



## NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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NWCG Memorandum 20-003

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TO: NWCG Executive Board Members

FROM: Frank Guzman, Chair, NWCG Executive Board

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SUBJECT: NWCG Standards for Aviation Operations in Response to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

The purpose of this memo is to release the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Standards for Aviation Operations in response to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). These standards were developed by the NWCG National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC) in coordination with the Fire Management Board (FMB) and the National Multi-Agency Coordination Group (NMAC). They are directed to all interagency aviation users and operators - aviation crews, airbases (all types of aviation bases), aviation managers, fire managers, Incident Management Teams (IMTs), and contractors. These standards are intended to ensure safe and effective national interagency wildland fire aviation operations during national coronavirus response efforts.

The standards are located at: <https://www.nwcg.gov/committees/national-interagency-aviation-committee/niac-standards>.

The standards may be updated as appropriate and necessary to respond to evolving situations and work conditions.

Please distribute this information through your agency channels.

Contact the National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC) with any questions, <https://www.nwcg.gov/committees/national-interagency-aviation-committee/roster>.

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