



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

NIAC Conference Call Agenda

Location: BIA Raleigh Atkins Conference Room
Shoshone-Paiute (Shopai) Building
Phone Number: (866) 801-9903

Date: June 23, 2016

Time: 1300 MDT

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Roll Call

	BIA – Joel Kerley		NASF – Neal Laugle		USFS – Paul Linse
X	BLM – Brad Gibbs	X	NPS – Jon Rollens		USFS – Tom Ricks
X	BLM – Rusty Warbis	X	NWCG – Tim Blake	X	BLM – Kari Boyd-Peak
	FWS –Anthony Lascano	X	OAS – Jon Waddell		
X	NASF – Brian McKee	X	OAS – Walker Craig		

Guests:

Bill Schuster, Eric Scholl

Great Basin Cache (GBC) - Nicole Hallisey, Matt Cnudde, Melissa Tower, and Dave Haston

NWCG Staff Group - Erin Darboven

Agenda Topics:

- **IHOG/Helicopter Support Kits** **Tim Blake**
 - Decision was made to keep the 2013 version of the IHOG in the Helicopter Support Kits with the additional summary of changes write-up and the NWCG IHOG memo for this field season.
 - Eric and Bill will write up rationale of how the IHOG Unit came to the decision to do away with printed copies of the IHOG. For the extra 900 printed versions of the 2013 IHOG, they will not be distributed, but only used for refilling helicopter support kits.
 - Through-out the field season the contract compliance folks will be asked if the e-version IHOG is working for them.
 - The e-version of the IHOG will be re-evaluated after the 2016 field season and if feedback is overwhelmingly negative the decision may be re-visited for 2017 fire season.
 - Another note from the GBC group – Nicole asked if the two following publications could be updated sooner than the middle of fire season, in order to distribute before fire season. NIAC will engage with GBC during the off season sooner in order to establish a regular review process, so they're updated and able to be distributed prior to field season.
 - **NFES 2537 Interagency Air Tanker Base Directory**
 - **NFES 2512 Interagency Aviation Technical Assistance Directory**

- **NWCG Aquatic Invasive Species Guide – Chap 5 Feedback** **Jon Rollens**
 - Jon will send it out with review hard date for feedback.

- **IHSES Mission Statement Update and Potential Accessory Evaluation** **Time Blake/Jon Rollens**
 - Walker will review and suggest better wording for bullet statements.
 - Boost Human External Cargo Systems Inc. is a secondary hook system being considered to replace the belly-band/three-ring release system for short haul. It was suggested that the IHSE subcommittee be used as the evaluators for this system.

- It was suggested that the NPS/FS would split cost of evaluating the system. The expected cost to evaluate the Boost system is \$60K. A more general suggestion was made that if an agency hosts an accessory, they provide funding for it as well.

- **MTDC M-2015 Helitorch Approval Discussion**

Jon Rollens/Group

- Tabled until an FS representative is present

- **ASCO Position Task Book Letter Update**

Brad Gibbs

- The decision was made to be distribute and institutionalize the ASCO taskbook by July 1. Jon will issue a memo describing the situation.

- **Qualified ASCOs Verification**

Jon Rollens/Group

- List of grandfathered ASCOs provided by Julie Stewart. NIAC has 2 weeks to review and comment. Jon will resend the list in a separate email with instructions.

- **Interagency Strategic Plan Subcommittee Mission Statement**

Jon Rollens

- Add Walker Craig to Members List as OAS representative.

Action Items

- Jon will send out NWCG Aquatic Invasive Species Guide with hard review/comment date.
- Walker will review IHSES Mission Statement for better wording on a couple of bullets.
- Jon will ensure ASCO PTB will be distributed by July 1.
- NIAC members have two weeks to review and comment on grandfathered ASCOs verification.
- John Waddell will check with Keith Raley/John Mills

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 27 @ 1300 in Raleigh Atkins Conference Room; Sho-Pai Building