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2026 Course Announcement and Priority Trainee Program

S-590 Advanced Fire Behavior Interpretation Course is scheduled for March 2 – 12, 2026. Course Description can be found [here](#). 2026 Session information is listed on the [Wildland Fire Learning Portal](#). Submit nominations for the 2026 session directly to NAFRI through this link: <https://forms.office.com/g/eD9niFwmPr>. All nominations will be routed to GATRs for prioritization when the nomination deadline passes. NWCG nomination forms **will not** be accepted for the 2026 session.

S-590 candidates are strongly encouraged to participate in Geographic Area Priority Trainee Programs. Students that have incident assignments as Trainees are better prepared for the S-590 course.

With approval from their supervisor and local Training Officer, potential S-590 candidates for the 2026 course, should contact their [Geographic Area Training Representative \(GATR\)](#) to obtain information on how to participate in Regional Priority Trainee Programs. S-590 candidates may also apply to Incident Management Teams as FBAN/LTAN trainees to gain valuable experience and prepare for the upcoming course.

Interagency cooperation is critical to ensure the success of this program. Please ensure this information is distributed to all GATR's, all Geographic Area Coordinating Groups (GACGs), Type I and II Incident Commanders, FBANs, LTANs, and potential S-590 candidates.

Nominations for the 2026 course may be submitted through the web-based process any time before the October 24, 2025 deadline. Please email Elaine Rodriguez, [elaine.rodriguez2@usda.gov](mailto:elaine.rodriguez2@usda.gov) or Gary Luce, [gary.luce@usda.gov](mailto:gary.luce@usda.gov) at NAFRI or call 520-799-8787 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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