

Interagency Airtanker & Scooper Operations Subcommittee (IASOS)
Meeting Notes
January 20, 2026
Time: 1230 Mountain Standard Time

IASOS:

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

Unit Chairs:

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

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- The IASOS Chair (Leslie Casavan) will present updates at the annual in-person NIAC meeting in early March.
- The NIAC will be reorganized later this year to the Aviation Management Committee.

Airtanker Base Operations Unit (ABOU)

- The Airtanker Program QR Code Menu has been updated to add the base review section to the interagency portion. Another QR code was added to include the process to request the Airtanker Base Directory ForeFlight overlay. A new version has been disseminated and will be posted on the ABOU website under ‘Useful Resources’.
- The SEMG/RAMP positions have been started in the IPTM process. A detailed steward briefing will occur on the next ABOU call.
- The Airtanker Base Training and Qualification Working Group delivered the N9057 Airtanker Base Manager Refresher/ RT-273 SEAT Manager Refresher. It took place 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. The goal is to have it completed and sent to NWCG after the in-person meeting in early February.
- The Airtanker Base Applications Unit will have a new Chair.

Airtanker Operations Unit (AOU)

- Comments for the PMS 514, NWCG Standards for Airtanker Operations are being incorporated, and the 2026 updates will be sent to NWCG for publication once complete.

National Aerial Firefighting Academy Unit (NAFAU)

- NAFA 2 is being delivered, and NAFA 1 and 3 were completed earlier in the month.

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.