

Air Operations Endorsement Analysis Recommendations

Analysis Workshop Date: The workshop to analyze the four current Air Operations positions was held on April 12, 2022.

Attendance: Steve Griffin (NIMSIC Chair), Ken Kehmna (NIMSIC Vice-Chair), Joe Sean Kennedy (NIMSIC), Shawn Burt (NIMSIC), Shawn Nagle (NIMSIC), Jason Nava (SME), Brian Sexton (SME), Deb Fleming (NWCG Coordinator-NIMSIC)

End State: Using the data gathered during Step 1 of the Analysis Process, analyze data (Step 2) to determine if endorsements are warranted for the AOBD, ASGS, and ATGS NWCG positions.

Air Operations Branch Director

(The following data was gathered for the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
ICS-400, Advanced ICS	
S-470, Air Operations Branch Director	
	AHJ-approved Introduction to Air Operations course
	AHJ-approved Air Support Group Supervisor Course
Required at subordinate level	IS-100, Intro to ICS
Required at subordinate level	IS-200, Basic ICS
Required at subordinate level	ICS-300, Intermediate ICS
Required at subordinate level	ICS-400, Advanced ICS
Required at subordinate level	IS-700, NIMS, an Introduction
Required at subordinate level	IS-800, National Response Framework, an Introduction
	E/G/L 0191, Emergency Operations Center/ICS Interface

Experience

NWCG	NQS
ASGS is a prerequisite	Experience in an air operations support position

NWCG Task Book Elements

There are no W or RX tasks in NWCG AOBD PTB

Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
None	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a AOBD (or other position that maintains currency) every 3 years	Functioning in this position or a higher position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 3 years

AOBD Endorsement Recommendation – No

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is an inherently wildland fire position and has no endorsement. All-hazards Air Operations Branch Director need to meet the wildland fire position qualification requirements. Rationale for not endorsing is based on prerequisite experience (e.g., strategic operations, complex air space coordination, complex frequency management, planning strategy and tactics for retardant operations, managing risk).

Air Support Group Supervisor

(The following data was gathered for the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher	
	AHJ-approved Introduction to Air Operations course
	AHJ-approved Air Support Group Supervisor Course
Required at subordinate level	IS-100, Intro to ICS
Required at subordinate level	IS-200, Basic ICS
Required at subordinate level	ICS-300, Intermediate ICS
Required at subordinate level	ICS-400, Advanced ICS
Required at subordinate level	IS-700, NIMS, an Introduction
Required at subordinate level	IS-800, National Response Framework, an Introduction
	E/G/L 0191, Emergency Operations Center/ICS Interface

Experience

NWCG	NQS
HEBM is a prerequisite	Experience in an air operations position

NWCG Task Book Elements

There is 1 W task in NWCG ASGS PTB (#21)
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Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
None	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a ASGS every 3 years (or other position that maintains currency)	Functioning in this position or a higher position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 3 years

ASGS Endorsement Recommendation – Yes

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion and certification of the NWCG Air Support Group Supervisor (ASGS) Position Task Book, PMS 311-19, on wildland fire incident
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Position requires knowledge of helibase/fixed-wing operations in wildland fire, serving them in logistic and operational capacity

Air Tactical Group Supervisor

(The following data was gathered for the analysis)

Training

NWCG (1/2022)	NQS (6/2021)
RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher	
CRM, Agency Approved Crew Resource Management Training	
S-378, Aerial Supervision	
RT-378, Air Tactical Group Supervision Refresher (Triennial)	
	AHJ-approved Introduction to Air Operations course
Required at subordinate level	IS-100, Intro to ICS
Required at subordinate level	IS-200, Basic ICS
Required at subordinate level	ICS-300, Intermediate ICS
Required at subordinate level	ICS-400, Advanced ICS
Required at subordinate level	IS-700, NIMS, an Introduction
Required at subordinate level	IS-800, National Response Framework, an Introduction
	E/G/L 0191, Emergency Operations Center/ICS Interface

Experience

NWCG	NQS
DIVS or ICT3 is a prerequisite	Experience in an air operations position

NWCG Task Book Elements

There are 55 W tasks in NWCG ATGS PTB (#24-40, 42-44, 46, 51-52, 77-84, 86-87, 93-94, 98-105, 107-118); 3 W/RX tasks (#68, 71, 73); and 5 R tasks (#54, 55, 56, 91, 97)

Fitness Level

NWCG	NQS
None	Light

Currency

NWCG	NQS
Assignment as a ASGS every 3 years (or other position that maintains currency)	Functioning in this position or a higher position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every 3 years

ATGS Endorsement Recommendation – No

Additional NWCG Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Rationale/Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an inherently wildland fire position and has no endorsement. All-hazards Air Tactical Group Supervisor need to meet the wildland fire position qualification requirements. • Rationale for not endorsing is based on prerequisite experience (e.g., complex airspace coordination with incident aircraft, DIVS prerequisite qualification).

Summary:

The analysis team determined that:

- AOBD – This is an inherently wildland fire position and has no endorsement. All-hazards Air Operations Branch Director need to meet the wildland fire position qualification requirements. Rationale for not endorsing is based on prerequisite experience (e.g., strategic operations, complex air space coordination, complex frequency management, planning strategy and tactics for retardant operations, managing risk).
- ASGS – endorsement recommended. Successful completion and certification of the NWCG Air Support Group Supervisor (ASGS) Position Task Book, PMS 311-19, on wildland fire incident.
- ATGS – This is an inherently wildland fire position and has no endorsement. All-hazards Air Tactical Group Supervisor need to meet the wildland fire position qualification requirements. Rationale for not endorsing is based on prerequisite experience (e.g., complex airspace coordination with incident aircraft, DIVS prerequisite qualification).

Approval:

This recommendation was approved by:

- National Interagency Aviation Committee on April 25, 2022
- NIMS Integration Committee on May 11, 2022
- Incident and Position Standards Committee on May 11, 2022
- NWCG Executive Board on May 18, 2022