

Airtanker Base Operations Unit Meeting Notes

Date and Time

March 5, 2025

Time: 1100-1200 PST

ABOU

Cadre (Agency/Name):	<small>Check</small>	Cadre (Agency/Name)	<small>Check</small>	Cadre (Agency/Name)	<small>check</small>
BLM – Angie Forbes	X	USFS – Jared Bohrman	X	USFS- Justin Bohannon	X
BLM- Melissa Fry		NASF – Josh Agustin	X	USFS- Cindy Matthews	
USFS – Annie Johnson	X				

Associate Members (AM), Working Group Chairs (WGC), NWCG Representative

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USFS – Leslie Casavan (AM)	X	BLM – Kristina Curtis (AM)		NWCG – David Schultz	
BLM – Jake Lloyd (WGC)	X	USFS- James Snell (WGC)	X	BLM – Mary Loan (WGC)	
BLM – Courtney Christensen (WGC)	X	USFS – Kelly Mathis (WGC)			

AAR with the field was **scheduled** (3/24/2025 0900) and presenters **confirmed**.

Agustin- Making headway to gain access to CAL FIRE C-130 and S2 loading documents.

Matthews- **Completed** upload of ABOU PP and FAQs

ALL- (**Completed**)The ABOU is working on updating the Q&A on the IABS website with new questions. The questions have been finalized and will be sent to NWCG for consideration of publication.

Bohannon- April 30th will be last day of chair. 5/1 Cindy Matthews will assume chair.

Bohannon- no funds available yet for a presenter at the 2026 ATBM Workshop.

ALL- No issues with Pinyon Box folder movement.

IPTM of ATBM and FWBM in-person completed last week. Discussion of ATBM absorbing other positions? (SEMG, FWBM, MABM?).

▪ **NWCG Airtanker Base Application Working Group**

- The Airtanker Base Application Working Group has been working on updates to the NWCG Airtanker Base Directory.
- The Working Group has identified people who will primarily focus on FLIGHT.
- FLIGHT is undergoing some changes and will become even more user-friendly in the coming months. The new interface was shown to the ABOU during the in-person meeting.
- **Calls resuming this Friday 3/7/25 for the Directory.**

- **Standards for Airtanker Base Operations Working Group (SABOWG)**
 - SABO has been submitted to NWCG for publication.
- **Airtanker Base Training and Qualifications Working Group (ABTQWG)**
 - The Working Group has been working on a Fixed Wing Parking Tender course; however it has been paused. **FWPT recommendations will need to be briefed to NIAC and evaluated for agency support. Once we know that, then we can understand our path forward for the position. Until then we are still in a holding pattern. Next steps include ABOU briefing NIAC on the proposal for FWPT.**
 - The National Airtanker Base/ SEAT Manager Workshop is still available on-demand in the Wildland Fire Learning Portal.
 - 2026 ATBM Workshop efforts have begun.
- **Airtanker Base Operational Risk Management Working Group (ABORMWG)**
 - The Working Group is working on a variety of checklists for airtanker bases to use as a part of SMS.
 - The Working Group will be working on 6MFS suggestions.
 - The daily GAR will be updated with the goal of completion in early 2025.
- **SEAT Working Group (SEATWG)**
 - The Working Group is also working on updates to the SEAT Manager class. Although the actual class is not scheduled to be re-done, the group is ensuring that the material that is covered is relevant to changes that have occurred since the class was created. **Process of being uploaded.**
- **ABOU Working Group Recruitment**
 - Any volunteers for any of the Working Groups should be submitted to your agency ABOU representative.