National Interagency Aviation Committee Monthly Meeting Notes December 14, 2023

December 14, 2023 via Teams Meetings **1300 Mountain Time**



	Welcome, November	· Minutes Review, and Roll Call	Anthony Lascano
☐ Mike Reid, Vice C☐ Walker Craig, Prin	pport, OAS mary Member, USFS	☐ John Buehler, Primary Member, NPS ☐ Neal Laugle, Primary Member, NASF ☐ Matthew Woodwick, Primary Member, NASF ☐ Lori Clark, Advisor, USFS ☐ Jake Sjolund, Advisor, CalFire	☐ Keith Raley, Advisor, (John Mills Acting) OAS ☐ Dave Schultz, Coordinator, NWCG ☐ Beau Dobberstein, Primary Member, USFS ☐ Dave Underwood, Primary Member, BIA Guests — Leslie Casavan Kristina Curtis
	Agenda Items		Outcome
Information Discussion Decision Training	Topic: Update on In Person Meeting NIAC and IHOPS/ Agenda development – Feb 26- March 1, 2024 – Embassy Suites Anaheim in Garden Grove – <i>Anthony Lascano</i> Intended Outcome Associated Documents(s):		18 current participants registered for hotel (NIAC/IHOPS). Will finalize agenda in January. Thursday morning field trip and afternoon for HAI expo attendance.
☐ Information ☐ Discussion ☐ Decision ☐ Training	Topic: BP to NIAC for modification in NWCG Airtanker Typing – Leslie Casavan Intended Outcome: Associated Documents(s): informational memo		Gap currently exist between Type 1 LAT and VLAT category. Recommendation is to modify the specifications to better define Type 1 LAT vs VLAT categories. Approved – formal NIAC approval will be provided.
☐ Information ☐ Discussion ☐ Decision ☐ Training	Topic: UAS ordering. Lookout current direction on website share example of a poor outcome following the direction. Could end with possible taskings for IFUASS and Dispatch. – <i>Matt Woodwick</i> Intended Outcome: Associated Documents(s): -		UAS ordering for prescribed fire is not streamlined like current ordering for UAS on fire/incident. Recommendation to discuss with UAS Coordinator to determine need for process refinement. Will follow up on next NIAC meeting.
Information Discussion Decision Training	Topic: NWCG Standards for Water Scooping Operations – <i>Kristina Curtis</i> Intended Outcome brief on changes to document and get approval to finalize and publish prior to NAFA in January. Associated Documents(s): PMS-518 NWCG Standards for Water Scooping		Updates presented for 2024 Water Scooping Operations Guide. Once IASS has provided confirmation of review and approval, NIAC can move forward with approving.

☐ Information ☐ Discussion ☐ Decision ☐ Training	Topic: Airtanker Standards Document (update) – Kristina Curtis Intended Outcome: to approve the 2024 revision of the NWCG Standards for Water Scooping Operations Associated Documents(s): Summary of changes 2024 Standards for Water Scooping Operations JR update	Introduced new Airtanker Standards Document – NIAC and appropriate subcommittees to review and provide comment by January NIAC meeting.
Information Discussion Decision Training	Topic: Discussion to stand up group for Airtanker Standards Intended Outcome: Associated Documents(s):	Discussion about how best to organize the group. Approved – Leslie Casavan and Kristina Curtis will develop charter and preferred structure of group to present to NIAC at future meeting.
Information Discussion Decision Training	Topic: Intended Outcome: Associated Documents(s):	