



Aviation Management Council

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Aviation Management Council Meeting
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Present: Mike Martin (Chair), Rich Denker, Bob Galloway, Kevin Hamilton, Tony Kern, Barb Mahaffey, Mick McCurry, Sam Stivison, Ed Stone, Asher Williams, Rick Willis, Judy Ragain (Secretary).

1. The minutes from the October 2 meeting were approved after changes and will be put on the Web site (<http://www.oas.gov/hq/director/amc/amc.htm>).
2. DOI Internet access problem: A Federal judge has issued a restraining order for DOI to shut down access to anything that has to do with Indian Trust Fund. Ramifications include problems processing payroll and lack of email communications.
3. Operations Oversight Team
 - a. FY02 Operations Plan: The AMC has received the proposed plan. The airspace study is 6 months overdue and the target date will be changed to March 2002. An interagency pilot inspector guide (target date September 2002) will be added to the plan. This guide is being developed to include helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft.
 - b. Other
 - (1) The IATGS Committee charter and air tactical guide: The charter needs to include the titles of its perspective members. It is weighted in favor of USFS (8-9 FS and 1 BLM); one more BLM representative may be added.
 - (2) Airtanker rotations guide: Dennis Lamun and Asher are working on this.
 - (3) CWN contract: This needs the items J.P. Johnston had drafted.
 - (4) TCAS for airtankers: The Operations Oversight Team favors TCAS but is concerned about the time line for installation and the need for changes in the contracts. The overriding consideration is safety. An administrative contractual issue exists; the AMC tasked Contracting to try to find a way to implement TCAS.
 - (5) Federal aviation policy issues: An Aviation Operations Oversight Team ad hoc committee created a list (distributed at this AMC meeting) of Federal aviation policy issues. The next step is to insert FS policy. The Oversight Team will assign the issues to existing committees; if necessary, it will ask the AMC to create the appropriate committee(s).
 - (6) IHOG v. 310-1: The Oversight Team made a proposal to NWCG to change the standards, and is in the process of removing the conflicting standards from the IHOG (see 10-2-01 minutes). After review and approval, the Team will notify NWCG.
 - (7) Fuel truck driver duty limitation issue: This is included in the contract rewrite; a change form

(for signatures of approval) will be attached to the draft.

- (8) Synthetic longline issue: Mick will coordinate with the fire bureaus on the proposed changes and will draft a DOI OPM. The Forest Service is ready on this issue.
- (9) Accident investigations: Bob will have the draft on procedures for interagency investigators before the beginning of the next season.
- (10) Security issues:
 - (a) The Forest Service is in the middle of a security audit and asked DOI to review the results.
 - (b) DOI has three items: a) the need to prioritize missions; b) a request for discreet transponder codes in the FAA system (ICAP has agreed to accept this issue); c) aircraft security measures to prevent aircraft from being unlawfully used.

4. Business Management Oversight Team

a. FY02 Operations Plan

- (1) IRM Committee: The Committee is working on building a better source list for the FS and OAS with automation between the two departments. The next step is to make the basic structure more comparable and to acquire financing to redesign both systems.
- (2) Finance Committee: The Committee is working with IRM on the above system-related issues.
- (3) Acquisition Committee
 - (a) The Committee is working on an OPM for DOI use of FS aircraft, interagency cooperation on contracts, and the communication issues involved.
 - (b) Mick asked about adding smokejumper aircraft to the interagency contract. It can be done if we have joint technical specifications (TCAS was one issue that FS and DOI were apart on); the Operations Oversight Team will address these specs.

b. Other items: None.

5. Other Items

- a. The AMC signed the letter to the Great Basin Cache Manager to stock the *Interagency Aviation Mishap Response Plan* with the understanding that another section be added for missing aircraft.
- b. DOI has set up the Watch Office in the Main Interior building to create a link between law enforcement and DOI offices. OAS Safety now reports to the Watch Office and uses the previously established reporting process for threats, SAFECOMs, etc.

6. Personnel Changes

- a. Welcome to Tony as the new co-chair of the AMC (part of his new role as the FS Assistant Director for Fire and Aviation—congratulations). Thank you to Ed for participating this past year as the co-chair—and for traveling to Idaho.
- b. Rich is retiring and the AMC thanked him for his support and hard work. Rick Willis will be

acting chair for the FS on the Business Management Oversight Team.

- c. List of AMC team and committee personnel: Send your changes to Judy electronically (judy_ragain@oas.gov). She will email everyone the updated version by the next meeting.
7. Next meeting: Tony will call Mike about a date, which will probably be in April 2002.