

IABS Conference Call

Notes

Date and Time

September 6, 2019

Time: 1200 – 1300 MST

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BLM - Kristina Curtis	X	USFS- Leslie Casavan	X	USFS- Justin Bohannon	X
BLM- Robert Dauphin		USFS- Stan Goode	X	USFS- Cindy Matthews	X
MN-DNR - Matt Woodwick	X				

- **NWCG Airtanker Base Directory App**
 - There are daily conference calls with the developers to create the app. Three IABS members participate in each call.
 - The middle of October is the target for the developer to have a deliverable product. It will then need to be integrated into EGP and IRWIN. The app should be ready to use in April.
- **NWCG Airtanker Base Directory Unit**
 - No new updates.
- **Standards for Airtanker Base Operations Unit (SABO)**
 - There is a link on the IABS website to make comments/suggestions/edits, etc.
 - The deadline to provide feedback is September 30th.
 - The IABS along with the SABO Unit will meet in the winter to make updates to the 2020 version.
 - NWCG Standards for SEAT Operations will be combined with the SABO in 2020.
- **Interagency Airtanker Base Training and Qualifications Unit (IATQU)**
 - The FWPT course is now on the training development priority list for NWCG and is scheduled to begin in October.
 - The IABS voted on which 'S' class to work on after the FWPT course is completed. The consensus was Airtanker Base Manager.
 - Effort will be made not to duplicate information between aviation courses.
- **National Airtanker Base Manager Meeting**
 - Discussions on the 2020 meeting will begin next month.
- **Retardant Invoices**
 - The Retardant Contracting Officer is considering requiring all retardant payment documents be emailed rather than faxed. More information should be forthcoming.
- **Return to Contract Availability Process**

- A streamlined way for notifications when an airtanker has a maintenance issue has been discussed but the solution has not been finalized.
- **Airtanker Risk Assessments**
 - A group has been convened to review/update the airtanker risk assessments in the SMS Guide and create new ones for what anything that is not addressed.
 - The goal is to have draft risk assessments by mid-November 2019
 - Mary Loan will head the group and a volunteer to represent the Forest Service is desired.
 - Matt Woodwick will be the IABS liaison.
- **Ramp Movements/ Cancelled Dispatches**
 - With the change in airtanker flight time tracking, there was a discussion on how payment would be made when an airtanker departs for a fire, is cancelled prior to takeoff and taxi time lasts longer than six minutes.
 - This will be posed to the Contracting Officer for direction.