

Interagency Helicopter Operations

Steering Committee



TO: Deb Traver, *GIS Specialist, Sundance Consulting, Inc. - NPS Fire GIS*

RE: Removing the MediVac symbol from existing templates. Replacing with 'Unimproved Landing Area' (from the "Interagency Aviation Accident Prevention Bulletin" from June 2015). Requesting support with how this should be symbolized.

DATE: February 2, 2016

Subject: There is a desire by the field to identify potential medivac locations. To do so without approving the landing site is irresponsible and hazardous. To ensure no confusion exists for ground and aviation personnel on potential landing sites there has been a suggestion to add a symbol that recognizes a need for potential improvement of landing site locations on incident maps prior to use. The following symbols for Helibase and Helispots are currently used along with the recommended Unimproved Landing Area symbol. This additional symbol has been vetted through the Interagency Helicopter Operations Sub-Committee (IHOPS) and approved for inclusion as a standard for future map identifiers.



Helibase



Helispot



Unimproved Landing Area

Recommendation: Please assist IHOPS with developing an Information Bulletin to ensure this additional symbol is shared with the field and parallels the Interagency Aviation Accident Prevention Bulletin referencing this subject.

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