



National Interagency Aviation Committee Meeting Notes

January 9, 2020

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

Guests: Mike Reid (Chair, Aviation Risk Management Subcommittee).

Topic & Notes	Decision
November minutes review and approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussed status of action items from prior meeting. 	Approved.
Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Aerial Ignition	Topic postponed until February.
Helicopter Short Haul Unit (HSHU) Update on the <i>Interagency Helicopter Extraction Source List</i> , PMS 512 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members reviewed the HSHU recommended changes to the <i>Interagency Helicopter Extraction Source List</i>, PMS 512. Changes include: a) Removal of eleven (11) lines of data for increased reliability, b) removal of helicopter/hoist type and replace with recovery device or method w/entries of hoist, short-haul, hoist/short-haul, or none, and c) remove point of contact information from the notes section into its own line item. Nancie Turner will work with Walker Craig on the updated changes. Next steps: Establish Points of Contact (POCs) to update and maintain the data on the website. 	Approved. Topic added to February agenda.
Incident Position Description (IPD) Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operation Positions – NIAC will need to review the position descriptions to include any aviation related duties/responsibilities. Air Operations Positions – NIAC is responsible for Air Operations Branch Director (AOBD), Air Support Group Supervisor (ASGS), and Area Command Aviation Coordinator (ACAC). Need to start working on these IPDs. IHOPS Position Update – Positions currently under review are Helibase Manager (HEBM), Helicopter Coordinator (HLCO), Helicopter Crewmember (HECM), and Helicopter Manager, Single Resource (HMGB). 	Topic added to February agenda.
Update on the Interagency Aviation Strategy post-NWCG and FMB Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susie Bates is working to clarify information she has from GAO about the status of FMB's 2018 recommendation for closure of their GAO-13-684 request. She will work with a Forest Service counterpart to connect with GAO and define expectations. The NWCG Executive Board and Fire Management Board consider the task as complete. 	N/A
S-372, Helicopter Management Course Issue (re: A-306 swap for Contracting Unit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief discussion of the option to use the Aviation Training course, A-306 Aviation Contract Administration in place of the out of date contracting section in the current S-372 course. Keith Raley verified there enough certified Contracting Officers to meet the need for teaching the module. 	Approved. NIAC will communicate the change to NWCG training.