



COURSE DESCRIPTION

All students are responsible for bringing their **LAPTOP, IPAD, IRPG** (Incident Response Pocket Guide), **FLHB** (Fireline Handbook), and applicable **PTB** (Position Task Book) to each class session. Additional items to bring will be mentioned in the course acceptance letter. As a student, you are responsible for double-checking your enrollment status and current address, phone numbers, and email addresses. This will help ensure that you will receive any and all information pertaining to the class for which you are enrolled. **If your supervisor has enrolled/nominated you, it's critical that you double-check your enrollment status.**

To see the updated enrollment for a class, go to uvu.edu/ufra/training/wildland/schedule.html and click on the "roll" link. These are updated weekly. If you have any questions or concerns, call Michael Alforque at (559) 696-5877 or email michael.alforque@uvu.edu

S-244. FIELD OBSERVER

Course Description

This course provides students with the skills necessary to perform as a Field Observer ([FOBS](#)) and/or a Fire Effects Monitor ([FEMO](#)). Topics include roles and responsibilities of the [FOBS](#) and [FEMO](#); how to make observations and document those observations; how to produce hand drawn and GPS field maps; and how to navigate using a compass and GPS. The navigation unit has 4½ hours of field exercises and the final field exercise is 8 hours. For pre-course work, students need to read and complete exercises in *Basic Land Navigation*, [PMS 475](#).

Objective

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to demonstrate the skills and knowledge necessary to gather and report information for incident planning.

Target Group

Personnel desiring to be qualified as a field observer (FOBS) and/or fire effects monitor (FEMO)

Course Prerequisites

- Successful completion of [S-290, Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior](#).
- Successful completion of pre-course work.
- Basic understanding of how to use a GPS receiver.
- [FOBS](#): Qualified as any single resource boss.
- OR
- [FEMO](#): Qualified as a Firefighter Type 2 ([FFT2](#)).