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Aerial Supervision Transition Checklist

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FREQUENCIES - Confirm all assigned frequencies.

Can be completed prior to arrival

AIRCRAFT - Stack, Air Tankers, Helicopters, Scoopers, UAS, Tanker bases, Helibases, Helispots, Dip Sites, Checkpoints, Routes, IP

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GROUND - Geographical description of fire – Clockwise from a known location. Fire Anatomy, DIVS/Branch Ground Contacts, Engines, Crews, Roads

Should be completed on scene

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES - Chain of Command, Objectives, Priorities, **Tasks**- Direct/Indirect Point protection, Aerial Ignition, Firing, **Upcoming Missions**-Recons, Repeater Mission

Should be completed on scene

HAZARDS

Should be completed on scene

QUESTIONS – Open up for incoming ATGS questions.

AERIAL SUPERVISION RELIEF TIMES – Local time will be used, and time is estimated time of arrival (ETA) over the fire. E.G. *“I would like to order relief Air Attack over the Beaver fire at 1600 MST”*

POSITIVE HANDOFF – Incoming ATGS assumes fire name air attack and takes all fire frequencies; outbound ATGS goes back to tail number air attack and communicates transition complete and relief order to dispatch.