



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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TO: Chair, Interagency Fire Unmanned Aircraft Systems (IFUAS) Subcommittee
FROM: Ben McGrane, Chair, Incident Business Committee (IBC)
SUBJECT: Request for Identification of UAS Consumable Supplies and Potential Replacement Items

Purpose: The NWCG IBC is requesting assistance in identifying the types of consumable items pertaining to the operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) equipment on incidents and, more specifically, those items that may need to be replaced/repared due to use on incidents. This memorandum also emphasizes to the IFUAS members that the equipment they use is not exempt from the standard property loss and damage process for equipment referenced in Chapter 30 of the NWCG Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management (SIIBM).

<https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/publications/pms902.pdf>

Issue/Action: The IBC recognizes that there may be items pertaining to UAS equipment that are consumable in nature (much like chainsaw parts). However, since UAS use on incidents is relatively recent, Committee members are unfamiliar with UAS consumable items or what would constitute normal wear-and-tear. Conversely, there are equipment parts that can get damaged on an incident, and, if properly documented, could be replaced with incident funds. The IBC is requesting assistance from the IFUAS in identifying consumable UAS items vs non-consumable items in order to provide guidance regarding documentation for incident replacement or repair. Once identified, this information will reside in the SIIBM.

Background: Confusion at the incident level regarding UAS repair/replace responsibilities. There have also been reports directing incident resources to request an S# and charge the equipment replacement to the incident, without any documentation as to why the incident is liable for the cost.

Contact: Please contact Dave Burley at dburey@blm.gov or at 208.387.5420 for any questions pertaining to this request.

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