



NIAC Meeting Notes

August 13, 2020

NIAC Members: Joel Kerley (BIA)- Chair, John Buehler (NPS), Glen Claypool (BLM), Walker Craig (OAS), Kent Hamilton (USFS), Anthony Lascano (FWS), Brian McKee (NASF), Keith Raley (OAS),

Not present: Brad Gibbs (BLM), Neal Laugle (NASF), Paul Linse (USFS), Tim Blake (NWCG)

Topic & Notes	Decision
<p>Fall Season Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Almost all training has been cancelled due to pandemic, need to create inventory of all classes that NIAC considers critical for firefighting and workplace development whether they be virtual or delivered another way.<ul style="list-style-type: none">NAPA1 and NAPA2 course still meeting and assessing regularly. There is importance of a face-to-face course for the NAPA Series but if region or facility says they can't support, it won't work. Intent is to try to a face-to-face training with reduced numbers. NAPA 1, 2, and 3 have been independent of NWCG, potential for NIAC to support with help of a contractor.Put on NWCG radar that these courses are hosted at NAFRI and its very important to make these viable in 2021	<p>Tim Blake and Joel Kerley will reach out to Woody Kessler at to inquire about any Interagency Aviation Training (IAT) courses that can be offered as distance learning.</p> <p>Glen Claypool will be the liaison on the NAPA courses</p>
<p>Sling Dragon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Interagency Helicopter Operations Subcommittee (IHOPS) looking for interim approval for sling dragon to try to get some units out before fire season, Dan Boyles will submit a request to NIAC. Did not previously approve the device because there was no user manual, will need more evidence to move forward without one.	<p>Topic added to September agenda.</p>