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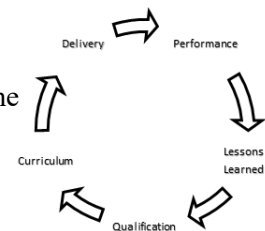
SUBJECT: **Approval to Create IFUAS Qualification and Curriculum Board**

Background

The Interagency Fire Unmanned Aircraft Systems Subcommittee provides national leadership to develop and disseminate guidance on the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in wildland fire management (incident) operations. To date, the leadership and implementation of interagency UAS training has been led by the BLM. As UAS programs have become more prolific across the interagency spectrum, the need to recognize and share the strategic, philosophical, and educational guidance has become clear. As UAS capacity and pilot demand continue to increase, the need for a sanctioned 'Board' to demonstrate transparent and collaborative leadership for UAS training and workforce development is recommended. By NWCG definition, a Board; *"A long-standing body of subject matter experts organized to establish performance criteria, evaluation processes, business requirements, and operational standards in specific NWCG business areas (e.g., airtankers, incident reporting, position naming)."*

Mission

- Standards – Performance – Experiential Learning. One program, one standard.
- Training and education are a process towards preparation and absolute performance, therefore, the philosophy and strategy of qualification – curriculum – delivery become the algebraic equation for successful performance.
- $Q + C + D = P$.



Duties

- Provide strategic guidance and direction on UAS training and workforce development related to performance criteria, evaluation processes, delivery methods, business requirements, processes, and operational standards.
- Establish and provide leadership to position steering committees.
- Collects seasonal updates.
 - Update qualification and curriculum
 - Facilitates seasonal AARs
 - Prepares content for refreshers.
 - Provides recommendations/edits to PMS-515
 - Other duties tasked by IFUAS
- Distribute influence, decisions, and recommendations to IFUAS for implementation.
- Reports to IFUAS

Membership

- Diverse representation of philosophy, expertise, experience, and strategic relevance.
- 7-9 Members
 - CHAIR
 - UASP Steering Committee Chair
 - UASL Steering Committee Chair
 - UASM Steering Committee Chair
 - UASD Steering Committee Chair
 - Aerial Delivery Committee Chair
 - NWCG Representative
 - Other

Supervision

- Oversees Position Steering Committees
 - UASM, UASL, UASP, UASD, Aerial at a minimum

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