Unmanned Aircraft Systems Committee
Monthly Call

Date: 9/24/26, 2026
Time: 1300 MT

Robert Dodgen, Peyton Bennett (NFSA), Nicole Oke (NWCG), Kim O, Erik Haberstick, Dirk Giles, Jordan Black, Jayson Murgoitio, Joe Suarez, Justin Baxter, Kevin Jacobs (DNR), Steve Stroud, Sarah Lee, Logan Davis, Liz Younger, Jeff Pricher (National Association of State Foresters), Boo Walker

Time (MDT)	Session Intent	Agenda Items	Outcome
	☐Information ☒Discussion ☐Decision	**Topic: Update 2026 NFA A-450/S-373 –** **Intended Outcome:** **Notes:** Jeff: National Interagency fire project. Three years in the making. Trying to see if there is enough federal instructors to complete the class, trying for an accelerated train the trainer for A450/373. Students in the accelerated program met or exceeded all instructor requirements. Up classes from 16-20 students, minimum ten local fire service and ten state instructors. First group will have ten trainees instruct course 2, and second group of ten will trainee instruct course 3. Giles: concerned there is not enough time to put on a quality course and they have a lot of cooperators already in courses separate from this. Jayson: stepped in to assist that we want to see this happen, but we need more time. Concerns that we have the state coordinate. Jeff: All students should be the same as last year. Bennet made a request to focus on the states and bring municipalizes in later. Jeff: disagreed and does not believe his agency would support. March is recommended as the next reasonable time frame.	
	☐Information ☐Discussion ☒Decision	**Topic: QCB Taskings for 2027** **Intended Outcome: Initiate Training QCB for 2027** **Notes:** Baxter: qualifications and curriculum board. Continued course work, four steering committees don't have tasking right now and will be revisited in the fall. Aerial ignition steering	

		committee is the only active year-round group. Active with aircraft and machines. Recurring tasking, Operations, and NR AAR's. After AAR role them into 452R and RT373. Set date in person meeting.	
	☒Information ☐Discussion ☐Decision	**Topic: PMS-515 Comprehensive Update** Present the current draft PMS-515 for review and comment before next month's meetings. **Notes:** Baxter: 2018 was last rewrite, served its purpose, but needs to be updated. There is a need to update to meet standards of other publications and revamp. Proposed draft table of contents. Looking at job aids and toolbox website. Document is ready to go out for comment period within the SME of this group. Until next meeting. After the one month then it can go out as a larger review. Have a comments sheet and not on the documents itself. UASC can decide who gets it for the larger review.	Will be sending out document with a comment period time frame and a small group of trusted individuals.
	☒Information ☐Discussion ☐Decision	**Topic: Position Task Book Update** Present updates and have comments before next month's meetings **Notes:** Liz Younger on a change for course requirements National USFS training specialist and sits under QCB, IPTM process for the UAS PTB. Recommendations and changes. One change was S230 for UASM. There is a change to all single resource PTB. S230 being changed to S229 and will need to get the course changed so it will be in line with the PTB. Furthermore, working towards making the UASM a single resource qualification. Oke: request for S-230 course requirement to be changed to S-229 once S-229 was certified was part of IPTM process and that request for change will be part of the 2027 310-1.	
	☒Information ☐Discussion ☐Decision	**Topic: UAS Toolbox web page** Review current toolbox webpage, assist in working through updates **Intended Outcome** **Notes:** Baxter: Going through the toolbox and see that it flows along with other aviation web sites. Make sure the information is up to date and see if some things can be moved to job aids or check list. Ops data group is working on it. A topic that is being worked on. Shooting for 2027 field season.	Take a look at the toolbox webpage