National Interagency Aviation Committee
Approved Monthly Meeting Notes
April 13, 2023
via Teams Meetings
1300 Mountain Time

☒	**Welcome, March Minutes Review, and Roll Call**		Anthony Lascano
☐ Anthony Lascano, Chair, FWS ☐ Cheryl Giffen, Support, OAS	☐ John Buehler, Primary Member, NPS		☐ Keith Raley, Advisor, (John Mills Acting) OAS
☐ Jason Baldwin, Primary Member, USFS	☐ Neal Laugle, Primary Member, NASF		☐ Katie Ohara, Coordinator, NWCG
☐ Mike Reid, Vice Chair, BLM	☐ Matthew Woodwick, Primary Member, NASF		Guests – Stan Goode, Justin Jager
☐ Walker Craig, Primary Member, OAS	☐ Lori Clark, Advisor, USFS		
☐ Brian Fennessy, Primary Member, IAFC	☐ Jake Sjouland, Advisor, CalFire		

	Agenda Items	**Outcome**
☐ Information ☐ Discussion ☒ Decision ☐ Training	**Topic:** HSU Memo 23-02 SAFEAHAUL Approval Request **Intended Outcome** **Associated Documents(s):**	John provided background. Recommended that IHOpS brief OAS and USFS Safety to describe the intent of the SAFEHAUL system. NIAC doesn't want it to conflict with SAFECOM. Maybe SAFECOM could be used to meet the information sharing that the short-haul community wants to share internally.
☐ Information ☐ Discussion ☒ Decision ☐ Training	**Topic:** IFUASS- Aerial Ignition Chapter Addition to PMS-515-Justin Jager **Intended Outcome:** **Associated Documents(s):** NWCG Briefing Paper	Kelly Boyd asked if NIAC has made any decisions on single resource crew boss requirement. IFUASS took that requirement out of PMS-515, but would like NIAC to revisit the decision. AI academy roster set in the short term, but looking to get an answer for any classes offered in the fall. Kelly reported that IFUASS can work with the current status, but would like to have a decision later in the summer. IFUASS will continue to review content and what they are experiencing regarding qualifications. Recommend having IFUASS update NIAC in June. IFASS will update briefing

		paper. Address the alternatives provided in late 2022.
☒ Information ☐ Discussion ☐ Decision ☐ Training	**Topic** ATBM-ASGS – Matt Woodwick & Stan Goode **Intended Outcome:** **Associated Documents(s): -**	Matt discussed e-mail to NWCG suggestion box. Asked why can't an airtanker base manager not serve as an ASGS. Baldwin provided Matt some background on why this wasn't supported. Matt thinks there is a path to make this work. USFS national level and regions have looked at options. Asked air tanker base community who was interested in this change. Matt reported that a briefing paper should be completed by June to brief NIAC. Matt said there might be some shortcoming in the helicopter community, but can probably mitigate the concerns. 77 air tanker bases (150 people) could be affected. Stan said USFS supports. USFS has been working with Matt, and IABS could support the effort. Brian reported that he believes there is a path forward to success. Jake agrees there are some shortcomings but there are similarities. Could be difficult, but CalFire would like a HCWN (HMGB) or HECM qual. Matt thinks this could be a tasking to IHOpS and IATs to work out some of the specifics. Stan – this topic has been discussed previously but can wait to get this resolved and a decision made this summer/fall for use next season. Mike opined it could work but more work needed by the subcommittees. Stan – IABS provide a letter of support and how it would work. Survey will help with showing the numbers involved. Recommend this topic be revisited – Matt can report

		when NIAC should be briefed (maybe July).
☐ Information ☐ Discussion ☒ Decision ☐ Training	**Topic:** Update IASC - Edits for PMS 520 Question – Kim O **Intended Outcome** **Associated Documents(s):** IASC briefing for NIAC proposed and approved edits_v2	Kim provided an update on edits to PMS-520. Changes provided by Kim on 6 April. Edits to capture FAA modernization efforts. Tasking 20-09 work. 23 edits. IASC wants to ensure we are updating appropriately. Highlighted #13 – add definition of participating aircraft. #14 internal procedures to add participating aircraft. Both part of tasking 20-09, but now refined. Worked with NSCS for coordination (center manager group). #15 to clarify aircraft. #16 remove a portion of the language. #17 example of participating aircraft. #23 worked to ensure PMS 505 is not contradicted. Jake asked for clarification of #16. NIAC supports the changes/edits. Kim said they will update the field on the changes immediately.
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