



## National Interagency Aviation Committee Meeting Notes

March 14, 2019

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

**Guests:** Kristina Curtis (Co-Chair, Interagency Airtanker Base Subcommittee), Leslie Casavan (Co-Chair, Interagency Airtanker Base Subcommittee), Don Bell (Interagency Airtanker Board), Bryan Bitting (Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee).

Topic & Notes	Decision
February minutes review and approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Group discussed status of action items from prior meeting.</li></ul>	Approved
Formalizing Units under the Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommittee (IASS) (e.g. Leadplane, ATGS/ASM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The following groups would be formalized:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Air Tactical Group Supervisor/Aerial Supervision Modules (ATGS/ASM) Unit: Jason Baldwin, Chair</li><li>Leadplane Unit: Don Bell, Chair</li></ul></li><li>Structure of the group would resemble the subgroups listed under the Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee (IHOPS). Groups will work to identify mission statement, primary objectives, and membership.</li></ul>	Approved.  Tim Blake will work with the chair of each group to solidify mission statement, primary objectives, and membership.
Fireboss Operating Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Federal partners and industry representatives want to formalize the standard operating procedures for Fireboss Scooper aircraft.</li><li>NIAC has reviewed the fireboss curriculum and has determined the focus is specific to flying the airplane. Based on this information, a group will identify how they operate within the Flight Traffic Area (FTA) for wildland fire and the information would be added as a section to the <i>Aerial Supervision Guide</i>, PMS 505.</li><li>Potential to add a Scooper Subcommittee/Unit under IASS. Action to be assessed upon completion of the tasking.</li></ul>	Joel Kerley will draft a NIAC tasking memorandum to the Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommittee to develop Scooper operating procedures to be added to the <i>Aerial Supervision Guide</i> , PMS 505.
Implementation of Executive Order 13855 and Secretary Order 3372 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>As it relates to NIAC, the section of applicability of EO 13855 is Section 4 <i>Unmanned Aerial Systems</i>. Within 120 days of the date of the Order, implementation of a cooperative strategy to utilize unmanned aerial systems and technical operators in order to prevent, suppress, and rehabilitate landscapes impacted by wildfire.</li></ul>	N/A



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Erin Horsburgh with the Office of Wildland Fire (OWF) is point of contact and will coordinate with Gil Dustin, Chair, Interagency Fire Unmanned Aircraft Systems Subcommittee.</li></ul>	
<p>Discontinue 2002 version of the Aircraft Dispatch Form (NFES 2657)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Carbon copy Aircraft Dispatch Forms (NFES 2657) are still available for purchase in the Great Basin Cache (GBK). Recent approval of the Aircraft Dispatch Form warrants these out of date. Proposal to discontinue the product and remove from the GBK.</li></ul>	Approved.
<p>2019 Airtanker Base Directory Final Draft for Approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Interagency Airtanker Base Subcommittee (IABS) has finalized edits to the directory sans 2019 FAA approved ramp frequencies that will be assigned by the NIFC CDO in April.</li><li>Once the ramp frequencies are approved and added, IABS will send to NWCG publications.</li></ul>	Approved.
<p>Awareness of Unsolicited Proposal (UPERC,IES-001) sent to the DOI Office of Aviation Services (OAS) on 18 February 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NIAC reviewed the proposal titled: Helicopter Mounted UAS Radar Detection System (“DRAKE”) to protect aerial firefighting aircraft in FTA/TFR space.</li><li>The proposal outlined methods in which a Bell 206 helicopter carrying DRAKE radar could detect small UAVs in a restricted fire area.</li></ul>	N/A
<p>Request to combine NWCG Standards for Airtanker Base Operations (SABO) with NWCG Standards for Single Engine Airtanker Operations (formerly ISOG).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>IABS would begin work on this project in 2019, with a target completion date to be April of 2020. The Committee would make comments and suggestions available to users for both documents in field season of 2019. IABS would remain the project lead and responsible for maintaining and updating the document.</li><li>The current NWCG Standards for Single Engine Airtanker Operations has reference to the Single Engine Airtanker Board as being responsible for the maintenance and updating of the document. The approved change would then make IABS responsible for the new combined document.</li></ul>	Approved.