Aviation Management Committee
Monthly Meeting Agenda & Notes
September 3, 2026
1100 Mountain Time
Via TEAMS

	Previous month meeting notes to be approved. - Approved	Running Meeting — Matt Woodwick

AMC Members				***AMC Advisors***	
x	Matt Woodwick, NASF (CHAIR)		Ryan Sundberg, DOW	x	Sarah Lee, NWCG Coordinator
x	Beau Dobberstein, USFS (VICE)	x	Dave Ritchie, NASF	x	Brian Renner, CalFire
	Chris Tipton, USFS (secondary)		Kristin Swoboda, NPS (secondary)		Kevin Merrill USFS Safety
x	Matt Shaddle, BLM (primary)		Ben Berman, IAFC	x	Keith Raley, OAS Safety
		x	Brian Mundie, DOW (secondary)		Walker Craig, OAS
			ITC/USFA	x	Ashlee Nelson, Admin Support
				x	Nicole Oke, NWCG Coordinator

Subcommittees		
X – Woody Kessler – Aviation Training Subcommittee (ATSC)	X Eric Graff — Rotor Wing Subcommittee (RWSC)	X Steve Martin — Aerial Supervision Subcommittee (ASSC)
X – Kimberly Owczarzak — Airspace Subcommittee	X Leslie Casavan — Fixed Wing Subcommittee (FWSC)	X – Robert Dodgen — Unmanned AC Subcommittee (UASC)

	Agenda Items	**Outcome**
_Information __Discussion _Decision _Training	**Topic:** IPTM Briefing MXMS, RTCM, & FWPT – Quinn, Terrell, & Houghton **Intended Outcome:** **Associated Documents(s):**	Project start date 9/14 — MXMS & RTCM, FWPT 10/1. Approx. 6 mon. project for MXMS/RTCM, 12-14 mon. for FWPT. AMC has approved an in-person training session for FWPT. AMC will be asked to designate a steward/POC for these projects. This person will be communication link between committee, NWCG/project lead, & lead SME. 1/21 — 2/1/2027 approx. dates to receive PARR briefing, review IPS & PTB for MXMS/RTCM. MXMS/RTCM final materials certification approx. mid-March to early April 2027. FWPT — PARR briefing & review of IPS & PTB 2/4-3/5/27. Test course 08/27 & final material approx. 12/2027-01/2028. If there are any additional considerations, significant changes, known constraints, or outside materials that should be considered? If so send to Nicole to disperse. WK: First time hearing about this; We do host some of the current training, will there be additional A courses required? NO: If there is someone we can get in touch with to discuss please let us know.
x Information _Discussion	**Topic:** Subcommittee Updates — Chairs **Intended Outcome:**	KO: No airspace updates. SM: ASSC mtg yesterday; reviewed & voted on white paper submitted regarding

__Decision _Training	**Associated Documents(s):**	switching primary air to air to FM. Hoping to have AMC vote on it by next months meeting. Unanimous support on ASSC. PMS505 2027 draft will be submitted at next month's AMC meeting. First year no requests for change, if any changes needed please reach out asap. RD: Working on updated fire replacement letter for UAS replacement parts needed during fire assignments. KR: Few investigations- near mid-air, sliding door come off of an Astar, iwp report coming out from incident a month and a half ago. Also looking into UAS crash. Plenty to cover in the A-200 course this fall. LC: ATIM discussion & reorg EG: HMLR has been pushed to IPSC for the transition & inclusion in 2027 310-1. SL: HMLR — on the second to final step, went through qualification committee, will go to management committee next week, publications final reviewing all documents.
___ Information _Discussion _x_Decision _Training	**Topic:** ATIM Qualification / IPTM – Casavan **Intended Outcome:** **Associated Documents(s):**	Not a whole lot of changes for ATIM through IPTM process. Removed IBS training from other training that supports knowledge/skills. Looking for approval from AMC to move this forward. MW: Call for vote, unanimous approval by AMC. NO: will send IPS, PTB, and website comments for AMC review/knowledge & the approval sheet for signature.
_Information _Discussion __x__Decision _Training	**Topic:** Re-org proposal of FW Sub Committee **Intended Outcome:** Approve Org Chart **Associated Documents(s):** AMC Draft Org PPT	BD: During last AMC mtg. a reorg of FWSC was proposed. LC will replace Cory Noordermeer as FWSC chair. Review of proposed org chart (PPT doc.) MW: Discussion re IAB/SASE/ADTT along with ICAPS are all really in my opinion task teams & only come together when a new system/aircraft/significant changes to cooperator standards/etc. when needed. Do we lump all of them into a FW tasking or leave as is & relabel as task teams & stand up as needed? Each task team would have a chair by agency that can lead that group. Make sure we get the right SMEs to partake in those task teams. MW called org charts to vote: Unanimous support for Option 1, no votes for option 2 or 3. Option one will be approved org. chart for AMC moving forward.
_Information _Discussion _Decision _Training	**Topic:** Aerial Supervision Requirements Language **Intended Outcome:** Inform and consensus on intent. Possible verbiage change. **Associated Documents(s):** PMS 505 & the Redbook	MW: was made aware of an instance where 4-6 fw/rw were working a fire that was blowing up. ATGS had timed out & another was on order but not on scene & it was known that the order would be UTFd. I believe the intent of the language is that we can operate this way for the first operational

		period but it is not the intent to operate this way day after day. SM: The intent of the language is that, the first operational period & then you account for ATGSs timing out & have replacement. MW: Do we need to add additional clarifying verbiage to the 505 & Red Book to ensure this does not continue? BR: Is there a SAFECOM or some documentation that we can validate that this is occurring? Was not aware of this being an issue nationally. MW: Not aware of a SAFECOM being submitted, may just be a one off and a result of the type of year we're having. KR: There are some airspace issues and pilot compliance issues across the board this year DR: Also, running into issue w/ 505 language regarding use of active-duty Natl Guard helicopters & aerial supervision. Conflicting language across 505, Military Use Handbook, Redbook, mob guide, and co-op letters. MW: work with SM/aerial supervision committee for resolution & potential updates/changes depending upon outcome. SM: Please put together a write up for aerial supervision committee to review/discuss during next month's meeting. BR: may just need some education to occur to clarify.
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General Discussion Notes	
DR: Submitted a request for WA DNR to reload federal tankers out of our tanker bases; other than micromotions that need to be certified. How do we get to the point where we could load Qs? LC: the region needs to support & make request to LC to start the process.	
Agency Updates	
WFS primary	• Still heavily supporting suppression; some resources timing out due to contracts/time of year. • Ramping up contract solicitations, continuing to hire core aviation personnel at geographic levels.
WFS secondary	•
FS (Rotor)	• Continuing to collaborate on updating the helicopter pilot standards, thanks to DR/WA DNR for all the time and effort. • Working to right size the fleet to need and release CWN aircraft as able and replace w/ EU.
FS (Fixed wing)	•
IAFC	•
~~**ITC/USFA**~~	•
NASF (East)	• EA receiving spotty precip, MI/WI like MN, dry in areas but minimal starts occurring.

	• FS will release 2 SES Friday and others may be released over weekend leaving one T2 heli. in place. • MN DNR SES in ID will be returning to MN over the weekend. • Supporting natl. efforts with personnel & resources. Also have contracting starting next month as well.
NASF (West)	• Another HIP meeting next month, working on solicitations for multiple aircraft. • Completed safety team visits. • Another 10-year record year with flight time & gallons delivered.
DOW	• No updates
OAS	•
Advisor Updates	
NWCG	• NO: No further updates, will get the ATIM paperwork to AMC for signature. • SL: Here supporting NO with transition this month; NO will take over AMC and other subcommittees now. This will be the last month I will join unless NO needs someone to hop on for her. Thank you for everything!
CalFire	• Hired chief heli pilot; working on filling heli program manager. • Closing out some staffing things, recently qualified ASM pilot. • Finalizing tanker 86 incident where left wingtip impacted a windmill during IA, closing out investigation & report coming out soon. • Supporting MAFFs activation out of Redding & Guard medivac helicopter (should be released today). • Incident activity pretty light, first EU aircraft go off contract on the 1st, will be evaluating releases & extensions.
USFS Safety	• Busy with contract compliance & QA; have completed contract compliance for all MES. This is the first time this has officially occurred and will now be part of the regular rotation. • Safety has identified several national trends and are working on some contracting changes. An information bulletin will also be coming. • SAFECOMS are a little higher than average this year but to be expected with the activity we've had this year.
OAS Safety	•