

NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP
Smokejumper Aircraft Screening and Evaluation
Subcommittee
Charter

1. Background

The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) was formed in January 1974, to expand operational cooperation and coordination between various public agencies having jurisdictional responsibility for wildland fire management.

In 2007, NWCG was re-chartered, expanding its responsibility and adding new partners. The subcommittee chartered herein is one of a number of support groups established by the NWCG to provide stewardship for specific business segment areas in fire management.

Historically, most of the functional business areas to be addressed by this subcommittee were the responsibility of the former Smokejumper Aircraft Screening and Evaluation Board (SASEB).

2. Name

The name of this subcommittee, hereinafter referred to as the Subcommittee, is the Smokejumper Aircraft Screening and Evaluation Subcommittee (SASES) of the National Interagency Aviation Committee.

3. Authority

The Subcommittee is established pursuant to the authorities granted in the National Interagency Aviation Committee Charter.

The deliberations of this Subcommittee are exempt from the Federal Advisory Committee Act under section 204 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

The Subcommittee Chair is authorized to convene meetings and schedule agenda items. The Subcommittee Chair is also authorized to make contacts, negotiate work assignments, and make commitments on behalf of the Subcommittee.

4. Purpose

The Subcommittee is established to evaluate Smokejumper aircraft, Paracargo aircraft, and related aircraft accessories for safety, effectiveness and efficiency in smokejumper operations. This includes evaluation of new aircraft proposed for Smokejumper and/or Paracargo operations and continued oversight of approved aircraft. This does not include authority for aircraft inspection and carding.

5. Membership

Subcommittee membership will reflect a mix of people who are knowledgeable in the subject area of the Subcommittee and who are from NWCG member agencies and organizations. With NIAC Chair approval, other agencies or organizations that are not NWCG members may be selected for Subcommittee membership.

The National Interagency Aviation Committee will approve the Subcommittee Chair. The term of the Subcommittee Chair appointment will be 2 years and may be extended at the discretion of the National Interagency Aviation Committee.

The primary Subcommittee member roster will be approved by the subcommittee chair in coordination with the NIAC agencies represented on the subcommittee.. The terms of each primary member will be indefinite.

6. Organization

The Subcommittee is under the direction of the National Interagency Aviation Committee.

The Subcommittee may Create task teams.

7. Cooperation and Coordination

The Subcommittee will work through the National Interagency Aviation Committee to ensure appropriate coordination, collaboration, and information sharing with other groups and organizations for the subject matter and specific tasks of the Subcommittee.

8. Responsibility

The Subcommittee is primarily responsible for providing interagency guidance to NIAC for Smokejumper and Paracargo aviation operations . SASES will maintain a list of aircraft approved for Smokejumper and Paracargo operations.

Charter Amendments

Changes to, or revocation of, this charter must follow the process outlined in the *NWCG Operating Principles and Guidelines*.

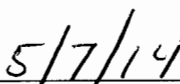
10. Charter Approval

This charter is effective as of the date of approval by the Chair of the National Interagency Aviation Committee and shall remain in effect until revised or revoked.

Approved:



Chair, National Interagency Aviation
Committee



Date

Concur:

Timothy A Blake
Branch Coordinator

May 7, 2014
Date