



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 02, 2022

ATTENDEES:

- Walter Bunt, Chair, USFS
- Joel Kerley, Primary Member, BIA
- Chris Tipton, Primary Member, USFS
- Chris Jurasek, Primary Member, NASF-W
- Dan Carroll, Primary Member, NASF-E
- Maria Valerio, NAFRI, USFS
- Lisa Allen, Guest, BLM
- Skyler Dalton, Guest, NASTA, BLM

COMMENTS

- Review January Notes

AGENDA ITEMS

Topic: NIFC Command Frequencies

Presenter: Walter Bunt

Discussion/Considerations:

- Sent an email to NIFC, no reply or feedback yet

Decision:

- Table until next month, awaiting reply from NIFC
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Topic: FTA/TFR Operations

Presenter: Walter Bunt

Discussion/Considerations:

- Misinformation presented at NAFA
 - Reviewed the proposed changes document
 - Paragraph 1-3, approved
 - Approach procedures
 - Do we add the no com ring?
 - Add verbiage, any time while in the 7 mile ring, including entry and exit
 - Use the same format defining procedures
 - FTA Card
 - Add the airtanker orbit patterns and direction
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- Add labels for:
 - 5nm – FTA inside cylinder
 - 7nm NOCOM ring
 - 12nm initial call
- Backside of the card
 - Recommend rewording
 - Recommendation to add the CalFire dimensions
 - Change the words, “communication tool” to “airspace management tool”
 - Change “ROSS” to “IROC”
 - Leave TFR info on the card
 - Add verbiage: “while in the NOCOM ring aircraft will reduce speed to 150 KIAS”

Decision:

- FS, BLM, BIA, SPFE-W, NASSU all approve of the proposed changes to the document.
 - WB will submit to NIAC for review
 - WB will update and clean up the card and will email to the committee for approval
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Topic: PMS 505 - FTA

Presenter: Lisa Allen/Walter Bunt

Discussion/Considerations:

- Communication Protocols
 - At what point do the initial calls have to be made
 - What is the official “no com” ring
- FTA Boundaries
 - 5nm, 7nm, 12nm
 - CalFire FTA dimensions slide was shown and agreed to use as part of the training material
- Maintaining and maneuvering, entry and exit altitude and air speed while in the FTA
- “Flights” – SEATS/Fire Bosses/Scoopers FTA Boundaries
 - Need clarification on when and at what location can “flights” be established
 - Need clarification on the verbiage on the Fire Bosses
 - “Flights” can be created with SEATS and Fire Bosses, not included with Scoopers
 - Flights will not be created in the FTA
 - Submit a request change form to change the verbiage of no flight formation on the FTA
- PMS 505 SAS
 - Hard to teach to policy when updates are not available in time for MAFA courses

Decision:

- Submit change requests forms for all changes in the PMS 505
 - All change requests due by September 30th, annually
 - NIAC approvals in October
 - Should be ready by January 1 moving forward
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Topic: PMS 505-Change Requests

Presenter: Chris Jurasek/ALL

Discussion/Considerations:

- Lead Plane Evaluation Form
- Lead Plane operations with a Smoke jumper aircraft
- SEATS and FTA
- ASHHE Visual Indicator
- Airspace

Decision:

- Will be added to the change tracker
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Topic: HLCO/ATGS Task book change review

Presenter: Chris Tipton

Discussion/Considerations:

- Review all the proposed changes to the new task book

Decision:

- A few minor recommendations will be sent back to the ATGS/HLCO group
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DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Date: March 02, 2022

Time: 14:00 MST

Location: TEAMS