



National Wildfire Coordinating Group National Interagency Aviation Committee

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To: Chariman, Interagency Cooperator Aircraft and Pilot Standards Subcommittee
From: Joel Kerley, Chair, National Interagency Aviation Committee *[Signature]*
Subject: Tasking – Review and update the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Cooperator Aviation Standards for Interagency Fire

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to provide the Interagency Cooperator Aircraft and Pilot Standards Subcommittee (ICAPSS) with the direction needed to review and update the *NASF Cooperator Aviation Standards for Interagency Fire*.

Background: In 2010, NIAC was tasked with reviewing and providing input to the *NASF Cooperator Aviation Standards* in preparation for federal acceptance as policy. Full collaboration and consensus was reached and the revised standards were implemented as federal policy in the summer of 2010. The document provides a national baseline standard that is used when state aviation assets and personnel are being considered for approval and use within the Interagency Fire Program. It also serves as the basis for interagency cooperative fire agreements and technical aviation inspections.

Issue/Action Requested: Update the *2010 NASF Cooperator Aviation Standards for Interagency Fire* for issuance as a NWCG Standards publication.

The standards must recognize the differences between agency owned and operated aircraft and those that are contracted for with commercial operators. It will also recognize the unique requirements and capabilities of Federal Excess Personal Property Aircraft, both certificated and non-certificated.

Equipment requirements should be relevant to missions for which approval is sought and allow an aircraft to be approved for a single mission.

The revised Standards document must stand on its own, be explicit, and avoid references such as “equivalent to X” when X is another policy, standard or document beyond the purview of NWCG.

The standards will be developed in the following phases;

- Phase 1: Type 2 and Type 3 helicopters
- Phase 2: Single Engine Airtankers
- Phase 3: Type 1 helicopters
- Phase 4: Other types (to be determined)

The members are expected to fully represent their constituents and fully vet all revisions prior to presenting the document to NIAC for formal approval as an NWCG standard.

If an impasse is reached on any issue(s) during the revision process, the working group is instructed to elevate that/those issue(s) to the Chair of NIAC immediately.

Timeline: A meeting with the new members of ICAPSS will be convened within 30 days to begin work on this tasking.

The Chair of ICAPSS will provide an update to NIAC on the work of the group by 31 July 2020

Final draft covering phases 1 and 2 submitted for approval to NWCG by 30 November 2020.

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