



National Interagency Aviation Committee Meeting Notes

February 14, 2019

NIAC Members: Joel Kerley (BIA), Brad Gibbs (BLM), Rusty Warbis (BLM), Anthony Lascano (FWS), Brian McKee (NASF), John Buehler (NPS), Tim Blake (NWCG), Krysta Shultz (NWCG), Walker Craig (OAS), Keith Raley (OAS), Paul Linse (USFS), Kent Hamilton (USFS). Not present: Neal Laugle (NASF).

Guests: Gil Dustin (Chair, UAS Subcommittee), Nicole Oke (NIAC Training Liaison), Josh Haney (Manager, NWCG Training Program), Jesse Bender (NWCG Publications Manager), Nancie Turner (NWCG Webmaster), Bill Fletcher (National Coordination System Committee), Cory Noordemeer (Interagency Airtanker Board), Brad Koeckeritz (Office of Wildland Fire).

Topic & Notes	Decision
December minutes review and approval <ul style="list-style-type: none">Group discussed status of action items from prior meeting.	Approved
Review of SF-245 Passenger and Cargo Manifest form <ul style="list-style-type: none">USFS policy references the form whereas DOI policy does not.No issue with transitioning to an NWCG form. The most recent version of the modified form will be sent to NWCG publications to format.	Approved the recommendation to create an NWCG form. Joel Kerley will work with Jesse Bender and Bill Fletcher to finalize for review and approval.
Aircraft User Catalog <ul style="list-style-type: none">The online catalog would be an interactive document that would provide information on the most common aircraft used in firefighting by local, state, and federal agencies.A task team will be assembled to develop the new document.	Tim Blake will work with Rusty Warbis to draft the tasking. Names for members will be gathered at the March NIAC meeting.
Aviation –related Incident Position Descriptions (IPDs) <ul style="list-style-type: none">NWCG Training provided status update on aviation incident position descriptions (IPDs) including: UAS, tanker base positions, and positions currently contained in the IHOG. Will follow up with NIAC to solicit feedback for operations IPDs currently under review.	N/A
Update on the development of a training curriculum to support drop safety bullets <ul style="list-style-type: none">Still ironing out the details of the correspondence associated with the training curriculum to support drop safety bullets. Revised goal will be to include in the 2020 revision of the Redbook and the Interagency Response Pocket Guide (IRPG).	Kent Hamilton will work with Keith Raley to revise the memorandum. Will be routed to NIAC members prior to format and release.
Aviation Organization Charts <ul style="list-style-type: none">The group was briefed on the process of evaluating non-aviation specific Incident Position Descriptions (IPDs). There are IPDs that are currently out for review that need to be reviewed from an Aviation perspective.	N/A



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Training Development Program will work with NIAC to review these positions. Nicole Oke to take the lead. 	
<p>Interagency Airtanker Board – Draft 2019 IAB Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of the draft proposal was presented by Cory Noordemeer, Chair, Interagency Airtanker Board. Plan to begin implementation in 2019. Key points include: Clear approval process for participants, increase responsibility in compliance, allow sponsor agencies to make decisions, reduce cost to applicant and conflicts of interest, establish an application standard, and remove confusion and conflicting language for certified aircraft. The IAB will draft a memorandum to bring back to NIAC for concurrence prior to release. 	N/A
<p>Approval of UAS Aerial Ignition Devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently, there is no formal link to get approval for ignition devices used on UAS. A recommendation for an approval process will be brought back to NIAC from the UAS Subcommittee. 	Topic added to March agenda.
<p>UAS Positions and UAS PSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft memo for historical recognition of the four UAS positions that have been added to the <i>Wildland Fire Qualifications Guide</i>, PMS 310-1. UAS personnel have previously performed the position(s) and will show as qualified in IQCS. IQCS managers at the local level will implement the qualification. Draft memo for interim approval of UAS Aerial Ignition Payload. Credentialed (OAS carded) interagency personnel are authorized to utilize the DJI M-600 equipped with the Ignis plastic sphere dispenser (PSD) system for training, fuels management and wildfire management for the duration of calendar year 2019. 	<p>Approved.</p> <p>The memos will be formatted and finalized for signature for release.</p>
<p>Fireboss Operations</p>	Topic postponed until March.
<p>Update on policy regarding ordering Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) – Should it be a NIAC memo?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the fall, there was a non-emergency resource management project on BLM lands that requested a TFR and got approval. As a result of this incident, the BLM has drafted an <i>Instruction Memorandum</i> that clarifies policy regarding ordering a TFR from the FAA in accordance with 14 Code of Federal Regulations. Because of the application across all agencies, will be drafted as a NIAC memo for release. 	The memorandum will be converted to NIAC letterhead and prepped for release.
<p>Standardized Process and Procedures for Aviation Safety and Technical Assistance Teams (ASTAT) Memo to Aviation Risk Management Subcommittee</p>	Kent Hamilton will draft a tasking memorandum to address an



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send a tasking memorandum to the Aviation Risk Management Subcommittee to work on coming up with a delegation of authority and adding technical experts on the teams.	implementation plan of the new ASTAT processes and procedures.
Helicopter Download Data Collection Procedure	Approved.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In October 2018, NIAC approved a new recommendation to use 3 types of assigned weight reduction based on helicopter types. DOI and USFS will have a series of test cases that will be able to run load calculations based on the new recommendations for fire season 2019.• A NIAC memorandum has been drafted outlining the procedure temporary form that expires January 1, 2020, will be used in test cases.	NIAC memo will be formatted and finalized for signature and release.