



MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 6, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Steve Martin, Chair, NASF-W, (Y)
Jed Johns, Vice-Chair, BLM, (N)
Colton Herrera, Primary Member, BIA, (N)
Shaylor Sorensen, Primary Member, USFS, (Y)
Dean Krause, Primary Member, NASF-E, (Y)
Chris Swisher, Advisory Member, BLM, (Y)
Michael Savage, Primary Member, USFS, (N)
Skyler Dalton, Advisory, BLM, (Y)
Travis Hart, Advisory, USFS, (N)
Tim Whitesell, Advisory Member, AK State, (N)
Duane Morris, Advisory Member, AK State, (N)
David Robinson, Advisory Member, NPS, (N)
Min Xue, Advisory Member, NASA, (N)
David Schultz, NWCG, (N)
Maria Valerio, NAFRI Liaison, USFS, (Y)

COMMENTS

- Add Trevor Pollock, BLM to future IASS call meetings.
- Airspace issues reported to IASS from National Airspace Coordinator. There are certain locations having issues with Air Traffic Control not giving priority sequencing to fire aircraft. Anyone else hearing of those issues? Forest Service has heard complaints regarding RDM ATC.

AGENDA ITEMS

Topic: CalFire HLCO Academy Curriculum

Presenter: Steve Martin

Discussion/Considerations:

- CalFire has already been doing the HLCO Academy and will continue to do it with or without interagency buy in. Federal and other state agencies are interested in combining.
- So far 13 HLCO students have gone through NASA, only two have become qualified.
- Students are not fulfilling the requirements to be qualified.
- The objectives need to be rewritten if the course combines to interagency.
- Make the HLCO seats offered at NASA available to ATGS and send HLCO students to HLCO specific course.
- Curriculum needs to be standardized.
- Tasking came from NIAC not CalFire specific.
 - Tasked to evaluate current CalFire HLCO curriculum and make recommendations if a stand alone HLCO academy should be delivered.
 - Does the HLCO working group have the bandwidth to put on a separate HLCO academy?
 - Would the HLCO academy fall under the NASTA umbrella?



National Wildfire Coordinating Group

Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommittee

Decision:

- Recommend giving it to the current HLCO working group to review curriculum and report back during the next IASS call.
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DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Date: September 3, 2025

Time: 14:00 MST

Location: TEAMS