

Airtanker Base Operations Unit Meeting Notes

Date and Time

April 2, 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	
BLM- Melissa Fry	X	NASF – Josh Agustin	X	USFS- Cindy Matthews	X
USFS – Annie Johnson	X				

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

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

The ABOU has updated the Q&A on the ABOU website with new questions.

The 2025 NWCG Standards for Airtanker Base Operations has been published and is available on the NWCG website.

- **NWCG Airtanker Base Application Working Group**
 - The Airtanker Base Application Working Group has been working on updates to the NWCG Airtanker Base Directory.
 - Any updates to the directory should be sent in.
 - The Working Group is in the process of adding a layer of the airtanker bases that can be used with ForeFlight.
 - 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.
- **Standards for Airtanker Base Operations Working Group (SABOWG)**
 - The SABO has been updated to reflect many of the suggested changes, and new information since the last 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. More information should be coming soon on when it will resume.
 - The National Airtanker Base/ SEAT Manager Workshop is still available on-demand in the Wildland Fire Learning Portal.
 - The National Airtanker Base Manager and SEAT Manager Workshop is scheduled the week of February 17th at NAFRI in Tucson, Arizona.
- **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 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.
- **ABOU Working Group Recruitment**
 - Any volunteers for any of the Working Groups should be submitted to your agency ABOU representative.