

National Interagency Aviation Committee
Monthly Meeting Agenda & Notes
 March 14, 2024
 1300 Mountain Time
 Via TEAMS



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Welcome, February Minutes Review, and Roll Call	Running Meeting – Mike Reid
Primary Members		Advisors
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Reid, BLM (CHAIR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Underwood, BIA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Schultz, NWCG
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Woodwick, NASF (VICE CHAIR)	<input type="checkbox"/> Neal Laugle, NASF	<input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Burrough, CalFire
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Tipton, USFS	<input type="checkbox"/> John Buehler, NPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Clark, USFS Safety
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beau Dobberstein, USFS	<input type="checkbox"/> Brian Fennessy, IAFC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Raley, OAS Safety
<input type="checkbox"/> Walker Craig, OAS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Lascano, FWS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Giffen, Admin Support
Additional Participants		
Rhonda Madden		
	Agenda Items	Outcome
<input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Training	Topic – NIAC SOP’s – Mike Reid Intended Outcome: <i>Discuss review/editing of SOPs and establish deadline for inputs and approval.</i> Associated Documents(s): - <i>DRAFT SOP Document (pinned on SharePoint site)</i>	Update flowchart with workgroups and subcommittee, units workgroup.
<input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Training	Topic – Sub Committee Chair Briefing – Mike Reid Intended Outcome: <i>Introduce the document for subcommittee chair inputs – explain process and approve for implementation.</i> Associated Documents(s): - <i>DRAFT Briefing Document (pinned to SharePoint site)</i>	Moved to April Meeting
<input type="checkbox"/> Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Training	Topic: Tasking for IATS – Mike Reid Intended Outcome: <i>Discuss the tasking for IATS to explore discrepancy in Aviation Training Course oversight.</i> Associated Documents(s): <i>Reid will develop a DRAFT</i>	Mike is going to work with Matt Shaddle on tasking for IATS
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Training	Topic: NASF Cooperator Letters – Matt Woodwick Intended Outcome: <i>Conversation regarding challenges with Cooperator Letters</i> Associated Documents(s): <i>N/A</i>	Cooperator letters do not matter region to region 6 weeks behind IED on fire season. Going to be concerns moving forward. Helicopter mostly. Contracts don’t start without letters working with RAO lots of inconsistency on what letters

NIAC AGENDA / MEETING NOTES

		look like. What is allowed and what is not allowed.
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	Agency Updates	
BIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OK 7 seats, 2 AT, 2 MRBS's • Midwest region in review • SW might light off earlier. • BIA meeting next week in California 3/17/23 – 3/23/24 • 	
BLM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Lead Planes operational in TX • NASTA in Mesa AZ coming to an end (successful event) • Contract solicitations about done (10 ATGS, 11 Helicopters, 34 SEATs) • Working on a Lead Plane on-call contract (vendor provided – government piloted) 	
FS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Helicopters operating in R8 for both suppression and RX • Participating in International Mobilization Guide drafting 1st meeting today • Type 1 Pax Transport training scheduled for the week of June 8th • Type 3 CWN orders are now being placed through the NICC for the USFS. Few wrinkles being worked out but so far all is going well • Type 3 Bell 429 should be starting soon in Ocala FL working out a few contract req • UAS program continues to work through the newly established FS Airworthiness process and has a couple of platforms recommended for Interim approval allowing for the continuation of eval while doing operations on Wildland Fire or RX • UAS Cooperator letter being drafted • HIP's are out in the field and modifications previously agreed upon with the OAS have been submitted to the C.O. • 4 LATs on optional use • 4 Scoopers • NASTA wrapping up this Friday • Lead, ASM, ATGS and Advanced MAFFS occurred this year at Mesa-Gateway. Big step forward with MAFFS being included. • LFW MATOC TORPs for 27 EU ATGS moving forward • LFW orders going through NICC. process is working out. • Need follow up on IASOS and if we are going to formalize it. 	
FWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 	
IAFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 	
NASF (East)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
NASF (West)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 	
NPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 	
OAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	

Advisor Updates	
NWCG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWCG Publications updates for Aviation publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PMS 518 Stds for Water Scooping Ops: Completed and posted to web ○ PMS 515 Stds for UAS Ops: Nearly complete, last edits on a couple graphics. Will be done this month. ○ PMS 520 Stds for Airspace Coordination: Kim O. working with NWCG Pubs for updates. Expect completion in April. ○ PMS 520-2 TFR Request Form: Kim O. working with NWCG Pubs. Expect completion in April to coincide with PMS 520 update release. ○ PMS 501 Stds for Aerial Ignition: based on a 3-year revision cycle, 2024 would be the year for an update. Need to check with IHOPS and IAIU to see if this is on the task list for them • IPTM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HECM: Training Design Plan has been reviewed and finalized. Design Phase complete, moving into Development Phase. ○ FWPT: ○ ABRO: Position Analysis Recommendations were approved by IHOPS. Moving into Design Phase. ○ The three NWCG Coordinators are starting the planning and prioritization process for future years of IPTM. Scheduling positions for the next three years (2025-2027). Approximately 100 positions in the next three years. Some of the criteria being considered as we build this draft plan: 1) Focus on lower qualification levels first and work up. 2) Positions that can be lumped and move through the process together utilizing the same SME group. 3) Steward Committee readiness and capacity.
CalFire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • •
USFS Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMS Guide should be out soon, audit worksheet • Josh Haney and John Waddell will be coordinating a process for SMS • FS A-200 is completed •
OAS Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACE 4/15 -4/19/24 San Diego • Safety Investigating Hawaii in accident • Air Safety Investigator job • Acting assisting Director OAS – John Buehler • The new A-200 for DOI is complete