



Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes — Sept 17th, 2019

Present

Dan Boyle – Washington State, Chair
Matt Shaddle- OAS
Bryan Bitting- BLM
Dave Underwood- BIA
Don Campbell- USFS
John Mason- FWS
Bill Sloan- USFS

Topic: Helicopter Re-typing, NIAC task

Discussion

- Briefing Paper for NIAC. Don will add additional info on briefing paper to NIAC, send it to Paul so he can pre-load NIAC. USFS is currently proceeding definition change.

Task

- Dan will send final BP to NIAC when formally Tasked by NIAC
- Don will make edits to BP

Topic: PSD in cache

Discussion

- Don asked group if we felt the need to keep PSD machines as Cache item. Group agrees quality control issue but is not ready to recommend removal. We will discuss options at Feb IHOW meeting.

Task

- Dan- reach out to cache committee to understand impacts of implementing refurb standards.

Topic: A110



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Discussion

- Group discussed recommended changes to the A110 training. Cannon M. is recommending changes. This group is open to changing the instructor guide content as long as the changes are in accordance with existing guides and guidelines.

Task

- Matt will follow up with Cannon and send IHOPs draft recommended changes.

Topic: Sling Dragon

Discussion

- IHOPs agreed to approve Sling Dragon contingent on IHOPs approved operating plan/guide from IAIU.
- Aerial ignition summit wants to task Steber to complete drop testing with current PSD machines, different drop heights and air speeds to set a baseline???
- AIGU task, or IHOPs task AIGU to task Steber
- NTDP has some funding just need to make the tasking official

Task

- Dan will draft response back to IAIU in regards to Sling Dragon

Topic: Proposed changes to NWCG standards

Discussion

- IAIU asked IHOPs to review Aerial Ignition Device Approval Process

Task

- Bryan will follow up on IAI unit final recommendation paper



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Topic: EHE

Discussion

- Does the EHE source list need to be kept? Who is using it? Are folks using it? HOS group is gathering information. EHE was developed as a stop gap prior to USFS having a short-haul program and the NPS sharing their resources.
- All edits, editions, etc. are supposed to go to the regional HOS's to review prior to new vendors are added.
- Need to develop a "standard" on how to approve
- Minimal qualifiers, performance, type (long line, hoist, s-h, etc.) accident rate? Carded aircraft, pilots?
- These aircraft are not on contract, are not carded, anyone can access them by calling 911!

Task

- IHOPs will further discuss at IHOW in Feb.

Topic: IHOW 2020

Discussion

- Feb 2020

Task

- IHOPs members submit recommended agenda items to Dan



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Topic: Next Meeting

Discussion

✈ Oct 22, 2019

Task

✈ Dan will send out doodle poll for Oct meeting

Miscellaneous

- Don- Type1/2 CWN TEB complete 9/13
- Don- EU LFS is still waiting for approval at DC AQM level, taking longer due to \$\$\$\$ \$50,000,000 +
- Don- Coordinator, ASM/LFW, Air tanker PGM extended until the 23 September. Agency only???
- Aerial Ignition training in Ocala, FL. Sept. 24 – 26, (SEI Mark 3, Red Dragon), Raindance PSD machines and Sling Drag
- Bryan- new ACETA on call contract should be out May 2020
- Dave- Type 3 EU contract coming up this winter

Next Meeting: Oct 22nd, 2019

0900 MST
