

**NIAC-Interagency Aerial Supervision Sub-Committee**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**August 7, 2024**  
**via Teams Meeting**  
**1400 Mountain Time**



<b>Welcome, Minutes Review, and Roll Call</b>		Maria Valerio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jed Johns, Chair, BLM	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Savage, Advisory Member, USFS	<b>Guests:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Jurasek, Vice Chair, NASF-W	<input type="checkbox"/> Skyler Dalton, Advisory Member, NASSU, BLM	
<input type="checkbox"/> Colton Herrera, Primary Member, BIA	<input type="checkbox"/> Travis Hart, Advisory Member, NASSU, USFS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Bunt, Primary Member, USFS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Whitesell, Advisory Member, AK State	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Brazzeal, Primary Member, USFS		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dean Krause, Primary Member, NASF-E	<input type="checkbox"/> David Schultz, NWCG Rep	
<input type="checkbox"/> Andre Mascheroni, Advisory Member, BLM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maria Valerio, USFS	
<b>Agenda Items</b>		<b>Presenter</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Information <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Training	<b>1-Topic: NIAC Tasking</b> • Standardization of Flight Strip • IASS Representation	<b>J.Johns</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Information <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Training	<b>2-Topic: PMS 505 Change Request</b> • NWCG Airtanker Typing	<b>W. Bunt</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Information <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Training	<b>3-Topic: Airtanker Ops -DRAFT-</b>	
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**Notes:**

1. Flight strip standardization
  - It was forwarded out to the group, did not receive any feedback.
  - The intent is to standardize the flight strip form nationwide.
    - BLM – supports
    - BIA – supports
    - CalFire – waiting on feedback from OR/CO, Neal and Vince. CA is good.
    - FS – pause 1 week, will need some revisions. Will reply via email with feedback.
    - Jjohns – will forward to NIAC once all feedback has been received.
  
2. PMS 505 change request
  - NWCG Aircraft Typing
    - Type 1-4 capacity
    - Change type 1 gal 3000-4999
    - VLAT gal 6000 +

- New make and model between type 1 and VLAT
- Pause 1 week to gather more feedback. Walter will submit a change request and report back via email to Jed.
- Have changes in by the September meeting.
- NASSU and working groups would like more time to gather change requests
  - The WG's have not had regular meetings the last 2 months due to fire season.
  - Planning to reconvene in September.
  - Deadline to submit change requests will be September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 3. Airtanker Ops -*DRAFT*-

- Does not support as written.
- Does not align with verbiage in the SAS, it is just paraphrasing.
- Recommend a link be added for direct reference of the SAS.
- The aircraft separation and sequencing section is outdated and needs to be updated.
- There is some good information but some parts of it are contradictory to the PMS 505
  - BLM, CalFire, FS all agree.
  - Jjohns will reply to Leslie and Kristina

### **Round Robin /Agency Updates:**

**Johns (BLM):** Andre Mascheroni last day with the BLM, retiring. Chris Swisher will be the new BLM rep on IASS and NASSU. BLM is starting to staff 2 ATS/ATGS in platforms whenever they are able for accountability.

**Jurasek (NASF-W):** Rick Haageson is also done being a lead plane pilot. He did not meet 30 missions in 3 years, he chose not to continue or to complete and check ride. The got new radios (4) AEM will be doing testing next week. Met with the FS, Coulson, 10 Tanker and Mist regarding the retardant and corrosion. They are waiting for test results back and had discussion on fortress testing. Good success on night helicopter operations.

**Herrera (BIA):** NR

**Krause (NASF-E):** NR

**Bunt (FS):** he is back from his detail. Bryan Brazzeal did a good job behind him. Albert Linch is coming in as his assistant. Working on challenges with standardization. How does the FS remain a steady partner? Contractually failing at delivering the last 8 years. Should have results in the next 2 weeks working on the rotor wing staff and the interagency entities. Walter would like to propose another working group for technology and aircraft. A WG that's futuring, working with interagency assets (helicopters, smokejumpers etc). what is ideal: platform, radios and what are the deliverables? Requesting to formalize a committee. (Jed, Chris, and Walter will talk offline). FS is also starting to double staff personnel (ATS/ATGS).

**Whitesell (AK St):** rapidly developing a more robust funding level. They have a new pilot hired will be working towards the LPIL in the next few years. They have 1 LPIL in phase 2, have been working with the Washington state DNR. Legislature in term working on trying to get a fix in funding sources for aircraft replacements. Will tie in with Chris Jurasek on radios. And working on recreating more pilot positions.

**Savage (FS LP):**

**Mascheroni (BLM LP):**

**Dalton/Hart (NASSU):**

**David Shultz (NWCG):**

**Valerio (FS):**

### **September Agenda Topic Notes/BIN Items:**

Next meeting September 4<sup>th</sup>.