Safety Management Systems (SMS)
The BLM continues its dedication to SMS. Unfortunately COVID restrictions prevented a review for 2020. Plans for a field review 2021 are in place.

SAFECOM Summary F20 (Submissions)
- Helicopter (52) 1 submission per 133 Flt. Hr.
- SEAT/FB (31) 1 submission per 131 Flt. Hr.
- Fixed Wing (46) 1 submission per 259 Flt. Hr.
- UAS (5) 1 submission per 32 Flt. Hr.

Average for all types of aircraft: 1 submission per 171 flight hours. FY19 = 1/206 Flt Hr.

Non-Fire Training (IAT)
- IAT course completions FY20= 4491, FY19= 4450
- Upcoming ACE events: Spring 2021 San Diego, CA & Atlanta, GA

Four Accidents
- FB-214, Unalakleet, AK. May 31, 2020 While departing with a load of water after executing a scoop, aircraft’s left float impacted a small 20 ft. hill. Aircraft safely landed post impact. No injuries or fatalities. NTSB# ANC20CA052
- FB-210, Birch Creek, AK July 14, 2020 Aircraft encountered an un-commanded hard right turn after touching down and applying power to execute a scoop, resulting in loss of direction and impact to terrain and trees. No injuries or fatalities. NTSB# ANC20LA069
- T-824, T-866, Midair, Elgin, NV July 30, 2020 During subsequent retardant drops, a flight of two SEATs collided while delivering retardant in a tag and extend tactic. The trail aircraft collided with the lead SEAT on climb out immediately after releasing retardant load. Two fatalities. NTSB# WPR20LA246(A)(B)
- T-857, Emmett, ID Sept 22, 2020 After descending a ridge to make the drop, the aircraft failed to release the retardant load and subsequently impacted rising terrain during the attempted climb out. One fatality. NTSB# WPR20LA315

Incident with Potential
- FB-210, Isom Creek, AK June 7, 2020 Aircraft encountered and un-commanded hard right turn after touching down and applying power to execute a scoop. Pilot was able to stop the momentum of the FB-210, Isom Creek, AK June 7, 2020 Aircraft encountered and un-commanded hard right turn after touching down and applying power to execute a scoop. Pilot was able to stop the momentum of the aircraft and coast into a floating mass of vegetation. No injuries or fatalities.

Questions or comments, contact Kirk Rothwell Aviation Safety & Training Advisor 208-387-5879 or mrothwell@blm.gov
NV-CNIDC, Lily Konanatz. Attention to Detail prevented potential mishap. Safecom 20-1158

Often behind the scene staff is overlooked for their professionalism, attention to detail and dedication to ensuring aircraft operations are being conducted safely and efficiently. We would like to recognize Lily for her dedication as an employee with great work ethic, professionalism and a great team member within our interagency aviation operations.

**Aviation Leadership Development Initiative (ALDI) 2020-2022**

Two candidates selected: May 2020 forward - completed/participated, one UAM detail, one AOBD sign-off. Fall/Winter 2020-2021, College course work in Aviation Safety Management System & Risk Mgmt. Interagency UAS on-job participation & Pilot Ground School.

**Acronyms:**

ACE = Aviation Centered Education  
AFF = Automated Flight Following  
ALDI = Aviation Leadership Development Initiative  
AK = Alaska  
AOBD = Air Operations Branch Director  
ASAT = Aviation Safety Assistance Team  
ASGS (t) = Air Support Group Supervisor (trainee)  
BLM = Bureau of Land Management  
Ex-Use = Exclusive Use  
FB = Fireboss  
Flt = Flight  
FW = Fixed Wing  
FY = Fiscal Year  
Hrs. = Hours  
IAT = Interagency Aviation Training  
IWP = Incident with Potential  
L48 = Lower 48 contiguous states  
NTSB = National Transportation Safety Board  
NV-CNIDC = Nevada, Central Nevada Interagency Dispatch Center  
OAS = Office of Aviation Services  
Safecom = Safety Communique  
SEAT = Single Engine Air Tanker  
SMS = Safety Management System  
UAS = Unmanned Aerial System (drone)  
USFS = United States Forest Service  
WH&B = Wild Horse and Burro