



National Interagency Aviation Committee Meeting Notes

April 11, 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
March minutes review and approval <ul style="list-style-type: none">Group discussed status of action items from prior meeting.	Approved.
Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee (IHOPS) Response to NIAC Memo 18-09: Helicopter Typing <ul style="list-style-type: none">IHOPS recommends no action at this time in regard to re-typing of aircraft, with the exception of adopting as an interagency standard, a new definition for each type of helicopter as defined in their briefing paper.Documents affected by the change include: Redbook, Mob Guide, IHOG, IRPG, Aircraft Identification Guide, Aerial Supervision Guide, S-270, S-271, S-372, and S-378.Given the potential impacts of the change, NIAC recommends waiting until the fall for implementation. Further, the group will identify questions for the IHOPS task team to consider regarding the decision.	NIAC members will draft a series of questions to send back to the IHOPS task group for their response in fall 2019. Topic added to September agenda.
Review and approval of 2019 Standards for Airtanker Base Operations (SABO) <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Interagency Airtanker Base Subcommittee (IABS) made minor content changes to the 2019 SABO. NIAC reviewed the summary of changes and request the following edit:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pg. 10, RAMP Manager, Roles & Responsibilities, bullet #1: Remove the word “directs”. Sentence should read ‘Coordinates and controls movement ...’ vs “Coordinates, controls, or directs”.Once the change is made, the final SABO will be sent to NWCG for publication.	Approved.
Qualified Fire Chemicals: Gel Color Specs <ul style="list-style-type: none">The acceptable color for Class A foam and water enhancers is blue. Cannot be in the red/orange color spectrum.	N/A
Inclusion of National Aerial Supervision Training Academy (NASTA) Task Group	Approved.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NASTA working group provides national interagency leadership in the development and maintenance of aerial supervision training, standards, and delivery.• The group is currently chartered under NAFRI and are requesting to organize as a subgroup/unit under the Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommittee (IASS). NAFRI is in agreement and prepared for the transition.	Tim Blake will work with Steve Price to get a mission statement, primary objectives, and roster for the group.
<p>Lightning Round</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steve Price replaced Jason Baldwin as Chair, Interagency Aerial Supervision Committee (IASS).• Kim Owczarzak replaced Kurt Kleiner as Chair, Interagency Airspace Subcommittee (IASC).<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ NIAC members will review the IASC roster and replace members as needed.	Approved.