

NIAC-Interagency Aerial Supervision Sub-Committee
Meeting Notes
November 05, 2025
via Teams Meeting
1400 Mountain Time



Welcome, Minutes Review, and Roll Call		Maria Valerio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Martin, Chair, NASF-W	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Robinson, Advisory Member, NPS	Guests:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jed Johns, Vice Chair, BLM	<input type="checkbox"/> Skyler Dalton, Advisory Member, NASSU, BLM	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colton Herrera, Primary Member, BIA	<input type="checkbox"/> Travis Hart, Advisory Member, NASSU, USFS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shaylor Sorensen, Primary Member, USFS	<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Whitesell, Advisory Member, AK State	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dean Krause, Primary Member, NASF-E	<input type="checkbox"/> Duane Morris, Advisory Member, AK State	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Swisher, Advisory Member, BLM	<input type="checkbox"/> Min Xue, Advisory Member, NASA ARC	
<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Savage, Advisory Member, USFS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Schultz, NWCG Rep	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maria Valerio, USFS		
Agenda Items		Presenter
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Notes:

Follow up from previous meeting.

- Steve attended the NIAC meeting, the SAS was submitted and approved as well as the 505m. It has been sent to NWCG for publication.
- The HLCO curriculum has also been approved and the HLCO working group has been tasked with developing the specific curriculum. But the development of the course has been paused with ITPM. David (NWCG will keep the group in the loop as to when we are able to move forward with it.

1. Shaylor Sorenson is now officially the vice-chair of IASS. The NWCG/IASS roster has been updated.
2. Scooper drop heights
 - Steve received multiple emails regarding the scooper drop heights and the possibility of getting that updated in the SAS. What is the feed back from the federal agencies?

- The standardization of drop heights is not the responsibility of the Aerial Supervision group. That needs to be addressed with the industry/Scooper group and the PMS 518. The issue is that level 2 SEATS are being used and not level 1 SEATS. Angie Forbes (BLM) program manager has been notified as well.
- The PMS 505 (SAS) has a typo: “Drop height ranges from 60” to 150 feet, depending on factors such as foam vs. straight water and direction of run (into wind vs downwind)”
- David (NWCG) will make the change in the SAS prior to production. It should read 60 feet, not 60 inches.

Round Robin /Agency Updates:

Martin (NASF-W): been slow, no rain. Closed 4 bases in the north. Southern bases still open. 1 ASM in Hemet will be moving to McClellan. Night HLCO on until November 16th. Unless they get extended again.

Johns (BLM): Selections have been made for the 2026 NASA. BLM gave up 1 spot and FS gave p 4 spots so the state agencies can send 5 students (CO/WA/OR). No HLCO students in 2026.

Herrera (BIA): EU platform off contract in October. Currently no air attacks staffing. OK is looking like will be a busy season. They will have 1-2 air attacks on call. Might be needing some support for November/December.

Krause (NASF-E): NR

Sorensen (FS): a few ATGS still out. They did have an issue where an air attack platform was damaged after hours. A GA aircraft hit a wing and suffered a prop strike. Staying busy with meetings and training. Ditto what Jed said about NASA selections. Will be making the AITS selections on November 10th. FS (5 students), BLM (2 students), CalFire (2 students). LPIL Initial: FS 3, AK 1, CalFire 1.

Robinson (NPS): quiet right now will be monitoring the conditions in the East. The Appalachians are in red flag warnings.

Xue (NASA): NR

Whitesell/Morris (AK St): NR

Savage (FS LP): NR

Swisher (BLM LP): NR

Dalton/Hart (NASSU): NR

David Schultz (NWCG): will make the typo correction in the SAS and it will be ready for print by November 25th.

Valerio (NAFRI): I will not be available for December call but will still manage the agenda.

Agenda Topic Notes/BIN Items:

December 3, 2025