



National Wildfire Coordinating Group

## Incident and Position Standards Committee

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**Date:** 10 January 2023  
**To:** Nicholas Strohmeyer, Chair, Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee  
**From:** Marlene Eno-Hendren, Chair, Incident and Position Standards Committee  
**Subject:** Decline of Request for Change to Update S-271, Helicopter Crewmember Course Content and Creation of a Helicopter External Cargo Load Training

**Purpose:** This memorandum declines the Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee (IHOPS) request for change (RFC) 2022-06 to update S-271, Helicopter Crewmember course content to include a required live helicopter external load exercise, and creation of a helicopter external cargo load training for wildland fire.

**Action:** The IPSC recommends that the IHOPS work directly with the NWCG Training Program staff to update S-271 course content to include an external load exercise. While IPSC also declines the RFC for creation of a helicopter external cargo load training for wildland fire, IPSC supports IHOPS working with the NWCG Training Development staff to explore design criteria or set curriculum for the training. Once the training is developed, the IHOPS will coordinate with IPSC to determine which position(s) will be affected by the training requirement.

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