

Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes — February 20th, 2019

Present

Bryan Bitting – BLM
Dan Boyle – Washington State
Matthew Shaddle- OAS
Don Campbell – FS
John Mason- FWS
John Waddell

Topic: Aviation Risk Management Workbook

Discussion

Donnie informed the group that this is being reevaluated by the ground resource folks and may be combined into one document to encompass both ground and air.

Task

- Ton will get with NIAC requesting a formal Task on hold
- Don will seek further information and details from Kent H. before we proceed. On hold

Topic: Fire Extinguisher

Discussion

IHOPs formally responded to IHOG in support of the IHOG language mirror the fire extinguisher carried in the cache system. Only one extinguisher required

Task

Completed.

Flash light

Discussion

Group voted to update the flashlight carried in the helibase Kits. The Cache kits committee reached out to me and asked if we would support going to a head lamp as opposed to the flashlight we recommended. I agreed on behalf of IHOPs. This will prevent adding an additional NFES number to the system.



Task

None

First Aid Kits

Discussion

The Cache kits committee reached out and let me know they were increasing the first aid kits from 10 to 20 person type in the helibase Kits.

Task

None

Topic: 134 Gal sling able bags

Discussion

NIAC agreed with our recommendation to carry 134 gal bags in the cache, but asked what the percentage should be for 134 gal bag versus 72 gal bags

Task

- Don will talk to cache and see how many 72 gal are being requested and help determine the ratio 72 versus 134
- Also need to fill out "new item form"

Topic: Re-Typing Helicopters

Discussion

- Discussed Nov meeting consensus was to take no action at this point.
- Discussed this meeting- exception adopt the USFS definition of Medium Helicopters which places all 214 in medium category.



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Task

Dan will draft Task response back to NIAC

Topic: Next Meeting

Discussion

March 13,14 2019 Boise

Task

- Tan will draft agenda, arrange NIAC appearance, facilitate other appearances by other groupos.
- Matt Follow up with ASETA chair to appear and provide updates
- Bryan invite Gil and Patrick from Aerial Ignition group
- Dan send out doodle poll for April conf call

Miscellaneous

- Nic Strohmeyer is new NPS IHOPs rep
- USFS to continue Down Load testing 2019. Have identified 10 AC do testing
- BLM to continue down load testing
- Wadell- helmet standard revised, version 3 on website- language updated

Next Meeting: March 13&14, 2019