



## Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee

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### Meeting Minutes — June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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#### Present

Dan Boyle – State, Chair  
Bryan Bitting- BLM  
Don Campbell- USFS  
Nic Strohmeyer- NPS  
Matt Shaddle- OAS  
Chris Wright- FWS

#### Topic: NIAC Update

##### Discussion

- Dan- Aviation COVID Task Team- NIAC tasked the team with developing additional specific guidelines to mitigate COVID 19 for aircrews, basically more in the weeds details. Nic and I discussed and agreed that we didn't feel necessary at this time and to allow crews to self-mitigate within using the tools and documents available at this time. We agreed adding additional information at this time would add additional confusion, but agreed to re-evaluate as season progresses.

##### Task.

- Dan- create memo to COVID Task Team Chair recommending no action at this time due to adding additional confusion and continue to monitor. Completed

#### Topic: Sling Dragon

##### Discussion

- 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 series of conference calls with Shawn, HIPs and maintenance group. Conf calls are progressing which provides IAIU opportunity to educate HIP group.
- IAIU will be updating guides with recommended changes provided by HIP group.



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- IAIU will be working with HIP group to set up live demonstration sometime this fall

### Task.

- Bill S. and Arlyn will provide Dan notes and feedback from HIP community. Completed
- Dan will reach out to IAIU to discuss setting up a conference call and discuss time frame for an on hands demo and brief. Completed
- Bryan and Chris will represent IHOPs on these conference calls. Chris will replace Bryan as liaison for IAIU starting Jan 2021

### Topic: EHE Source List

#### Discussion

- IHOPs discussed and agreed that the Short Haul Unit would develop and maintain the standards for helicopters to be on 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.
- The short haul unit will provide recommendations to IHOPs post fire season and have a plan in place for 2021 fire season.

### Task.

- Dan will reach out to the Short Haul unit Chair, then draft task for the Short Haul Unit. Completed

### Topic: Aero stat bulletin

#### Discussion

- Aero stat bulletin has been completed and sent to field

