

Heavy Equipment Boss Live In-Woods Workshop

Dozer & Tractor Plow Boss, Equipment Inspection & ICT Workshop

(Enhanced S-232 & S-233 including advanced forestry equipment inspection training)

**Sponsored by: NIFC & Northern Rockies Coordinating Group,
SW MT Wildland Fire Training Center, and The University of Montana**



Two one-week sessions will be held:

Session 1 - April 18-22, 2011 - IQCS Session S-232 & S-233 #167 DOZB/16 TRPB

Session 2 - April 25-29, 2011 - IQCS Session S-232 & S-233 #168 DOZB/17 TRPB

Nomination Deadline: February 28, 2011

Location: University of Montana, Lubrecht Experimental Forest,
Highway 200 West, Mile marker 22.5

Cost: S-232 Trainees \$685 (includes all meals + on-site lodging)

****Special Note:** Wednesday session includes a night-time field operation ending by 2300 hours. Please consider your work/rest and logistical needs.*

Training/Demo Observers \$350 (includes only lunch meals, no lodging)

The course is at the UM's Lubrecht Experimental Forest in Greenough, Montana. The workshop will feature over 12 different common forestry machine types. The field portion will be staged as an ICS simulation involving building of different types of fireline, fuelbreaks, safety zones, hazard tree removal, line rehab and night operations. Machinery will be run as both single resources and two mechanized task forces.

Target Audience

- Timber and Engineering Staff that take fire assignments
- Type 1 firefighters, Strike Team Leaders and those seeking qualification for as a Dozer Boss/Tractor Plow Boss (Heavy Equipment Boss)
- Wildland Fire Operations personnel (T3 IC's, Operations Chiefs, Division/Group Supervisors, Task Force Leaders, Strike Team Leaders & Resource Advisors)
- Resource Advisors, Prescribed Fire Managers, Line Officers, Fuels Reductions Specialists

Workshop Objectives

1. This skill course will meet and exceed the training needs of a Dozer Boss and Tractor Plow Boss as outlined in the PMS 310-1 and the Position Task Book. Opportunities will exist to work on task book requirements during the live in-woods training.
2. Observe and direct a wide range of mechanized equipment that is performing wildfire and fuels management applications in forest situations.
3. Discuss procedures to employ equipment to minimize long-term impacts on the land.

4. Present topics related to the tactical safe & efficient use of mechanical forestry equipment on agency fuels reduction projects & wildfire suppression incidents.
5. Training opportunity to help meet the needs of a National shortage category. Expose attendees to equipment commonly used in the western forests.
 - Classroom instruction will cover dispatch, logistics, and operational tips. Agency and industry instructors will cover safety, tactics, site impacts & equipment selection for both wildland and WUI incidents.
 - The 3 field days will showcase over 12 types of equipment in actual fireline situations during daylight and nighttime operations.
 - The field portion will also include site visits to old rehabilitated mechanized lines on the 2003 Jocko Fire.
 - Attendees will direct equipment that is constructing fuel breaks, reducing fuels, removing hazard trees, and utilizing the abilities of all types of off-road engines (Skidgines, FMC, Pumpercats).

FORMS:

If at all possible, try to nominate students using the Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS). If you are using IQCS, the Training Officer for the local unit nominates the students for the courses, and then prioritizes the nominations for their unit.

If it isn't feasible to use IQCS, then please use the [Southwest Montana Wildland Fire Training Registration/Nomination form](#) on the website if possible, but the NWCG nomination form is also acceptable. Clearly state how you meet the prerequisites and how payment for the class will be made. If you don't meet the prerequisites, address that in the remarks.

Please send all registration/nominations to [Deb Graham](#). We prefer that the nominations be sent electronically (e.g., via email or through IQCS), but hard copies are also acceptable.

- Individuals who work for a federal, state, or local government agency should submit their nomination through their local Fire Training Representative who will forward the nominations to the course coordinator. The SW Montana Zone Training Representatives are listed below.
- Federal, state or local government individuals are welcome. Their nominations need to be sent through their local Fire Training Representative who will ensure that they meet the prerequisites and that they are ready for the course.
- Private individuals, or others who wish to pay their own tuition, may send their registration/nominations directly to [Deb Graham](#), but need to clearly document that they meet the course prerequisites.

PAYMENT:

The University of Montana will collect tuition to pay for the costs involved with the workshop. Credit cards (MC and Visa), checks and cash are accepted. If applicable, please ensure that your local purchasing personnel are contacted before sending in a nomination. Federal purchasing agents require an SF-182 be sent to them when a student is nominated for a course for whom they will be paying the tuition.

*Non-Agency individuals must ensure that payment is made by deadline posted on the registration/nomination form.

Course Coordinator: Kevin Erickson, for more information please contact Kevin or Bill Miller; kerickson@fs.fed.us (406-544-6484), bdmiller@fs.fed.us (406-370-9639)

Visit the NRCG web site for directions and more information: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg>

SW MONTANA ZONE TRAINING REPRESENTATIVES

AFD except for Smokejumpers	Barb Whiteman	329-4889
AFD Missoula Smokejumpers	Mitch Kearns Keith Woods	329-4894 329-4906
Bitterroot National Forest	Kelly McKee	363-7198
BLM Missoula Field Office	John Thompson	533-7611
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes	Jim (Buttercup) Clairmont	676-2550
DNRC & Local Government	Larry Bush	542-4216
Fish & Wildlife Service	Louis Hartjes	777-5552
FS Regional Office	Kitty Ortman	329-3404
Lolo National Forest	Carrie Errecart	826-4304
MTDC	Shanon Boehlke	329-4814
Rocky Mountain Research Station	Shari Kappel	829-6957
University of MT	Casey Teske	243-6244