



Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes — Sept 23rd, 2020

Present

Dan Boyle – State, Chair
Bryan Bitting- BLM
Bea Dobindstien- USFS
Nic Strohmeyer- NPS
Matt Shaddle- OAS
Chris Wright- FWS
Bill Sloan- USFS-HIP

Topic: NIAC Update

Discussion

- Nic- Aviation COVID Task Team- Last planned meeting was cancelled due to fire activity across the west. Have heard of no changes to standards or policy from what was sent out prior. We have had little feedback or concerns from field.

Task.

Topic: Sling Dragon

Discussion

- Dan- will reach out to NIAC seeking support in IAIU moving forward with temporary approval to operate the device for testing purposes
- IAIU will be updating guides with recommended changes provided by HIP group.
- IHOPs hesitant to make any recommendations prior to status check with IAIU

Task.

- Dan reach out to NIAC for funding and temporary approval to deviate from approval to test sling dragon
- Bryan- reach out to IAIU to see if they can set up conf call to get status check



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- 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.

- Bea will work with short haul to try and get EHE source list completed by fire season 2021

Topic: Type 4 IC - HMGB

Discussion

- Why was HMGB not included in this listing of single resource boss for type 4 IC ?
- IHOPs agreed to not change but do more research as to why this was not included and then revisit at latter date

Task

- Bryan- research rational for not including originally
- IHOPs revisit at later date



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Topic: Next Meeting

Discussion

- Tentative - Oct 29th, 1000 hrs PDT - Conf call

Task

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

Miscellaneous

Updates-

- Bea- USFS, - working towards virtual manager workshop trainings for next year. ASAT in region 5 went well. Finding reports of less camp crud. Seeing increases in request for 2-1.
Extending some AC contracts to oct 15th and day to day
Working on next gen type three contracts
- Nic- NPS- Extending some crews day to day as fire and short haul modules. Cards that were extended by OAS through this summer due to COVID impacts are expiring so we are working through that.
There have been some issues or potential issues with short haul and rappel being allowed on other jurisdictions. Bea and Nic will discuss off line.
- Bryan- Rapid refuel being added to type 1 & 2 contracts, language will be similar to USFS language.
Have extended all helicopters until oct 31st day to day except MT crews due to weather.
- Matt- OAS- Helmet have been extended to Jan 1st 2021
Moving forward with training sites and locations for 2021 training.
- Chris- FWS – we have a 120 day contract out for burning in Dec 2020.



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