Wildfire 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 Wildfire decision making. This is a visual representation of the policy guidance found in the Red Book Chapter 5. Reading the Chart from left to right, the three certification levels (Working, Journey, Advanced) 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

The chart includes various learning opportunities, assignments, and certifications that an AA must complete to progress through the levels of certification. It highlights the necessary training, observed accomplishments, and learning opportunities considered in determining the appropriate certification level for each AA.