

**Airtanker Base Operations Unit  
Meeting Notes**

Date and Time

**May 7, 2025**

**Time: 1100-1200 PST**

**ABOU**

<b>Cadre (Agency/Name):</b>	<small>Check</small>	<b>Cadre (Agency/Name)</b>	<small>Check</small>	<b>Cadre (Agency/Name)</b>	<small>check</small>
BLM – Angie Forbes	X	USFS – Jared Bohrman	X	USFS- Vacant	
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	X
BLM – Jake Lloyd (WGC)	X	USFS- James Snell (WGC)	X	BLM – Mary Loan (WGC)	
BLM – Courtney Christensen (WGC)	X	USFS – Kelly Mathis (WGC)	X		

Justin Bohannon has stepped down as the Chair of the ABOU and Cindy Matthews is the new Chair as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. A new Forest Service member will be added to the ABOU.

- **NWCG Airtanker Base Application Working Group**
  - Any updates to the directory should be sent in.
  - The Working Group has completed adding a layer of the airtanker bases that can be used with ForeFlight. Contact Leslie Casavan or Justin Bohannon for access.
  - There will be an update to FLIGHT which will be released in the near future.
- **Standards for Airtanker Base Operations Working Group (SABOWG)**
  - The SABO is updated and available on the NWCG website.
  - Continue to send in any updates & edits directly to Kelly Mathis ([kelly.mathis@usda.gov](mailto:kelly.mathis@usda.gov))
- **Airtanker Base Training and Qualifications Working Group (ABTQWG)**
  - The National Airtanker Base Manager and SEAT Manager Workshop is scheduled the week of February 17<sup>th</sup> at NAFRI in Tucson, Arizona.
- **Airtanker Base Operational Risk Management Working Group (ABORMWG)**
  - 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)**
  - There is a SEAT Manager Class scheduled in Boise June 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **ABOU Working Group Recruitment**
  - Any volunteers for any of the Working Groups should be submitted to your agency ABOU representative.