



Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes — May 13th, 2020

Present

Dan Boyle – State, Chair
Bryan Bitting- BLM
Bill Sloan- USFS
Nic Strohmeyer- NPS
Matt Shaddle- OAS
John Waddell- OAS
Dave Uderwood- BIA
Chris Wright- FWS
Arlyn Miller- OAS Guest

Topic: NIAC Update

Discussion

- Dan- Aviation COVID Task Team- NWCG has adopted the Task Team Standards as interagency so these now include all risk, states and resource management.
- NIAC asked COVID task team if Task Team should address COVID testing for aircrews. COVID task team agreed we should wait to see what agency medical community comes out with first.

Task.

Topic: Sling Dragon

Discussion

- Bill S & Arlyn M. - The HIP community is asking IHOPs to delay approval of the Sling Dragon Ops manual. The HIP community has concerns with some of the language and their lack of understanding of the system which is creating some confusion within. We agreed to have a conference call with some HIPs and some of the IAIU members to work on some language and clear up some confusion in addition to setting up an on hands briefing.

Task.

- Bill S. and Arlyn will provide Dan notes and feedback from HIP community.



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- Dan will reach out to IAIU to discuss setting up a conference call and discuss time frame for an on hands demo and brief.

Topic: EHE Source List

Discussion

- IHOPs discussed and agreed IHOPs would develop the standards for helicopters to be on the source list. The Short Haul unit will maintain the source list. Vendor requests will go to NWCG, then to the Chair of the Short Haul unit for approval to be on the list.

Task.

- Dan will reach out to the Short Haul unit Chair, then draft task for the Short Haul Unit.
- Donnie agreed to take the lead for IHOPs in developing the minimum standards for helicopters to be on the source list.

Topic: Next Meeting

Discussion

- June, 18th, 1000 hrs PST- Conf call

Task

- Dan will send out doodle poll for July meeting
- Dan send agenda and conf call information to IHOPs for June call



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Miscellaneous

Updates-

- Bill- USFS, Surge source of additional CWN aircraft going forward on schedule
Large support EU AC contracts have been sent to the vendors for final review and airworthiness inspections ongoing.
FS AC inspections have been on going and nearly completed.
 - Nic- NPS has gone forward with fire contracts.
Some of our year round crews such as law enforcement have hauled some COVID positive patients and have some lessons learned from these missions
OAS inspectors not traveling so we will not be doing some special use missions
 - Bryan- Kirk Rothwell is working on a COVID GAR. Kirk is also working on compiling all the COVID docs into possible one doc format.
 - John- ALSE guide is going back out for a final review then should be going out to field final soon.
Safecom currently transitioned to cloud base, having just a few minor glitches.
 - Dave- One of our NM module did a risk assessment and has decided they will not perform crew shuttles.
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