16310 - Introduction to Fire Effects Course Description: Session Details	482	11-18-2019 to 11-22-2019	Great Basin Boulder, CO 80505	Heath Evans Date: 10-29-2019 Phone: 303-441-5111 Fax: 303-441-5151	\$400.00
16310 - Small Command through System (SACS) Basic Remote Pilot Course Description: Session Details	4	11-18-2019 to 11-22-2019	Great Basin Boulder, CO 80505	Heath Evans Date: 10-29-2019	\$500.00
16310 - Incident Fire Implementation Course Description: Session Details	144	11-18-2019 to 11-22-2019	Great Basin Boulder, CO 80505	Heath Evans Date: 10-29-2019 Phone: 303-441-5111 Fax: 303-441-5151	\$400.00
16310 - Incident Fire Plan Integration Course Description: Session Details	152	11-18-2019 to 11-22-2019	Great Basin Boulder, CO 80505	Heath Evans Date: 10-29-2019	None
16310 - Command through System (SACS) Incident Operations Course Description: Session Details	4	11-18-2019 to 11-22-2019	Great Basin Boulder, CO 80505	Heath Evans Date: 10-29-2019 Phone: 303-441-5111 Fax: 303-441-5151	\$500.00
16310 - Qualification Instructor Course Description: Session Details	309	10-19-2019 to 10-19-2019	Great Basin Boulder, CO 80505	Heath Evans Date: 10-29-2019 Phone: 303-441-5111 Fax: 303-441-5151	\$300.00
16310 - Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents Course Description: Session Details	714	11-18-2019 to 11-22-2019	Great Basin Boulder, CO 80505	Heath Evans Date: 10-29-2019	\$700.00

What is the Wildland Fire Learning Portal?

The learning portal is an interagency enterprise learning management system rather than a traditional website. Training managers will use the platform to manage, deliver, and evaluate wildland fire training or learning activities. A team of wildland fire training stakeholders has been working on the development of the portal for over two years and will continue to do so as new functionality is sought.

What Can You Expect When You Visit the Learning Portal?

When you visit the learning portal, you will see a log-in page. This is because the portal is a learning management system designed to provide interactive content and modern functionality for training delivery.



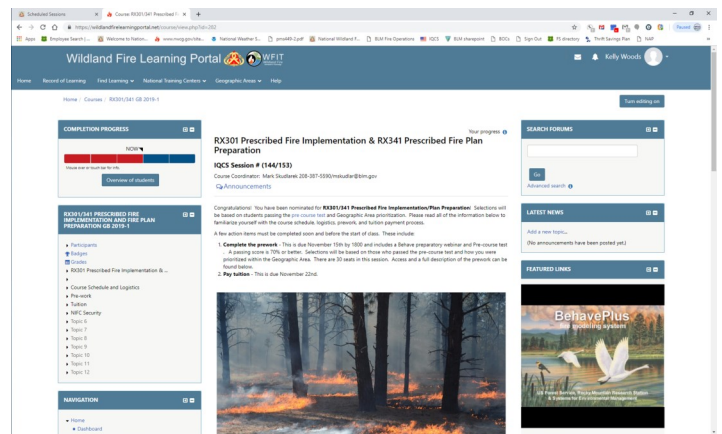
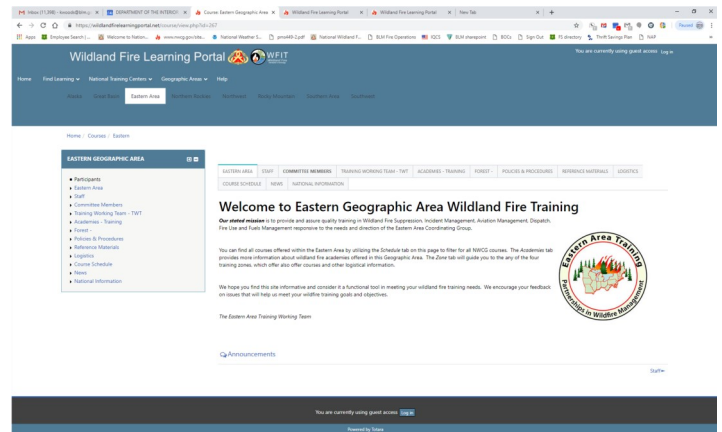
Do I need to Create an Account in the Learning Portal to see Content?

Visitors to the learning portal can log-in as a guest to view Geographic Area Training Center schedules and on demand self-enroll courses. If you are selected to attend a course utilizing the portal, you will be prompted to create a profile. For courses with prerequisites and selection criteria, a student would need to be selected and enrolled to see any content. As a result, creating a profile to log-in will not inherently give you access to see courses currently being delivered or housed on the portal. Portal developers are testing mass uploads of user data to create profiles so that a given unit could create profiles for their entire unit at once. Ultimately, everyone who attends wildland fire training will need a profile, but users can wait until prompted by a course coordinator, their training officer, or their GATR.

How are Training Centers Using the Learning Portal this Training Season?

All geographic area training centers will use the learning portal to host content previously found on national-firetraining.nwcg.gov to include their course schedules, selection rosters, and logistical information pertinent to their training centers. Migration of specific course content into the portal is also happening now. Numerous courses around the nation are being delivered in the portal at a local, geographic, and national level. Some geographic areas will wait until the 2021 training season to deliver training sessions using the portal. Your specific GATR will communicate the implementation plans for the portal in your geographic area.

The National Training Centers, the National Advanced Fire and Resource Institute (NAFRI), the Prescribed Fire Training Center (PFTC), and the Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program (WFAP), are also using the portal to deliver some training sessions. Specific course information pertaining to the portal from the National Training Centers will come to students from the course coordinator or training centers as needed.



How Will I Receive Updates ?

As new functionality comes on line and business processes are changed, your GATR will communicate those changes to your Geographic Area.

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