



National Wildfire Coordinating Group
National Interagency Aviation Committee

NIAC-21-06

Date: 4 June 2021
To: Walter Bunt, Interim Chair, Interagency Aerial Supervision Committee
From: John Buhler, Chair, National Interagency Aviation Committee
Subject: Approval of Scooper Group Operating Procedures

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to the Interagency Aerial Supervision Committee (IASS) with the approval of adding the Scooper Group Operating Procedures to the appendix of the Aerial Supervision Guide, PMS 505 as set forth in the tasking memo in NIAC 20-10, posted here: <https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/committee-correspondence/niac-m-20-10.pdf>

Background: In December of 2020, NIAC provided direction and tasked the members of the Scooper Aircraft Operational Procedures Task Team with developing Fire Boss scooper aircraft operational procedures for issuance as a section to the *NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision, PMS 505*. The final product was presented to NIAC in the Spring of 2021, and after interagency discussion and deliberation, slight modifications were made to the document to allow approval. The group will reconvene in September of 2021 to further evaluate and develop the standards.

Approval: After discussion at the May 2021 NIAC meeting, the Scooper Group Operating Procedures have been approved to be added to *NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision, PMS 505* providing the group reconvene in September to make any necessary changes or updates to the approved standards.

NIAC members approved this via telecommunication at the May 2021 NIAC meeting.

Coordination: This document was coordinated with the Scooper Aircraft Operational Procedures Task Team and its members as listed in NIAC 20-10.

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Attachment: Water Scooping Aircraft Operations