



**National Wildfire
Coordinating Group**
National Interagency Fire Center
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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

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Time: 1300 MDT

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Roll Call

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

Guests: Josh Haney and Garth Fisher (NWCG Training)

Agenda Topics:

- **Aviation Position Task Book (PTB) Update**
 - Josh and Garth gave an overview of the new NWCG direction for courses, PTBs, current review process and future goals to better streamline the training process.
 - They wanted to #1) make NIAC aware of these business changes and #2) ask for NIACs help through the aviation portion of the process, especially as aviation PTBs get updated.
 - NIAC members discussed the various groups chartered under the committee and the kind of SMEs available.
 - Fall 2017 some PTBs (not necessarily aviation related) will be updated and active in the system.
- **310-1 Proposed Changes (HEMB)**
 - NIAC members agreed to talk to their representatives from the Operations and Training Committee regarding the suggestion to remove HEMG as a single resource boss from 310-1. Currently HEMG is one way to fulfill the single resource boss requirement and qualify as an ICT4. NIAC members think HEMG should remain a single resource boss.
- **NWCG Aquatic Invasive Contract Language**
 - Contract personnel do not want to add new invasive species language into current contracts, however they are in favor of adding the language into new contracts once the language is finalized.
 - NIAC needs to verify that Chapter 5 is correct so that it can be incorporated into new contracts via reference.
 - Jon will send a message to Julie and ask about status of Chapter 5.
- **Interagency Aviation Strategic Plan Subcommittee**
 - Since OAS should have a seat on this subcommittee, Walker nominated Brad Koeckeritz to represent OAS. There were no objections.
- **Proposed new Secondary Restraint Equipment**

- NIAC will task IHSES with providing documentation to NIAC about evaluation of the proposed secondary restraint system
- NIAC approved utilizing and evaluating the proposed secondary restraint system this field season.
- Proposed secondary restraint equipment consists of commercially available harness, tether and tether attachment system.
- Evaluation documentation will be completed and supplied to IHSES at the end of the one year evaluation period.
- **IHSES Mission Statement**
 - NWCG approved (Cross) the bulleted portion as the mission statement.
 - The subcommittee will be asked to incorporate the “how” portion of the mission statement into the Standard Operating Procedures for their group.
 - IHSES committee will include: Bryan Bitting, Bill Sloan and Rick Howe. Sloan nominated as chair with no dissenting opinions.
 - Tim will add mission statement to NWCG website and Standard Operating Procedures will be added to the Resources Tab for that group.
- **Hazard Pay Clarification IHOpS Letter**
 - Jon will write a memo of endorsement saying NIAC endorses the hazard pay approach outlined in the letter received from IHOpS. NIAC recommends taking page 2 of the letter and making business rules out of it and adding it to the business management handbooks.
- **Boost Human External Cargo Systems Inc. Evaluation**
 - IHSES will receive tasking from NIAC to determine appropriate platform to begin field testing of tis short haul secondary restraint system. The tasking will include the write-up provided to NIAC from Seth Weber.
 - Jon will draft tasking.
- **MTDC M-2015 Helitorch Approval Discussion**
 - Tabled for another month; Paul will talk to Don Campbell one more time.
- **ASCO PTB Letter Update**
 - Jon will send letter to activate ASCO PTB to Mike Ellsworth for target date of roughly January 2017.

Action Items

- NIAC members talk to your representatives on the Operations and Training Committee about proposed 310-1 changes and our opposition to the HEMG change.
- Jon will send a message to Julie and ask about status of Chapter 5 (NWCG Aquatic Invasive Contract Language)
- NIAC will task IHSES with providing documentation to NIAC about evaluation equipment for secondary restraint equipment
- Tim will add mission statement to NWCG website and Standard Operating Procedures will be added to the Resources Tab for that group.
- Jon will write a memo of endorsement saying NIAC endorses the Hazard Pay Clarification IHOpS Letter
- Jon will draft tasking for IHSES to determine appropriate platform for evaluation of Boost Human External Cargo Systems
- Paul will talk to Don Campbell about MTDC M-2015 Helitorch Approval
- Jon will send letter to activate ASCO PTB to Mike Ellsworth for target date of roughly Jan 2017.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 21 @ 1300 in Raleigh Atkins Conference Room; Sho-Pai Building