

**Airtanker Base Operations Unit (ABOU)**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**March 18, 2026**  
**Time: 1300-1400 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- James Snell	X
BLM- Melissa Fry	X	NASF – Josh Agustin	X	USFS- Cindy Matthews	X
USFS – Annie Johnson					

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

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USFS – Leslie Casavan (AM)		BLM –		NWCG – Sarah Lee	X
BLM – Jake Lloyd (WGC)	X	USFS – Justin Hroch (WGC)		BLM – Mary Loan (WGC)	
BLM – Courtney Christensen (WGC)					

- The most significant update was that SABO received approval from NIAC.
- The group confirmed that names had been submitted for the aircraft timekeeper SME list. Melissa agreed to serve as the lead SME and as the primary liaison between that effort and the broader committee structure.

- **NWCG Airtanker Base Application Working Group**
  - Tasking - Identify communication applications that are approved for inter-agency use.
- **Standards for Airtanker Base Operations Working Group (SABOWG)**
  - SABO approved and awaiting publication.
- **Airtanker Base Training and Qualifications Working Group (ABTQWG)**
  - Working to upload videos to the learning portal (awaiting files from NAPRI).
- **Airtanker Base Operational Risk Management Working Group (ABORMWG)**
  - Solidify Jennifer Starmer as the new point of contact and representative for that subcommittee.
  - Schedule risk group meeting soon to begin drafting topics

- **SEAT Working Group (SEATWG)**
  - Melissa gave an update on the IPTM work completed the prior week. The group revised taskbooks and began significant redesign of the course itself.
  
- **ABOU Working Group Recruitment**
  - Any volunteers for any of the Working Groups should be submitted to your agency ABOU representative.