



## Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee

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**Date:** February 10, 2020  
**To:** Chair, National Interagency Aviation Committee  
**From:** Chair, Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee  
**Subject:** PSD Machines in Cache

### **BACKGROUND:**

Some Federal Interagency Cache systems have historically carried PSD machines as an order source for Agency and/or Interagency ignition operations. These machines have traditionally been difficult for the cache systems to refurbish due to lack of training and knowledge. These machines are often times returned with parts missing and/or in poor working condition. The cache system lacks the personnel with knowledge or experience to maintain the machines to a desired standard.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The IHOPS Subcommittee is recommending and seeking NIAC approval to remove the PSD machines out of the cache system, except within the Alaska cache system. All current PSD machines in the cache within the lower 48 will be offered to the Alaska cache. All PSD machines not transferred to the Alaska cache system will be disposed through the Excess Property Program.

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