



L-280 Followership to Leadership

Pre-Course Work

The pre-course work is based on a reading assignment that encourages you to examine how well-prepared you are to lead others. The reading assignment is followed by a few questions that ask you to reflect on the reading in terms of your own situation.

The intent of this reading assignment is two-fold. First, by reading this book as pre-course work you are afforded some time to think about the topic of leadership prior to attending the course. Second, reading to foster continuous learning is a key strategy for individuals who desire to improve their leadership skills throughout their career, no matter what type of business or endeavor they pursue.

Part One

Read the assigned book *Leading in The Wildland Fire Service*, PMS 494-2, <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/pms494-2>. This book is less than 100 pages and is an enjoyable and quick read.

Part Two

Write up brief responses to the following questions regarding the reading assignment. The entire assignment should not require more than one or two pages.

Question One

After reading Chapter 1 *Leading in The Wildland Fire Service*, identify your strongest and weakest principle out of the wildland fire values of Duty, Respect, and Integrity. Briefly explain your answer.

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Question Two

After reading *Leading in the Wildland Fire Service*, briefly explain your motivation to be a leader.

Bring your completed written responses with you to class.

You may be required to bring gear, footwear/clothing appropriate for outdoor activities, and pen/paper to the course. Refer to the course selection notification for specific instructions from the course coordinator.