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**Subject:** Extension of Temporary Waiver for In-Person Recertification Training in First Aid / CPR / AED / BBP

**To:** Regional Foresters, Station Directors, IITF Director, Deputy Chiefs, and WO Directors

Effective immediately, because training in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), automated external defibrillator (AED), and blood borne pathogen (BBP) includes contact with shared use equipment and between people, the existing 12-month waiver for employees whose positions require recertification has been extended an additional 12-months.

Initial qualification training must be in person. This requirement will not be waived. Employees will adhere to strict sanitation and protective measures while participating in these in-person training courses or shall delay such events until the COVID-19 pandemic has been mitigated. Partial refresher training may be obtained through online or other review courses, even if the in-person segment is not performed.

As the Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (DASHO), this decision intends to mitigate potentially hazardous exposure as you support our mission and serve the public. Thank you for your continued diligence in managing risks as we work through this challenging period. If you have any questions, please contact [Douglas Parrish](#), Director of Safety and Occupational Health, at (703) 254-9238.

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Signed by: Department of Agriculture

