



NIAC Meeting Notes

January 14, 2021

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

Guests: Matthew Woodwick (NASF), David Frey (WFSTAR), Travis Touchette (WFSTAR), Tyler Ostler (OAS).

Topic & Notes	Decision
WFSTAR Aviation Module Update – Aviation Watchouts and Helispot Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Aviation Watchout module will be approximately 10 minutes long and feature the aviation watchout situations from the Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG). Will be interviewing Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to relate their operational experience.Helispot Management video's goal is to help Helicopter Crewmembers (HECM) and crews train their personnel in an important skill that is no longer a formal qualification. The video will be applicable to all fire personnel but will be mainly targeted to HECM's. This could also be used as an instructional tool for S-271, Helicopter Crewmember. This project will also utilize SME's for interviews.	N/A
Aviation Mishap Review Board (AMRB) Recommendations for NIAC <ul style="list-style-type: none">As a result of the mid-air collision accident that occurred in Elgin, Nevada an AMRB review board has tasked develop training standards for SEAT and Fire Boss aircraft operating as a flight, near one another.Will get a tasking ready for the Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommittee (IASS).	Approved.
Revision of the Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG), PMS 461 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Will get comments consolidated by Feb 1st.	N/A
Interagency Airtanker Board (IAB) Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussed the purpose of the IAB and referenced the example of the Global Supertanker where the USFS ended up going a different direction than the recommended.Questions to consider: Is it an agency decision for those who hold the contract or an NWCG decision? If the IAB's recommendations aren't being implemented, what is their purpose?	Will be added as a topic on the NWCG Executive Board meeting.
Decision to Cancel Training (NAFA/NASTA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Will be discussed at the NWCG Executive Board meeting on who has the ability to cancel courses. Who has ability to cancel the courses.	Will be added as a topic on the NWCG Executive Board meeting.