

2025 DNRC Wildland Fire Training Academy

Academy General and Registration Information

The **2025 DNRC Wildland Fire Training Academy** will be held **May 28 - June 6, 2025** at the **UM Campus in Dillon, MT**. All courses are **FREE** and open to local government firefighters, DNRC staff, other state agency staff with fire-related interests, and DNRC and federal seasonal firefighters.

Registration Requirements

The following information is needed to register for all courses:

- **Full Name** (First, Last, MI)
- **Date of Birth**
- **Email** (checked regularly)
- **Primary Phone Number**
- **Fire Department/Agency**
- **Agency Contact/Training officer/FD Contact** (include email and phone number)

If you have not reached out to your local land office, please fill out attached [Registration Form](#). Selection letters will be sent out to individuals who have been accepted into a class or training track.

Logistical Details

- **Location:** All courses will be held at the **UM Western Campus in Dillon, MT**.
- **Lodging and meals:** Provided on-site after registration.
- **Travel:** Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from the academy.
- **Class Schedule:** Standard course hours are **0800-1700**. Exact times will be communicated by lead instructors. Start and end times will be communicated through specific course lead instructors.
- **Additional Information:** Further logistical details will be shared as the start date approaches.

For additional information visit the [DNRC Training Calendar](#).

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DNRC AREA/LAND OFFICES MAP

Use the following map to locate your corresponding land office and contact the training officer listed above for your area.

