

University of Idaho—Fall 2026 NWCG Courses

The Student of Fire Initiative at the University of Idaho is offering 4 NWCG courses this Fall: S-290, M-410, RX-310 and S-215. S-244 self-paced classroom portion is also available. All courses are administered virtually through the Wildland Fire Learning Portal with a combination of self-paced lessons and exercises and live-online meetings. Our virtual training is robust and engaging, but we recognize that virtual training is not for everyone. If you do not learn well online, we encourage you to seek out in-person courses.

If you want to set up a special session for any of these courses or request the development of other courses, you can reach out to the Student of Fire Initiative at studentoffire@uidaho.edu. EACH training has an associated University of Idaho course for credit with some additional requirements. Email the Student of Fire Initiative if you are interested in registering for the class at University of Idaho.

M-410 – Facilitative Instruction

Register: [HERE](#) Cost: \$450

Total Course Hours: **40 hours** (30 hours self-paced / 10 hours live/online)

Prerequisites: NONE

Dates of the Course: **Oct 26 - Nov 6**

Dates and Times of LIVE online sessions:

Monday, October 26: 0900 - 1100 PT

Monday, November 2 – Friday, November 6: 0900 - 1130 PT

RX-310 – Introduction to Fire Effects

Register: [HERE](#) Cost: \$300

Total Course Hours: **40 hours** (28 hours of interactive self-paced lessons, 6 hours of live/online meetings, 6 hours for a tasksheet).*

Prerequisites: NONE

Dates of the Course: **Nov 16 - Dec 11**

Dates and Times of LIVE online sessions:

Mondays, November 16 - December 7: 1000 - 1130 PT

S-290 – Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior

Register: [HERE](#) Cost: \$300

Total Course Hours: **40 hours** (24 hours of interactive self-paced lessons, 16 hours of live/online meetings).*

Prerequisites: S-190 Introduction to Fire Behavior

Dates of the Course: **Nov 9 - Nov 20**

Dates and Times of LIVE online sessions:

Monday, November 9: 1100 – 1200 PT (kick-off meeting; recorded)

Monday, November 16 – Friday, November 20: 1100 - 1400 PT

IMPORTANT NOTE: NWCG offers the lesson material separately for a memo of completion. Ideally do NOT complete this training. We include all the training in this offering, and we recommend you complete it with us using additional support resources.

S-215 – Fire Operations in the Wildland-Urban Interface

(offered with morning OR evening meeting times over the same dates)

MORNING meeting times

Register: [HERE](#) Cost: \$300

Total Course Hours: 30

Prerequisites: S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior

Dates of the Course: **Nov 30 - Dec 10**

Times of LIVE, MORNING, online sessions:

Monday, November 30: 1000 - 1200 PT

Thursday, December 3: 1000 -1300 PT

Monday, December 7: 1000 - 1200 PT

Thursday, December 10: 1000 - 1300 PT

EVENING meeting times

Register: [HERE](#) Cost: \$300

Total Course Hours: 30

Prerequisites: S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior

Dates of the Course: **Nov 30 - Dec 10**

Times of LIVE, EVENING, online sessions:

Monday, November 30: 1600 - 1800 PT

Thursday, December 3: 1600 - 1900 PT

Monday, December 7: 1600 - 1800 PT

Thursday, December 10: 1600 - 1900 PT

S-244 – Field Observer and Fire Effect Monitor

Register: [HERE](#) Cost: \$100

Total Course Hours: This self-paced, self-enroll online course provides all required classroom material for S-244 Field Observer and Fire Effects Monitor classroom training. The online content is free for anyone to complete independently. However, registering for the course unlocks additional benefits designed to support your development. After completing the online portion, you will still need to participate in an approved **field day** to fully complete S-244 certification requirements.

Prerequisites: NONE

Dates of the Course: Ongoing

RT-130 – Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher

Available: Upon Request. If interested, please reach out to Joe Hernandez at jdhernandez@uidaho.edu

*PLEASE NOTE: All times are estimates. Actual time spent in the course varies based on situation and skill level. Additionally, time spent on the course may be OUTSIDE work hours, depending on the training situation with your employer.

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