



NIAC Meeting Notes

March 11, 2021

NIAC Members: John Buehler (NPS)- Chair, Walter Bunt (USFS), Glen Claypool (BLM), Walker Craig (OAS), Joel Kerley (BIA), Anthony Lascano (FWS), Neal Laugle (NASF), Keith Raley (OAS), Matt Woodwick (NASF) **Not present:** Lori Clark (USFS), Brad Gibbs (BLM)

Guests: Frank Guzman, Mike Reid, Nic Strohmeier, NIAC Subcommittee Chairs and Representatives: Sean Aidukas, Leslie Casavan, Mike Jordan, Woody Kessler, Kim Owczarzak, Stephen Price, Victoria Leshuk, Colin Milone, Bill Sloan, Scott Sontag, Julie Vorachek, Andrew Wareham

Topic & Notes	Decision
<p>Roll Call, Review Agenda, Approve Past Notes for Posting</p>	<p>All remaining 2020 notes as well as January and February 2021 approved for final posting on NIAC site</p>
<p>Subcommittee Briefing and Housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Frank Guzman stresses that the NWCG is working to clarify the working relationship between NIAC and NWCG. NIAC is doing a great job but wants to clarify some of the legalities and technicalities of specific practices. ○ Round-Robin from each NIAC Subcommittee Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aviation Risk Management: Mike Reid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everything is up to date on website, current tasking includes reviewing and revising the Aviation Mishap Guide and Checklist, which is now complete and available on the NWCG website in a downloadable format. Group is also working on the formerly known Yellow Book and a brand-new aviation risk management guide ○ Interagency Aerial Supervision: Steve Price <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everything is up to date on website, NIAC tasks IASS, goes through NASTA and then the working group. Every task team has a chair and co-chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lead plane training in AZ was just completed, and the process of applying everything learned from NASTA and are putting into practices for lead plane training has gone well. Did not do air attack portions due to COVID ○ Interagency Airspace: Kim Owczarzak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everything is up to date on website. Group is currently working on tasking 20-09 ○ Interagency Airtanker Base: Leslie Casavan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everything is up to date on website, gave a thorough presentation on current taskings and projects, requests to NIAC, subgroup unit structure, and challenges faced by the workload put on IABS. ○ Interagency Airtanker Board: Cory Noordermeer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Success with DHC-8 approval last year, Cory is in full swing with aircraft carding and is on assignment until after June 8th ○ Interagency Aviation Preparedness Task Team: Leslie Casavan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Team is still active and working together, have not currently been given any tasking 	



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- Interagency Aviation Strategic Plan: Vacant
 - Group is not currently active
- Interagency Aviation Training: Jason Petruska, Amy Kazmier presenting on behalf
 - Everything on site is up to date and current. Current projects include working on updating IAT Guide 2021, updating website and course revisions. Some challenges in the last year due to Covid, but overall saw a 9% increase in IAT completions
- Interagency Cooperator Aircraft and Pilot Standards: Walker Craig- acting
 - Roster needs updated but everything else on site is accurate. Group is very active and is working through a revised version of co-operator standards regarding Type II and Type III Helicopter standards. Will be ready for agency review and publication soon. Next tasking will be Type I and SEATs
- Interagency Fire Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Justin Jager
 - Everything on website is up to date, recent memo approved with NIAC and is now sitting with fire dispatchers group waiting to move forward
- Interagency Helicopter Operations: Nic Strohmeyer
 - Currently looking to add a new state member and review mission statement as a group. Group usually meets in person once a year, decided not to this year due to COVID
- Interagency Helicopter Screening and Evaluation: Bill Sloan
 - Not a high workload, consider possibility of tailoring the group to be more project-based
- Single Engine Airtanker Board: Glen Claypool
 - Kristina Curtis will take over as new chair and group is reviewing mission statement
- Smokejumper Aircraft Screening and Evaluation: Vacant

NIAC will discuss the role of this group moving forward at the April meeting.

Bill will come to the April meeting to discuss this possibility further with NIAC

NIAC will review past communication and work on finding a chair

IHOPS Update-Nic Strohmeyer

- EHE Emergency Helicopter Extraction List
 - IHOPS feels that this list has run its course in that it is difficult to maintain with a guarantee that all on the list are carded and endorsed by NIAC. NIAC agrees that managing this list is not a responsibility of NIAC nor IHOPS, discussion on different ways to manage, potentially in setting up a call with GACCs
- Slingdragon
 - Per a request, the Interagency Aerial Ignition Unit has modified to include a Fireboss who is also qualified in flight. IHOPS is requesting NIAC approval.
- IHOPS wanted to check in with NIAC that in getting rid of PSD machines, they should go to the Alaska cache if possible so they can keep and maintain the machines and if not possible, machines should be disposed of properly. Caches can go to their local programs first
- Training/Waiver Updates will proceed as normal

Topic added to April agenda

Nic will provide NIAC with an RA and thorough operations guide to help with discussion and decision. Tabled

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<p>Interagency Standards for Risk Management- Mike Reid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fillable guide is now on website in an electronic version, allows for more efficient process○ Yellow Book (Risk Management Workbook) is also going to be electronic, which will allow the document to be searchable, and Risk Assessments are now downloadable and can be put directly into any document○ Recommendation is to use a document that can combine a standard set of definitions for RM along with some common tools that can be used for RM and RA. Looking for NIAC support of this document○ MISHAP Checklist- hoping to create a tool to offer the checkpoint units with sources that go into real time for any emergency work that needs to be done	<p>NA</p> <p>Document pushed out to NIAC for approval via email by April 1st.</p>
<p>FireNet Discussion- Jesse Bender</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● NWCG Executive Board issued a tasking to the NWCG to find standardization in the FireNet Environment. Second part of the ask is to validate email inboxes for positions/functions under respective stewardship. Third ask is to validate the list of the air ops channel- currently it exists but with nothing inside of it<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Biggest piece will be for NIAC to decide what they want under the filing structure. Jesse's recommendation is to form a task team and fill the filing system with relevant content for access by all who have stake in FireNet environment	<p>Set up a meeting with John, Tim, Jesse, Aerial Supervision, IHOPs, and IABs subcommittee chairs to determine next steps</p>
<p>IPSC RFC to realign and revise qualification requirements for EDRC, IADP, and ACDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Request for NIAC Approval	<p>RFC will be sent out to NIAC for email approval by March 19th</p>