

NIAC-Interagency Aerial Supervision Sub-Committee
Meeting Agenda
December 6, 2023
via Teams Meeting
1400 Mountain Time



Welcome, Minutes Review, and Roll Call		Maria Valerio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jed Johns, Chair, BLM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Savage, Advisory Member, USFS	Guests: Duane Morris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Jurasek, Vice Chair, NASF-W	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Tipton, Advisory Member, NASSU, USFS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colton Herrera, Primary Member, BIA	<input type="checkbox"/> Skyler Dalton, Advisory Member, NASSU BLM	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Bunt, Primary Member, USFS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Whitesell, Advisory Member, AK State	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dean Krause, Primary Member, NASF-E	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Schultz, NWCG Rep	
<input type="checkbox"/> Andre Mascheroni, Advisory Member, BLM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maria Valerio, USFS	
Agenda Items		Presenter
<input type="checkbox"/> Information <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Training	1-Topic: SAS Update	J. Johns
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Notes:

1. PMS 505 Update
 - The SAS updates are complete
 - NWCG is working on publishing to website
 - Maria ordered 800 for all aviation.
2. Sequencing working group
 - A task group has been put together regarding the sequencing and verbiage for the HLCO and Scoopers
 - Check points, routing, reporting
 - Want to change the verbiage so that it pertains to all aircraft, not specific to helicopters
 - It is an interagency group
 - Dan Hickey - CalFire
 - Ivan Smith - BLM
 - Travis Hart - FS
 - Paul Lenmark – Industry
 - How are we tracking the team and their progress?
 - An email was sent to all parties with intent and deadlines

- SAS change requests will be sent to NASSU to distribute to the working groups
- NASSU to elevate to IASS
- Add task group to the change request spreadsheet

3. Conjoined circuit patterns within the FTA

- Would like to integrate circuits into the training regimen
- Who do he talk to about it? Feels it needs to be addressed.
- Look at the air tanker diagrams, put a proposal together to present to the NASSU and Working Groups
- Submit a SAS change request.
- Recommend adding it to chapter 8

Round Robin /Agency Updates:

Johns (BLM): contract issues, disappointed with the air attack platforms that they received.

Jurasek (NASF-W): the air tanker working group sent out a letter discussing sequencing of aircraft, is that the same task group? No, different group. Jurasek will email the letter to IASS. The issue is that NAFA is creating text regarding sequencing. At the end of December, they will be testing 2 prototype AM radios, the form, fit and function, not P25 compliant.

Herrera (BIA): 2 planes brought on as air attack/intel platform, 1 passed inspection, the other still going through the process.

Krause (NASF-E): I have had no issues brought to my attention that need to be discussed.

Everything in our Eastern Area is quiet and we are starting to prepare for our off season training and simulations. I am in my lay off season but I do work unofficially and answer emails and phone calls and stay up to date on issues as much as possible.

Bunt (FS): still supporting IA in California and the SE. transition with contracting, legacy, CWN and light fixed wing MATOC. The CR still continues to be an issue. Baldwin retiring at the end of the month, Chris Tipton accepted the 120-day detail behind Baldwin.

Whitesell (AK St): working on regenerating internal documents for the state of AK. Working on upgrade of aircraft fleet, mandatory maintenance. Requesting 10 SAS's for AK and email the electronic file as well.

Duane Morris: the state of Alaska has no official structure or national leadership for AK and the states. Want to focus on getting the states together to promote communication. The air attack academy they hosted last spring, there was a need to training the group. The training was equal to or greater than the national standard. They were asked to hosted an academy annually. Tim and Duane decided no. Want to establish a group to identify standards, using feels they don't have enough of a voice to eliminate change. Wants to improve on interagency relationships, no national leadership for the states. Chris Jurasek is the state representative for the west. Option to also go to the national state foresters meeting, communicate with Chris Jurasek.

Savage (FS LP): working on training stuff, RT'S and NASTA

Mascheroni (BLM LP): NR

Tipton/Dalton (NASSU): Branch chief detail, which means he will be the NIAC rep, going to ask Skyler to be the NASSU chair.

David Schultz (NWCG): introduction and working on transition with Carmen. New aviation NWCG rep.

Valerio (FS): NR

January Agenda Topic Notes/BIN Items: