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**National Interagency Aviation Committee  
NIAC**

## NIAC Conference Call Notes

Location: BIA Shopai Small Conf. Room Date: May 26, 2015 Time: 1230 Mtn.  
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### Roll Call

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OAS – Ralph Getchell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF – Brian McKee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS – Walker Craig
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OAS – Keith Raley	<input type="checkbox"/> NASF – Neal Laugle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS – Tom Ricks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA – Joel Kerley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS – Jon Rollens	<input type="checkbox"/> BLM – Brad Gibbs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FWS – Anthony Lascono	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NWCG – Tim Blake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM –Rusty Warbis

### Agenda Topics:

- **AFUE Briefing –**  
Bob Roth briefed NIAC on the Aerial Firefighting Use and Effectiveness Study (AFUE). The AFUE has established methods to collect data regarding aerial firefighting scope, objectives and outcomes. The study employs a three-pronged approach of aviation database research, aerial observations and tactical ground data collection that will provide data sets for analysis to inform responses to a recent GAO report and aviation strategy tasking.  
  
To collect the ground and aerial data, AFUE employs four observation modules of three firefighters each as well as a dedicated aircraft.
- **FLIGHT Briefing –**  
Caleb Berry briefed NIAC on FLIGHT, a web based aviation data program. The intent of FLIGHT is to provide a seamless integration of information and a single location for tracking aircraft and retardant data.
- **Interagency Aviation Strategy –**  
NIAC discussed the need to create some type of body under their committee to have oversight on the different projects that are under way (i.e. FLIGHT, AFUE, etc.) with the ultimate goal of developing the next generation Interagency Aviation Strategy when enough data is available.
- **Hazard Map Update –**  
Hazard map information and symbology is ready to be distributed to the field, this season will be treated as a test year. Jon and Tim will work through the appropriate channels to distribute the announcement.
- **310-1 Position Updates –**  
Tabled topic until Brad Gibbs could attend.
- **Nupoint Brief –**

Jon shared a handout on a remote viewer from Nupoint Systems.

- **Interagency Airtanker Board Charter Revision –**  
NIAC agreed on revising the Interagency Airtanker Board (IAB) charter to reflect IBA as a recommending entity. The charter will be revised and NIAC will work with Tim to have the changes reflected in the NWCG master charter. The USFS agreed to provide suggested language for NIAC consideration. All parties agreed that agencies holding airtanker contracts have decision authority over contractual matters.

**Next Meeting:**

**June 23 from 1230 to 1500**