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**MEMORANDUM**

To: William Kaage, NWCG Chair  
Paul Schlobohm, NWCG Branch Coordinator-Equipment and Technology

From: NIAC Chair *Kevin Hamilton*

Date: May 25, 2010

Re: Recommendation to Establish NASF Cooperator Aviation Standards as Policy

**Background:** In 2009, NASF provided NIAC with “Proposed NASF Cooperator Aviation Standards” for review, input and concurrence. DOI and USFS aviation technical specialists completed their review in early 2010 and determined that there were several barriers to federal acceptance. NIAC established a temporary Working Group to review the standards, catalogue issues identified by the federal agencies and develop resolutions in partnership with the States.

The Working Group membership consisted of: AMD – Ralph Getchell, Dave Parsons and Arlyn Miller; USFS – Pat Norbury, John Nelson and Scott Curtis; States – Ed Martin.

The group completed their collaboration and reached consensus on the revised standards. The final document, “2010 NASF Cooperators Aviation Standards for Interagency Fire”, is attached. This document provides national baseline standards to be used when State (NASF) aviation assets and aviation personnel are being considered for approval and use within the Interagency Fire Program and will serve as the basis for interagency cooperative fire agreements and technical aviation inspections.

**Action Required:** NIAC fully endorses the adoption of this document as a national standard and recommends that the NASF Cooperator Aviation Standards be accepted and implemented as federal policy to enhance coordination with NASF aviation cooperators. The Committee recommends that DOI and USFS each issue official policy to that effect, utilizing respective agency protocols.

Please route this memo and the attachment to the following:  
Mark Bathrick, Associate Director, NBC-Aviation Management Directorate, DOI  
Tom Harbour, Director of Fire and Aviation, U.S. Forest Service

NIAC appreciates the swift collaboration and management support between all agencies that was necessary to complete this task. If we can assist in any way please let me know.

1 Attachment: 2010 NASF Cooperators Aviation Standards for Interagency Fire (5/19/2010)