



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Personnel

FROM: Division Chief Widdison

SUBJECT: 2026 Single Resource/EMAC/Rapid Extraction Module Support (REMS) Participation

This memo outlines eligibility requirements, training standards, and participation expectations for Unified Fire Authority (UFA) personnel seeking deployment through the Wildland Single Resource Program, Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), Medical Module (MED MOD), and Rapid Extraction Module Support (REMS) teams during the 2026 season. It is the intent of UFA Operations and the UFA Wildland Division that participants in these programs meet minimum eligibility requirements for deployment. Eligibility includes meeting the required fitness standards, training prerequisites, and documentation requirements outlined below. Personnel who are actively working towards qualification in a position (trainee status) are considered eligible when they meet the minimum requirements established for that position. Day staff are eligible. Part-time employees are not eligible. Participation is voluntary and contingent upon operational staffing needs. Participants are expected to be available and willing to staff backfill shifts at the home unit when not deployed, in order to support interagency mobilization and maintain operational readiness.

For wildfire specific deployments during the 2026 season, all participants must meet the minimum National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG) requirements for the position they are assigned. Personnel may deploy either as fully qualified individuals or in approved trainee status, provided they meet the established prerequisites for that position. UFA personnel seeking eligibility for wildland deployments must complete the required training, fitness standards, and documentation outlined below. All NWCG qualifications will be processed through the Wildland Division and the platoon Wildland Duty Officers in IQS. If you have questions about qualifications or training, please contact your platoon Wildland Duty Officer at Station 103.

Qualification requirements and trainee prerequisites vary by position and are outlined in PMS 310-1. Minimum eligibility requirements for participation are identified in this memo; position specific qualification standards are maintained in IQS. Other All-Hazards (AH) qualifications are outlined by FEMA in the NIMS National Qualification System which is also available online. As a note, the Wildland Division and the State of Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands do not certify or track AH qualifications—AH qualifications will not be included on your issued Red Card.

Classes and training opportunities are offered annually through the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy (UFRA) at no charge to UFA employees. A list of offered NWCG courses can be found on the [UFRA NWCG COURSE](#)

SCHEDULE. The Wildland Division will offer classes related to Single Resource eligibility in Spring 2026 and are outlined in the 26-026 2026 Wildland Courses memo.

Unless otherwise authorized, participation in optional training is on the member's own time and is not compensable as department business. Additional training opportunities will be advertised to the entire department as they are made available.

Meeting the minimum requirements below establishes eligibility for deployment consideration. Final assignment decisions will be based on incident needs, qualification status, and operational approval.

Single Resource Program and EMAC Deployment minimum requirements:

1. Have a current, valid Red Card issued by State of Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. To maintain eligibility, members must also:

- a. Complete the annual Wildland Fire Refresher as assigned on LMS
- b. Complete the Wildland Pack Test annually as assigned on LMS
- c. Complete five-part documentation folder

2. Have documented completion in LMS of the following minimum training courses:

- a. S-130, S-190, I-100, L-180 (or basic wildland firefighter equivalent)
- b. S-131 Advanced Firefighter/Squad Boss
- c. S-260 Interagency Incident Business Management (available on LMS)
- d. S-270 Basic Air Operations
- e. S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (available on LMS)
- f. S-215 Fire Operations in the Wildland/Urban Interface

3. Attend the annual Wildland Single Resource Program Orientation dates TBD

*For specific qualification requirements, refer to NWCG Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1).

It is the intention of the Wildland Division to establish a pool of eligible people for wildfire specific EMAC Deployment in 2026 in a similar manner to the US&R Program. Eligible participants will have an "EMAC" designator added next to their name in Telestaff; participants will be notified through Telestaff when an EMAC deployment request is received. Eligible participants who are not rostered for an EMAC deployment request will be expected to sign up for backfill staffing.

Individuals who have applied for IMT rostered positions (primary, shared, or trainee) must complete the UFA Wildland IMT/Single Resource/EMAC Interest Form. All other interest in the program for 2026 must be expressed by April 30, 2026. Expressed interest does not bind you to participation in either program. To be rostered with either program you must meet minimum requirements as outlined above.

The REMS Team will consist of a four-person team. All REMS Team members must meet minimum eligibility requirements for Wildland Single Resource deployment. The team will include the following qualifications and training:

- One UFA Captain and/or Single Resource Crew/Engine Boss with Rope Rescue and Extrication Technician certifications, EMT/AEMT/Paramedic, UTV operator qualification, and a current arduous Red Card.
- Two Firefighters with current Rope Rescue and Extrication Technician certifications, EMT/AEMT/Paramedic, UTV operator qualification, and a current arduous Red Card.
- One Paramedic with a UTV operator qualification and current arduous Red Card. Rope Rescue and Extrication Technician certifications are recommended.

The MED MOD Team will consist of a two-person team. All MED MOD Team members must meet minimum eligibility requirements for Wildland Single Resource deployment. The team will include the following qualifications and training:

- One UFA Sworn Firefighter with Rope Rescue and Extrication Technician certifications, EMT/AEMT/Paramedic, UTV operator qualification, and a current arduous Red Card.
- One Paramedic with a UTV operator qualification and current arduous Red Card. Rope Rescue and Extrication Technician certifications are recommended.

The firefighter Rope Rescue and Extrication Technicians interested in becoming eligible for a REMS/MED MOD Team deployment are not currently required to fully participate in the Wildland Single Resource Program, but must meet minimum requirements for REMS Team participation as outlined below:

REMS/MED MOD Deployment minimum requirements:

1. Have a current, valid arduous Red Card issued by State of Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands in IQS
 - a. Complete the annual Wildland Fire Refresher as assigned on LMS
 - b. Complete the arduous Wildland Pack Test annually as assigned on LMS
 - c. Complete five-part documentation folder to include EMS Qualification, Rope Rescue Technician certification, Extrication Technician certification and Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation (+18 Adult OHV Education Certificate) estimated 30 minute class The website for the class can be found [Here](#)
2. Attend the annual REMS/MED MOD Orientation date TBD.

It is **recommended** to have documentation of completion for the following classes as credentials in LMS and in IQS:

- a. S-131 Advanced Firefighter/Squad Boss
- b. S-260 Interagency Incident Business Management (available on LMS)
- c. S-270 Basic Air Operations
- d. S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (available on LMS)
- e. S-215 Fire Operations in the Wildland/Urban Interface

Deployment Expectations:

All deployments are subject to current staffing levels, operational needs, and approval by the Wildland Division. Those individuals who participate in the Single Resource Program who are not deployed on incidents will be expected to sign up for backfill staffing as much as possible during the summer months. Participants must comply with the UFA Wildland Single Resource Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG), including

documentation, travel, timekeeping, and demobilization requirements. This document is updated annually and can be found in the file center on LMS.

If you are interested in participation in any of the programs, including IMT rostered positions, please complete the online interest form: [2026 Wildland IMT/Single Resource/EMAC Interest Form](#).