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- On August 12th, 2017, BLM - Apple Valley Helicopter 554 was busy assisting the Shasta Trinity National Forest with multiple initial attack fires, supplying firefighters and equipment. After landing in Hayfork to roll up the longline and pick up the crew, Helitack Captain Kyle Beinschroth decided to do one last look/walk around of the helicopter prior to departing. He immediately noticed that something was not right with the door on the tailboom of the aircraft. The pilot immediately shut down the aircraft and inspected the problem. It appeared that the skin on the door had delaminated, and after consulting with the mechanic, decided that the door would need replacing. Kyle's adversity to complacency, aviator discipline and attention to detail helped identify a problem that could have led to catastrophic results.
- Great job Kyle!



Kirk Rothwell (right), BLM National Aviation Safety Advisor, presenting Airward

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Tail-boom door, skin delamination