

**Interagency Airtanker & Scooper Operations Subcommittee (IASOS)**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**April 15, 2025**  
**Time: 1230 Mountain Standard Time**

IASOS:

USFS	Leslie Casavan		BLM	Kristina Curtis	X	USFS	Kevin Merrill
USFS	Cindy Matthews	X	NASF	Matthew Woodwick			

Unit Chairs:

USFS	Justin Bohannon	X	Industry	Parker Lucas	X
BLM	Angie Forbes	X	BLM	Trevor Pollock	X

**Airtanker Base Operations Unit (ABOU)**

- The ABOU has updated a FAQ section that is now published on the NWCG website.
- Justin Bohannon will step down as the Chair of the ABOU on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Matthews will become the new Chair. Angie Forbes will remain the Vice Chair.

*Airtanker Base Application Working Group*

- An airtanker base directory layer has been created to be used in ForeFlight. Contact Leslie Casavan or Justin Bohannon for access.
- The NWCG Airtanker Base Directory has been updated as new information is received.

*Airtanker Base Operational Risk Management Working Group*

- The Working Group continues to work on updating the airtanker base risk assessment.

*Airtanker Base Training & Qualification Working Group*

- The Working Group is waiting for direction on the Fixed Wing Parking Tender Course. A memo requesting for the course to continue to be worked on is being considered.
- There is continued planning for the National Airtanker Base Manager/ SEAT Manager Workshop scheduled in 2025 at NAFRI.

*Single Engine Airtanker Working Group*

- The SEAT Working Group has been assisting with the SEAT Manager content and delivery.

#### *Standards for Airtanker Base Operations Working Group*

- The NWCG Standards for Airtanker Base Operations (SABO) has been published and is available on the NWGC website.

#### **Airtanker Operations Unit (AOU)**

- The PMS 514 NWCG Standards for Airtanker Operations has been published and is available on the NWCG website.
- A new link has been added to the AOU webpage where comments can be made.

#### **National Aerial Firefighting Academy Unit (NAFAU)**

- The rotation of the Federal and Industry Chairs will be offset to keep continuity.

#### **Water Scooper Operations Unit**

- PMS 518 NWCG Standards for Water Scooping Operations is published on the NWCG website.
- The new numbering has been in place for a little while and there have not been comments from the field about it.