

Interagency Airtanker & Scooper Operations Subcommittee (IASOS)
Meeting Notes
February 17, 2026
Time: 1230 Mountain Standard Time

IASOS:

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

Unit Chairs:

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

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- The IASOS Chair (Leslie Casavan) will present updates at the annual in-person NIAC meeting in early March.

Airtanker Base Operations Unit (ABOU)

- An updated ForeFlight layer of the Directory has been created and is available for use.
- The Airtanker Program QR Code Menu will be updated to change ‘Micro Motion’ to ‘Mass Flow’. When there are more substantial changes the new version will be sent out.
- The SEMG/RAMP positions have been started in the IPTM process. The in-person SME week will be in Boise this spring.
- The Airtanker Base Training and Qualification Working Group delivered the N9057 Airtanker Base Manager Refresher/ RT-273 SEAT Manager Refresher. It will be available on the Wildland Fire Learning Portal in the coming months.
- The Airtanker Base Standards for Airtanker Base Operation Working Group will be making updates to the 2026 version of the SABO. These were discussed at the annual in-person ABOU meeting. The summary of changes will be submitted to the IASOS once it is completed. The goal is to have it submitted with enough time to be reviewed at the March NIAC meeting.
- The Airtanker Base Applications Unit has a new Chair.

Airtanker Operations Unit (AOU)

- Comments for the PMS 514, NWCG Standards for Airtanker Operations were incorporated, and it has been approved by NIAC. It was sent to the NWCG Coordinator to be sent to NWCG Publications.

National Aerial Firefighting Academy Unit (NAFAU)

- NAFA I, II, and III were successfully completed.

Water Scooper Operations Unit

- Comments for the PMS 518, NWCG Standards for Water Scooping Operations are being incorporated, and the 2026 updates will be sent to NWCG for publication once complete.