Prescribed Fire Certification Pathway

This chart illustrates the progression of training and experiences that the certifying official considers when evaluating an employee for certification as an Agency Administrator (AA) for Prescribed fire. This is a visual representation of policy guidance found in the Red Book Chapter 5. Reading the Chart from left to right, the three certification levels (Low Complexity, Moderate Complexity, High Complexity) are shown in progressive order. Below each certification level are the different classes or assignments associated with each level as the employee advances their training and experience in pursuit of progressively higher levels of certification. The intent is that a mixture of training, observed accomplishments, and learning opportunities are considered in determining the appropriate certification level for each AA. Ultimately, the authority to determine and issue prescribed fire certifications for AA’s lies with the responsible Regional Forester.

Key

Red = Required Training
Blue = Demonstrated Ability/Experience (Documented in Task Book)
Yellow = Requirement for maintaining currency
Tan = Recommended learning opportunities for gaining experience
Lavender = Optional training or activities considered when determining certification level or currency
Green = Other applicable experience that may be considered
Brown = Acknowledgment of complexity level of Home-Unit fire program