

Interagency Airtanker & Scooper Operations Subcommittee (IASOS)
Meeting Notes
November 18, 2025
Time: 1230 Mountain Standard Time

IASOS:

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

Unit Chairs:

USFS	Cindy Matthews	X	Industry	Christopher Daniell	X
BLM	Angie Forbes		BLM	Trevor Pollock	

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- Comments for the PMS 514, NWCG Standards for Airtanker Operations, and the PMS 518, NWCG Standards for Water Scooping Operations will be reviewed and considered for incorporation in the 2026 updates.

Airtanker Base Operations Unit (ABOU)

- The USFS Airtanker Program QR Code Menu has been updated to fix an issue with one of the codes. A new version has been disseminated and is also posted on the ABOU website under 'Useful Resources'.
- The SEMG/RAMP positions will be started in the IPTM process, which was pushed back a few months and will begin in the springtime of 2026.
- The Airtanker Base Training and Qualification Working Group has been working on the agenda for the upcoming N9057 Airtanker Base Manager Refresher/ RT-273 SEAT Manager Refresher. It is scheduled in January at NAFRI in Tucson, Arizona.
- The Airtanker Base Standards for Airtanker Base Operation Working Group will be making updates to the 2026 version of the SABO.

Airtanker Operations Unit (AOU)

- No updates.

National Aerial Firefighting Academy Unit (NAFAU)

- NAFA is moving forward as normal in 2026 now that the shutdown is over.

Water Scooper Operations Unit

- No updates.