



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

NIAC-Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommittee

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Date: 28 July 2022
To: John Buehler, Chair, National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC)
From: Walter Bunt, Chair NIAC-Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommittee
Subject: Aerial Supervision Procedures and Protocols to the Annual Wildland Fire Safety Refresher, RT-130.

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Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide recommendation to create a WFSTAR informative video about the aerial supervision mission as it relates to incident tactics and strategies.

Background: This effort will be an anchor point to addressing a recognized knowledge gap between ground base and aerial firefighters. Lack of mission knowledge and capabilities can affect safe and efficient operations.

Recommendation: Utilize the Aerial Supervision Working Groups, (Lead Plane Pilot-LPIL, Air Tactical Supervisor-AITS, Air Tactical Group Supervisor-ATGS, and Helicopter Coordinator-HLCO) as subject matter experts (SME) to provide detailed knowledge to the WFSTAR group assisting in the creation of an informative video. ATGS will lead the discussion highlighting the coordination with Air and ground Fire Operations. Common topics between Aerial Supervision disciplines and flow of video are recommended to be the following:

- ATGS holistic discussion of the Fire Traffic Area (FTA) and subsequent responsibilities and priorities.
- Flow through each discipline (LPIL, AITS, ATGS and HLCO) highlighting:
 - Mission priority
 - Capability
 - Needs from the ground, *example: line clearance and safety concerns.*
 - Time on station and transition
- ATGS narration bringing all FTA elements and operators coordinating in harmony.

NIAC Decision

Approved:

Denied:

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Reference: NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision, PMS 505, Chapter 3, Table 1.

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