



## NIAC Meeting Notes

November 12, 2020

**NIAC Members:** Joel Kerley (BIA)- Chair, John Buehler (NPS), Glen Claypool (BLM), Walker Craig (OAS), Eric Shamborg for Kent Hamilton (USFS), Anthony Lascano (FWS), Brian McKee (NASF), Keith Raley (OAS), Chris Niccoli (USFS), Neal Laugle (NASF) **Not present:** Brad Gibbs (BLM)

**Guests:** Kim Owczarzak, Leslie Casavan, Tyler Ostler

Topic & Notes	Decision
<p>Update Interagency Airspace Subcommittee (IASC) Tasking - Standards for Aviation Operations in our TFRs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working to identify mission types and criteria and to establish protocols and procedures for entering wildland fire Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs). The definition of participating aircraft from National Framework and uses the seven lifelines is acceptable and helped develop the Aviation Participant Form</li> <li>Ultimate approval could go up to Geographic Area Coordination Centers (GACCs), priority ranking system is in early stages of development</li> <li>Would take education to allow those to know that this process exists. The next step is for the group to work with subcommittees and stakeholders and will need the Air Ops Branch Directors to review also.</li> <li>NIAC will send representation to respective committees.</li> </ul>	<p>Identify a point of contact from each group to work with Kim Owczarzak.</p>
<p>Airtanker Base Manager National Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interagency Airtanker Base Subcommittee (IABS) seeking sponsorship for the virtual ATB Manager Workshop that will include a SEAT Manager Refresher. Training will be hosted with 200-300 participants and IABS and Training Qualifications Unit members, SEAT Members, etc.</li> <li>Scheduling the first or second week of February, will condense into two days.</li> </ul>	<p>Approved.</p>
<p>COVID Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group discussed keeping the Interagency Aviation Preparedness Task Team (IAPTT) together. It is good to have the group for background and expertise and we can look to see if anything needs updated before 2021 fire season.</li> </ul>	<p>Will not disband the group, set up a call in early March for IAPTT.</p>
<p>Scooper Operations Guide Tasking – Finalize Contents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact members of the task team to finalize and begin both general scooper operations guide and supplementals for specific topics.</li> </ul>	<p>Approved.</p>
<p>NIAC Chair &amp; Support Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to determine who will take over as chair in January 2021. There is no formal rotation currently but has historically been up to fire agencies.</li> </ul>	<p>Topic added to December agenda</p>
<p>Validate NWCG Memo 10-037 Interagency ARFF apparatus, PPE, and Training Specifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USFS to review and evaluate importance. Once review is complete, NIAC will relay the decision back to NWCG.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>