

IATS Meeting Notes

Interagency Aviation Training Subcommittee (IATS)

March 25, 2026, 10:00 Mountain Time

Roll Call

Primary Members

Agency	Attendees	Alternate (Approved)	Present, Excused, or Absent
USFS, Safety	Kevin Merrill	Sarah Culhane	E/E
BIA	Brandon Spencer		P
BLM	Matt Shaddle	Michael O'Brien	E/P
OAS	Mary Loan		A
NPS	Vacant		A
USFS, NATPM, Chair	Tori Leshuk		P
USFS, HOS	Nathan Alexander	Colbey Richmond	E/P
USGS	Dirk Hart	James Foreman	P
FWS	Chris Greeley		P
USFS, FHP	Jeremiah Henry	Scott Sontag	P
BSEE	Andrew Wareham		P
BOEM	Rick Knowles		P
BOR, Vice Chair	Meyer Jay	Dave Rosser	A/P
OSMRE	Lukus Monette	Sarah Culhane	A

Associate Members

Agency	Attendees	Alternate (Approved)	Present, Excused, or Absent
OAS, UAS	Colin Milone	Jay Murgoitio	A
USFS, UAS	Liz Younger	Justin Baxter	P
OAS, OAS TB Chief	Woody Kessler		P
OAS, IAT Webmaster	(Vacant)		
OAS, Notes	(Vacant)		

Guests/SMEs

Agency	Attendees	Alternate (Approved)	Present, Excused, or Absent
NASF, ODF (ATSC)	TJ Ramos		P
NWCG Coordinator	Sarah Lee		P

Agenda Items

Item 1: Approve Past Meeting Notes

Presenter: Leshuk

- Past notes shall be reviewed prior to meeting attendance.
 - *Note language below: 6.2 Primary Member*

Decision: Approved January notes

Item 2: ACE Update

Presenter: Derek

ACE has 227 students enrolled, sold out the hotel for rooms — contact Nis directly.

A306 will be blended with pre-course work and in person, students notified. Testing of this material to free up time and take 4 hours in person. High need for water ditching, classroom portion will have all students, practical will be done in phases.

Registration closes April 1st, working on Keynote section and revamping a year in review presentation with the safety program. Presentation with Chief Fennesey, update on organization, and where the aviation program is headed with Interagency.

Decision: N/A

Item 3: Jan Meeting Follow Up

Presenter: Kessler

- Curriculum Analysis
 - Hybrid Learning Model
- FWFM SU/ Aircrew Demo

Follow up PD conversations for Aircrew member, document provided in meeting chat. Aircrew member has a standard set of questions to follow up on their performance.

Fixed-wing flight manager is done and looks very similar. Recommend adding curriculum development (A306) for understanding procurement methods and contracts. Demo example is coming, will share when it is packaged.

Phased approach for adding any training. Working toward presenting a sound solution to what the group has found. Looking for feedback on the self-evaluation tool.

Decision: N/A

Item 4: RFC 23-06 Implementation Update

Presenter: Kessler

- Date of completion?

A454 add-on course for UAS. It is functioning on the website but not on the forward-facing site. Have a list of aircraft that need to be finalized. Workshops do not fit the make/model and need their own numbers.

Need to work with position naming board for NWCG, possibly. Working with Tori and Liz for make and model questions and workshop. Webmaster is out need to wait for him to be back to flip the switch on the forward-facing side.

Decision: N/A

Item 5: NWCG Re-Org Implementation Plan Impacts

Presenter: Leshuk

- AMC (NIAC) committee new structure
- ATSC Subcommittee structure, members, Role
 - IAT unit (maintain current structure and membership)
 - OPM-26 draft

Continue with current membership of group. NIAC is parent committee. Tori shared new structure of NWCG, NIAC will be AMC. We will be IATU under ATSC. ATSC will be the communication link to AMC.

SOPs will stay as they are. We will have a lot of conversations moving forward.

Brief out on new ATSC structure and membership, it is still being worked on and is in draft.

OPM-26:

Looking for signature this week, it is establishing the protocol for establishing Aviation for WLFS for the summer. All the same rules that have historically been applied will be the same for FY26, no changes for the summer. Working on additional guidance for operations for smoothing of all operations across agencies. OAS will continue in same roll providing the same service to the field.

Decision: N/A

Subgroup Report Outs/Taskings

IAT Guide Crosswalks Review/Update — Pending Curriculum Update

- Still at a pause, committee will look at crosswalk once things have settled.

Decision: N/A

IAT Guide Revision 2027

- Will start identifying workgroup in winter/spring.

Decision: Fall 2026

IATS SOPs 2027

- Will operate on current version of SOPs, keep Tori in the loop for any member changes. Will look at update once NWCG changes take place.

Decision: On hold

Meeting Closeout

Next meeting April 22, 2026