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## National Interagency Aviation Committee

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### NIAC MEMORANDUM #18-11

**To:** Aviation Managers and Agency Flight Helmet Users

**From:** Paul Linse, Chair, National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC)

**Date:** December 17, 2018

**Re:** Flight Helmet Repair and Refurbishment

**Purpose:** To communicate changes to the process for ordering replacement parts for flight helmets.

**Background:** Historically the Great Basin Area Incident Support Cache (GBK) has filled both incident and non-incident requests for flight helmet parts. This practice is contrary to existing agency policy that states that non-emergency (routine) orders should be directed to the source of supply; e.g., DLA or private vendors and, not the National Incident Support Cache (NISC). Some federal agencies have agreements (IAA) with BLM for flight helmet repair through NIFC Ramp Services and for helmet parts supplied through GBK. The supply of parts through the IAA fall under the same agency policy direction outlined above.

**Issue/Action Requested:** The GBK will no longer be able to fill non-emergency requests for flight helmet parts after January 1, 2019. Traditional fire ordering processes remains unaffected. Non-emergency flight helmet repair and refurbishment (to include the parts needed during the refurbishment) for federal agencies through the IAA process is still allowable, however the agreements will be revised to remove the provision for ordering just the flight helmet parts.

Department of the Interior states and regions, USDA Forest Service regions and State cooperators will have to develop their own non-fire parts, repair and refurbishment processes.

Appropriate sources of supply for flight helmet parts include various commercial vendors as well as:

Defense Logistics Agency (DLA): <http://www.dla.mil/Info/FedMall/>

GSA Advantage: [https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/main/start\\_page.do](https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/main/start_page.do)

GSA Global Supply: [https://www.gsaglobalsupply.gsa.gov/advantage/main/start\\_page.do?store=FSS](https://www.gsaglobalsupply.gsa.gov/advantage/main/start_page.do?store=FSS)

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