



## Wildland Fire Courses Commonly Offered by the Maine Forest Service

The Maine Forest Service offers wildland fire training to firefighters and fire departments in Maine to improve safety and efficiency during wildfire response. Most classes are open enrollment, but some are invite-only due to the host fire department's request and limitations of the classroom space. The Maine Forest Service does not charge students for its classes.

If you have questions about a specific class, please contact the MFS office nearest to you:

Ashland (Northern Region) 207-435-7963  
 Old Town (Central Region) 207-827-1800  
 Augusta (Southern Region) 207-624-3700

Course Name	Typical Duration	Target Audience	More Info
<b>Maine Basic Wildland Firefighting Program</b>	12 hrs.	Maine Fire Departments and others who want to work on wildfires in Maine	Meets Maine DOL requirements for working on wildfires in Maine. See <a href="#">MSFI website</a> for details.
<b>S-130, Firefighter Training</b> <b>S-190, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior</b>	40hrs. field and classroom	Firefighters wishing to meet the national standard for wildland firefighting; required to mobilize out of state with Maine Forest Service crews	Several introductory FEMA courses and a work capacity test also required for a "red card". More info can be found on <a href="#">Wikipedia</a>
<b>S-130 Field Day only</b>	8 hrs. field	Same as above, but for those students who have taken the classroom portions of S-130/190 online.	See above.
<b>RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher</b>	8 hrs. field and classroom	Required each year to maintain "red card"; Typically offered in conjunction with a work capacity test (pack test) which is also an annual NWCG requirement	See <a href="#">NWCG WFSTAR website</a> and <a href="#">NWCG Work Capacity Test website</a>
<b>S-131, Firefighter Type 1</b>	8 hrs. classroom	Required for Firefighter Type 1 (Squad Boss) and an Incident Commander Type 5 positions	See <a href="#">NWCG Course Information</a> ; click "Access as Guest" at bottom of page
<b>S-112, Introduction to Chainsaw Operations</b>	28 hrs. online, field and classroom	Required for chainsaw operations (Faller 3); new course in 2026, replacing the old S-212	See <a href="#">NWCG Course Information</a> ; click "Access as Guest" at bottom of page
<b>S-211, Portable Pumps and Water Use</b>	16-20 hrs. field and classroom	Those wanting to learn more about portable pumps and water use; recommended Engine Operators	See <a href="#">NWCG Course Information</a> ; click "Access as Guest" at bottom of page
<b>Emergency Vehicle Operator Course</b>	16 hrs. field and classroom	Required for all Maine Forest Service firefighters who will drive Type 6 engines or larger vehicles	MFS will accept EVOC or equivalent courses completed elsewhere with documentation