

## **WV DIVISION OF FORESTRY**

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**Date: 9/5/17**  
**To: All Mercer County Fire Departments**  
**From: Brandon Hibbs, Mercer County Fire Forester**  
**Subject: S130 – 190 or the Red Card Class**

The West Virginia Division of Forestry will be conducting the NWCG course S130 – S190. The course will be taught at American National University located at 421 Hilltop Drive, Princeton WV on September 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. The class will begin at 1800 on 9/15/17. This is the class you must take to be able to go on a western fire tour. Attendance for all portions is mandatory to pass the class. Each participant will receive Nomex clothing for completing the course. For every 5 members (per each VFD) passing the course, the VFD will have their choice of a leaf blower or chainsaw for their station. All equipment that is received will be under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Division of Forestry. This class will have a field exercise on the last day of class. Pre-requisite for the class includes completing S190 online prior to the start of the course. This can be done on the NWCG website. Go to <https://onlinetraining.nwcg.gov/> click on S-190 introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior and follow the instructions. If you are new to this site, you must create an account. You will also need your FEMA SID#. If you do not have one you can sign up for that on the site as well. A minimum of 12 students are required to have the class.

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