



Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes — Oct 29th, 2020

Present

Dan Boyle – State, Chair
Bryan Bitting- BLM
Bea Dobindstien- USFS
Nic Strohmeyer- NPS
Matt Shaddle- OAS
Chris Wright- FWS
Erin Burkhammer- Guest – NWCG Training

Topic: NIAC Update

Discussion

- Nic- Aviation COVID Task Team- No new information

Task.

Topic: Sling Dragon

Discussion

- The IAIU will seek interim approval for the Sling Dragon to include Firing/Burn boss on board the AC. The HIP community agreed the Sling Dragon operation is not a pilot only mission at this time. IAIU will be updating guides with recommended changes provided by HIP and IHOPs groups. The IAIU will provide IHOPs a risk assessment prior to or upon request of the interim approval.

Task.

- Dan reach out to NIAC for temporary approval for sling dragon once IHOPs reviews IAIU request and risk assessment
- Dan will reach out to NIAC to secure funding for future testing of ignition devices



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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

Task.

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

Topic: S371 and S372 pre-work

Discussion

- Erin B. reached out to IHOPs requesting IHOP input and to review of the S371 and S372 course pre-work. NWCG Training Development Committee is trying to determine course priority and how to offer courses virtually during COVID for fire season 2021.

Task

- Nic, Matt- will work with Erin to evaluate and modify A courses and pre-work test questions
- IHOPs revisit at later date

Topic: Next Meeting

Discussion

- Dec 8th, 1000 hrs PST - Conf call



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Task

- ✈ Dan will send out doodle poll for Jan meeting
- ✈ Dan send agenda and conf call information to IHOPs for Dec call
- ✈ Dan set date for spring IHOW/NIAC meeting – target Feb or March

Miscellaneous

Updates-

- Bea- USFS, - RFI to modify type 2 fleet and possibly type 1 fleet.
My detail is through Nov 21st
- Nic- NPS- Extending MT Rainier as fire
Working on solicitation for Everglades
- Bryan- Working on Type 2 contracts for Twin Falls and Burns
Working on Type 1 contract for Boise
- Matt- OAS- Contract solicitations on going.
Planning in person ACE but planning virtual as backup
Safecom has email glitch working through
- Chris- FWS – we have a 120 day contract out for burning in Dec 2020.