



**National Wildfire
Coordinating Group**
National Interagency Fire Center
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**National Interagency Aviation Committee
NIAC**

NIAC CONFERENCE CALL NOTES

Location: BIA Sho-pai Raleigh Atkins Conf. Room

Date: January 20, 2016 **Time:** 1300 MTN.

Roll Call

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OAS – Ralph Getchell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF – Brian McKee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS – Tom Ricks–Bill Sloan |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OAS – Keith Raley John Mills | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NASF – Neal Laugle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS – Paul Linse |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA – Joel Kerley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS – Jon Rollens | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM – Brad Gibbs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FWS – Anthony Lascano | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Mullin | <input type="checkbox"/> NWCG – Tim Blake |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> BLM – Rusty Warbis |

Also in attendance:

Ed Martin	Julie Stewart	Gil Dustin	John Harris
Jim Nester	Travis Alexander	Rhonda Noneman	Art Hinaman

Agenda Topics:

- **NASF Coop Aviation Standards for Interagency Fire –**
The working group was tasked with updating the 2010 National Association of State Foresters (NASF) Cooperators Aviation Standards for Interagency Fire to facilitate interagency concurrence for the 2016 fire season. Completion date is March 1, 2016.

Group is proposing to change language in the Coop Standards document to reflect wording in MOUs and DOI contracts so that States can meet the min spec standards. In essence, the language change would allow for cinching of buckets so that min spec standards could be met. Ed Martin will run these changes through his chain of command to see if Montana will endorse them and let Jon know the outcome. If these changes are unacceptable NIAC will document that decision and elevate the documentation to NWCG.
- **Interagency Aerial Supervision Guide Update –**
NIAC supports the updated Interagency Aerial Supervision Guide. Jon will work with Tim to get it approved. NIAC prefers any upcoming training use the draft version of the guide until it goes through the signatory process.

NIAC supports the new taskbook and Jon will work with Tim to get it through OTC. Jon will draft a memo stating NIAC's support.

- **Airspace Coordinator Technical Specialist Taskbook –**
NIAC supports the Airspace Coordinator Technical Specialist taskbook. The intent is for agencies that want to support the taskbook to endorse it with their logo. Eventually, depending on the level of interest, NIAC may propose that the document seek the endorsement of NWCG. There is an effort underway to secure a mnemonic 4-letter designator for the position in IQCS.
- **Airspace Subcommittee Additional Representatives –**
NIAC approved addition membership of Kim Owczarzak and James Keyes to the Airspace Subcommittee. Jon will work with Julie to find a successful way to work through the rewrite process of the Airspace Guide.
- **Helicopter Screening and Evaluation Subcommittee –**
Initial membership for the subcommittee will be three members from the Forest Service and three members from the Department of the Interior. The subcommittee will remain under NIAC. Vince Welbaum will finish editing the charter and have it available for endorsement by the February NIAC meeting.
- **Aviation Hazard Map Information –**
Jon will work with Tim to have the aviation hazard map information posted to NIAC's website and explore other ways to distribute the body of information related to the hazard map effort..
- **Interagency Smokejumper's Operations Guide –**
The Interagency Smokejumper's Operation Guide will be sent to NIAC for review and have a decision during the next conference call on whether or not to seek NWCG endorsement. One option would be to have the document remain as a USFS/BLM document.
- **NIAC CY15 Accomplishments –**
Jon prepared NIAC's CY 15 accomplishments to brief the NMAC/GMAC and executive board at the All-Chairs meeting.

Next Meeting: Feb 17 at 1300