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## WILDLAND FIRE RESOURCE ADVISOR (N-9042)

April 6-8, 2021



*Hosted by the National Park Service,  
Intermountain and Pacific West Regions*



**WHEN:** Tuesday through Thursday, April 6-8, 2021, from 8:00 AM (0800) to 5:00 PM (1700) Pacific time.

**WHAT:** This introductory course provides participants with the background to serve as Resource Advisors during wildland fires. Resource Advisors work with Incident Management Teams (IMTs) and fireline personnel to minimize the impacts of wildland fire and fire management actions on natural, cultural, and social resources. Resource Advisors also provide critical support for the repair of fire suppression damages, identification and mitigation of threats caused by wildfires (e.g., Burned Area Emergency Response [BAER]), and long-term post-fire ecosystem recovery. This training meets the standards of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Resource Advisor course (N-9042) (see [NWCG Resource Advisor Guide](#), Appendix B).

Topics discussed in the course include:

- The relationship between Resource Advisors and federal wildland fire policy and procedures
- Resource Advisor qualification requirements, including Administratively Determined (AD) hires
- The role of Resource Advisors within the Incident Command System (ICS)
- Identifying, prioritizing, and protecting natural, cultural, and social resources from fire and fire management actions through Minimum Impact Strategies and Tactics (MIST)
- Practical advice for “doing the job” of a Resource Advisor, from what to pack for an incident to effective communication and conflict resolution techniques
- The role of the Resource Advisor in suppression damage repair
- Developing a resourcing advising program at your home unit
- The latest technological innovations for the Resource Advisor
- Overview of post-fire programs (e.g., BAER, Burned Area Rehabilitation [BAR]) and the connection to Resource Advisors



Course participants will be provided access to an extensive electronic resource advising library containing policies, guidelines, technical publications, templates and reports.

**HOW:** The course will be offered virtually through a Microsoft Teams software platform. Participants are *not* required to have access to a computer with Teams installed in order to take the course, and the

training can be delivered through any compatible computer and mobile device with internet connectivity.

Audio connection is only available via Microsoft Teams. Computer microphones and cameras are not required but will prove helpful, especially microphones, during small-group breakout sessions.



A Teams orientation session will be held prior to the course for those unfamiliar with the software.

Participants will be required to fully attend all three days of the training and complete a course evaluation in order to receive a certificate of completion. Those interested in “auditing” the course (or attending select sessions) are welcome to do so (please submit a nomination form even if that is your intent).

There is no tuition to attend the course.

**WHO:** This course is open to anyone affiliated with federal, state, local agencies, and non-governmental organizations engaged in land, resource, and/or fire management responsibilities. Although the subject matter is heavily oriented towards federal land management agencies (USDA Forest Service and Bureaus of the Department of the Interior, in particular), most of the course content is broadly applicable.

Those who may benefit include: (1) individuals who currently serve or are interested in serving as Resource Advisors during wildland fire incidents including botanists, ecologists, biologists, hydrologists, geologists, soil scientists, foresters, cultural resource specialists, and GIS specialists; (2) fire managers who interact with Resource Advisors and want to better understand the roles, responsibilities and authority of the position; (3) anyone who would like to learn more about what Resource Advisors do and how wildland fires, fire management actions and post-fire conditions can impact natural, cultural, and social resources.

The most common Resource Advisor positions employed during wildland fire incidents include Resource Advisor (READ), Resource Advisor, Fireline (REAF), Archeologist (ARCH), Cultural Specialist (CULS), and Technical Specialist (THSP). The distinction between the roles and responsibilities of the READ and REAF positions is described in the [NWCG Resource Advisor Guide](#). The ARCH position frequently serves in the same role as the REAF but possesses specialized skills and training in archeology and/or other cultural resources management sub-specialties. The CULS position is typically filled by members of Native American, Alaskan, Hawaiian or other communities with ancestral or historical ties to the affected area. THSP is a general designation that may be used for specialized skill sets and specific tasks related to resource advising, such as suppression damage repair and GIS support.



Resource Advisor positions are classified as Technical Specialists by the NWCG ([NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications \[310-1\]](#), see “Position Qualifications Requirements Elements”). As such, NWCG establishes no minimum qualification standards for Resource Advisor positions (there is no “task book” of required training and experience), leaving the determination to each agency. However, an interagency (USDA Forest Service and Bureaus of the Department of the Interior) [supplement to NWCG 310-1](#) has been issued, containing minimum requirements for these positions and any agency-specific requirements. Per the 310-1 Supplement, N-9042 is required training for the READ (pg. 139) and REAF (pg. 140) positions. While not required, it is strongly recommended for ARCH (pg. 85), CULS (pg. 108), and THSP (pg. 142).

**PREREQUISITES AND PRE-WORK:** There are no prerequisites for this course. The pre-work assignments are described [here](#).

**APPLICATIONS:** Prospective students must complete and return the attached nomination form by COB **March 31, 2021**.

**LEAD INSTRUCTORS:**



**Cedar Drake** is the Lead Fire Effects Monitor at North Cascades National Park. He has served as a Lead READ and REAF on a wide variety of wildfires and All Hazard incidents since 2011. Cedar currently serves as an NPS representative on the NWCG READ Subcommittee.



**Martin Hutten** is the Terrestrial Ecologist at Glacier Bay National Park. He has worked as REAF and Lead READ on large fires from California to Alaska and is also a representative on the NWCG READ Subcommittee.



**Jason Nez** is an Archeological Technician at Grand Canyon National Park with 10 years of experience as an ARCH and READ on large and small fires throughout the West. A member of the Navajo Nation, he brings a unique perspective to the resource advising community.

**Still undecided whether a Wildland Fire Resource Advisor course is right for you?**  
Please read these [common myths](#) surrounding resource advising.



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# NOMINATION FORM

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**Wildland Fire Resource Advisor (N-9042)**

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Please complete this form by hand or electronically.

- Open a fillable PDF version **HERE** (Double-click **N9042\_PDF.pdf** in the Attachments pane. Complete using Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Reader; save entries by selecting “Save As” from the File menu).
- Open a Word version **HERE** (Double-click **N9042\_WORD.docx** in the Attachments pane).

Electronic signatures are perfectly acceptable. If it is easier, attach an email of supervisor approval to the nomination form in lieu of a signature.

<b>Name:</b>
<b>Affiliation:</b>
<b>Position Title:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>
<b>Briefly describe any previous experience in wildland fire and/or resource advising:</b>
<b>Briefly explain the reason(s) why you would like to take this course:</b>
<b>Applicant’s Signature:</b>
<b>Supervisor’s Signature (if applicable):</b>

Please return completed form to Nelson Siefkin ([nelson\\_siefkin@nps.gov](mailto:nelson_siefkin@nps.gov)) by **COB Wednesday, March 31, 2021**, and use “N-9042” in the subject line

**QUESTIONS? Email or call Nelson Siefkin (510.207.7357)**

