



Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes — Mar 4th, 2020

Present

Dan Boyle – State, Chair
Bryan Bitting- BLM
Chris Wright- FWS
Nic Strohmeier- NPS

Topic: NIAC Update

Discussion

- Dan- I briefed NIAC that IHOPs was waiting for IAIU new device approval process language before we Task that group with testing new and existing devices, in addition to getting further clarification from NIAC on the tasking.
- Briefed IHOPs regarding NIAC tasking IHOPs to answer NIAC questions regarding re-typing. I felt NIAC should have responded formally to our recommendation so I was awaiting response, did not get one so the NIAC asked me about the questions during NIAC meeting. I Explained IHOPs did not get response. Joel sent me the questions this week so I responded with the answers from Don that were approved by IHOPs prior.
- I sent EHE source list recommendation memo to NIAC.
- I asked for update from NIAC on status of proposed 134 sling-able bags in cache
- Briefed IHOPs on AA community proposal to go to number designator for each AA – (not platform)

Task.

- I will get more specific details or clarification on NIAC task to IHOPs for testing new and existing PSD machines

Topic: IPDs

Discussion

- I sent IHOG unit tasking to work with NWCG on reviewing IPDs. Completion date end of sept 2020



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Topic: Role Call

Discussion

- ➡ I was part of the second conf call with NICC group creating “role call” system, which is a tool for duty officers to status assets within their area.

Topic: Next Meeting

Discussion

- ➡ April 16th, 2020. Conf call

Task

- ➡ Dan will send out doodle poll for May meeting
- ➡ Dan send agenda and conf call information to IHOPs for April call

Miscellaneous

Updates-

- Chris Wright- Working with BLM and FS , we are making our AS350 Helco available
- Nic- Ody Anderson is officially aviation safety for NPS
 - Grand Canyon hosts an academy- will send out application information to IHOPs
- Dan- There is an agency accident review panel scheduled for Mar 18,19 in Boise for the 2018 fire boss accident in Washington.
- Bryan- Type 2 solicitation for Apple Valley and Burns only resulted in 2 proposals. We turned down one due to price. The pricing was same as CWN rate. We are going with type 3 in Burns for 2020.
 - Some Boise helitack folks in AZ getting training with Border patrol so the Black Hawk should have Fast Rope capabilities this fire season.



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Next Meeting: April 16th,

1100 hrs mst
