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NCSC MEMORANDUM # 19-01

To: Steve Shaw, NWCG Operations and Training Committee

**From: Kathy Pipkin, National Coordination System Committee (NCSC)
NCSC Members**

Date: March 21, 2019

Re: Review of the Aircraft Dispatch Task book

Purpose: Review of the Aircraft Dispatcher (ACDP) task book, and realign tasks to today and future environment.

Background: The last version of the ACDP task book was issued June, 2009. The coordination system has made changes that effect the fundamental process of where a trainee can gain certain experiences. Specifically Task 21. "Determine appropriate aircraft for a specific flight", which currently is required performance on a "Wildfire Incident" (W).

Issue/Action Requested:

1. In many geographic area (GACC) the duties identified in task 21 have shifted from the local centers to the GACC or the National Coordination Center (NICC) for wildfire incidents. Making the experience difficult to achieve on a "Wildfire Incident".
2. The requirement for qualified and skilled aircraft dispatchers is increasing with the policies being implemented by several federal agencies.
3. Many offices perform these tasks for non-emergency, non-ICS purposes (Wild horse and Burro programs, radio repeater missions, biological surveys, etc.) that would meet the intent of the knowledge gained to be considered successful at these duties.
4. Recommendation: Have Task 21 in the ACDP task book changed to an "O".

All responses should be sent to Kathy Pipkin by April 30, 2019.

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