

# NORTHERN ROCKIES MISSION AVIATION SAFETY PLAN

## 2026 Fixed Wing Backcountry Operations

Unit: Nez Perce - Clearwater NFs

### MASP INSTRUCTIONS

Page 1 through the end of the Risk Assessment Worksheet require completion prior to regional office review and approval signatures. The Aerial Hazard Analysis and Map page through the end of the MASP document may be completed as information becomes available. Partial completion of these pages is recommended during the submission process, and all pages **shall** be completed prior to mission start. A Mission Planning Sheet (MPS) with this information is considered completion of these pages. Insert Unit Specific MPS Hyperlink as able.

➔ Mission Planning & Aircraft Ordering Sheet

### RISK MATRIX INSTRUCTIONS

The risk outcomes on the risk assessment matrix have been incorporated into the risk assessment worksheet's drop-down menus. Risk Assessment Category (RAC) outcomes are categorized as follows:

**LOW**      **MEDIUM**      **HIGH**      **EXTREMELY HIGH**

In no case will the overall risk of the mission be less than the highest specific factor. (Example: One extremely high, one high, and two moderate threats results in an extremely high risk assessment category outcome).

### SIGNATURES

Route all MASP's through the Unit/Forest Aviation Officer for Regional Office review. Signature blocks on page 2 are listed in the order required for MASP approval. The MASP's will be routed back down through the Unit/Forest Aviation Officer (AO) for line officer approval or as appropriate. MASPs should be submitted as a PDF document (if possible) to allow for digital signatures for Forest/Unit Aviation Officer, RASO, RAO, and Line officer. The MASP approval signature will only be valid for one year (365 days).

All signature boxes for Mission Prepared Unit level will be signed in typed text:

Example: /s/ John M. Smith

Line officer signatures may be signed with a wet signature or link pass digital signature at their discretion.

### RETENTION AND FILING OF PLAN

MASPs that have been reviewed by the Regional Office will remain in Pinyon and archived by fiscal year. These plans are accessible by the Regional Office, Unit/Forest Aviation Officers, and select aviation managers. Plans approved by the line officer will be maintained in the dispatch office and referenced during flight. Retention of the safety plan by dispatch shall be three years. Retention of the plan and daily briefing sheets by the mission manager shall be three years.

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<b>Unit: (Insert Local Unit)</b> Nez Perce - Clearwater NFs			<b>Sub Unit:</b>		
<b>Agency Requesting Mission</b>			<b>Anticipated Date(s):</b> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Calendar Year</b>
FS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS <input type="checkbox"/> BLM <input type="checkbox"/> FWS <input type="checkbox"/> BIA <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>			<b>Calendar Year:</b> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Aircraft Type</b>			<b>*Use start and end date below only if anticipated date(s) box is selected*</b>		
<b>Fixed</b>	<b>Rotor</b>	<b>UAS</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>MASP Objectives</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	03/13/2026	03/12/2027	Training <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LE&I Mission <input type="checkbox"/> Incident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>Mission prepared by:</b> Hon Schlapfer	<b>Title:</b> Fixed Wing Program Manager	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Mission reviewed by: (OPTIONAL)</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Mission reviewed by: (OPTIONAL)</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Mission reviewed by: (REQUIRED) Forest Level:</b> JEREMY BEESON <small>Digitally signed by JEREMY BEESON Date: 2026.03.16 13:21:59 -07'00'</small>	<b>Title:</b> Unit Aviation Officer	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Mission reviewed by: (REQUIRED) Regional Level:</b> HON SCHLAPFER <small>Digitally signed by HON SCHLAPFER Date: 2026.02.17 14:00:35 -07'00'</small>	<b>Title:</b> Fixed Wing Program Manager	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Mission reviewed by: (REQUIRED) RASO:</b> ALEJANDRO ARGOTA <small>Digitally signed by ALEJANDRO ARGOTA Date: 2026.02.18 10:06:51 -07'00'</small>	<b>Title:</b> Regional Aviation Safety Officer	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Mission reviewed By: (REQUIRED) RAO:</b> PHILLIP KETEL <small>Digitally signed by PHILLIP KETEL Date: 2026.02.18 12:50:45 -07'00'</small>	<b>Title:</b> Regional Aviation Officer	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Mission and Risk Assessment approved by: (REQUIRED) Line Officer:</b> Jonathan Word <small>Digitally signed by Jonathan Word Date: 2026.03.23 12:18:42 -07'00'</small>	<b>Title:</b> Forest Supervisor	<b>Date:</b> 03/23/2026
<b>Mission and Risk Assessment approved by: (OPTIONAL) - Line Officer:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

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**\* Participant’s qualifications and responsibilities shall be verified and discussed during daily briefing\***

<p><b><u>Project Aviation Manager (IAW IAT Guide):</u></b> Hon Schlapfer – Fixed Wing Program Manager</p>	<p><b><u>Alternate Proj. Aviation Manager (IAW IAT Guide):</u></b> Complete or See MPS</p>
<p><b><u>Mission Name</u></b> Fixed Wing Backcountry Operations</p>	
<p><b><u>Mission Description and Location:</u></b></p> <p>The missions will involve utilization of fixed wing aircraft to shuttle personnel and equipment from one airport or airstrip to another. Flights may be in support of a resource objective, project, or incident. Several remote District Offices and Work Centers are heavily reliant upon Fixed Wing support due to the extremely remote location and lack of access. It is common for personnel and/or equipment to be picked up at one backcountry airstrip and shuttled to another backcountry airstrip. Multiple flights may occur throughout the season. Light fixed wing aircraft will be utilized to perform the mission. Flight following will be conducted through Dispatch.</p> <p>The Risk Hazard Index (RHI) will be reviewed for hazard discussion, confirm that an RHI has been completed within the last 2 years and discuss any changes that have occurred in the past 2 years. This MASP is for any backcountry airstrip which has a current RHI and is on the Regional Aviation Officer (RAO) approved Airstrip list.</p> <p>Personnel transport is classified as a “Special Use Mission Flight” of aircraft (FSH 5709.16, 35.1) with agency level direction found in IAT policies, guidelines, and training requirements will also be met for all resource missions.</p> <p>Light Fixed-wing projects are typically planned by sub-unit fire/staff areas. Once the option to use aircraft is selected a qualified Fixed Wing Flight Manager Special Use (FWFM-SU) will be assigned with the responsibility to manage the overall mission support functions for the flight.</p> <p>This MASP or a specific Mission Planning Sheet (MPS) will be utilized that details the project name, funding codes, aircraft assigned, specific mission, communication plan, project site location(s), specific helispot and/or landing zones, participant signatures, and mission/flight hazard maps. Site or project specific hazards not identified in the attached Risk Assessment need to be documented (e.g. FRAT/GAR).</p> <p>Fixed wing missions will not be considered without Aviation officer review, and the appropriate Aviation Safety Plan/Mission Planning sheet completed. If a project request involved anything that might be considered beyond the scope of this MASP, a mission specific MASP will be written and approved prior to moving forward.</p> <p>Preflight briefings will be conducted wherever the flight originates. These briefings will include but not limited to the following: flight safety, emergency equipment and procedures, flight following, communications, sterile cockpit procedures and frequencies, flight routes, monitoring areas , hazards, any changes to normal procedures, and mountain flying, aircraft performance and high density altitudes. The pilot will be briefed prior to commencing any flights on known hazards, MTR’s/MOA’s, and local weather. Current and forecasted weather will be discussed prior to operations. Any hazardous materials will be packaged and transported in accordance with the guidelines provided in the Hazardous Materials Guide (PMS 513); the pilot will be notified of the type, quantity and location of any hazardous materials placed on board the aircraft.</p> <p>An Operational Risk Assessment (ORA) e.g. FRAT/GAR will be conducted prior to flight operations. If at any point during this briefing any or all participants are uncomfortable to continue, or the ORA risk level exceeds the approved rating level, the mission will be cancelled or delayed until the issue/s can be rectified.</p>	

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Aviation personnel will be equipped with required PPE and radios. Positive communication between all air and ground resources will be in place and utilized. In the event of a mishap the Aviation Mishap Response Guide and Checklist (PMS 503) will be initiated by contacting Dispatch.

## **Mission Objectives:**

Support Agency objectives to provide access to backcountry sites; flights will be used to transport equipment, supplies and personnel to backcountry airstrip locations. Such locations have limited access and are commonly staffed by agency personnel and volunteers that provide needed communication and information to backcountry visitors as well as project and other resource objectives.

Develop and maintain awareness to Safety Management System (SMS) principles, and their application, at all operations and management levels.

\*Please Note: If a volunteer needs to participate in a flight a Day Trip Authorization (FS 5700-12) must be completed and signed by the Line Officer sponsoring the flight.\*

## **Aircraft Justification For Mission:**

Justification is a function of the planning and management approval process. Individual projects provide objectives that guide the consideration and decision to employ fixed wing aircraft, and this supplement to the unit aviation plan provides management expectations for field application of the flight activity.

Backcountry sites accessed by light fixed wing are generally not efficiently or safely accessed by land based methods. This includes vehicles, UTV's, snowmobiles, stock and hiking. Whenever possible, other means of transport will be utilized if it is determined to be the safest method to meet the objectives of the mission. Helicopters shall be considered as an alternative when mission parameters dictate (time of day, temperature, multiple legs between airstrips, load configurations etc)

Summer Flights into Backcountry Airstrips:

Due to prevalent high temperature and/or turbulent conditions, pilots and aircrews should avoid late morning and mid-afternoon flights during the summer months at backcountry airstrips. As a best practice, special consideration will be given to Fixed Wing flights using backcountry airstrips between approximately 1000 and 1800 during the summer months, and when the temperature is approximately 70 degrees Fahrenheit or above. If operating within these parameters, pilot and Fixed Wing Flight Managers will include discussion and mitigations during the Flight Risk Assessment and highlight any concerns to the Aviation Officer and Agency Fixed Wing Pilots.

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**Aircraft Information:**

**\*Check all that apply, if name is unknown, add information as it becomes available\***

**\*Leave text fields blank if unknown\***

**\*All state cooperators require an annual approval letter onboard\***

Cooperator:

Agency:

Vendor:

Military:

Other:  Federal Partners

**Mission Category: Complete or see MPS**

**\*Check all that apply, if unknown, add information as it becomes available\***

Pax Transport  Detection  Recon  Aerial Ignition ( PSD  Helitorch)  UAS

External Load  Backcountry  Training  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Rotor Wing:**

Type One:

Type Two:

Type Three:

**\*Document additional requirements beyond standard typing in aircraft justification and on the resource order\* (performance capabilities, equipment, etc.).**

**Fixed Wing:**

Single Engine

Twin Engine

**\*Document mission needs for turbine, twin-engine, air conditioning, high or low wing, pressurized cabin, radio package, etc. in the aircraft justification section and on the resource order.\***

**UAS:**

Fixed Wing

Rotor Wing (VTOL)

**Aircraft Make and Model: If unknown, add information as it becomes available. All information shall be filled out prior to mission start. Complete or see MPS**

**Unknown CWN:**

**Unknown EU:**

**Vendor:**

**FAA Registration #:**

**Make:**

**Model:**

**Carded for Mission:**  YES  NO

**Card Expiration Date:**

**Aircraft Color Scheme:**

**\*\* CWN helicopter information attained after hiring process, ensure CWN inspection sheet has been completed and a copy of the aircraft data card is on file prior to mission start. \*\***

**Procurement and Cost Information: Check unknown if unable to provide accurate or estimated information.**

**Procurement Type:**

Unknown

**Estimated Flight Hour Cost:**

Unknown

**Mission Flight Hours:**

Unknown

**Estimated Miscellaneous Cost(s):**

**Charge Code:**

Unknown

Unknown

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**\*\*Risk assessment must be completed prior to mission approval\*\***  
**\*\*Risk assessment hazards shall be reassessed prior to starting the mission, see FRAT\*\***  
**\*\*Ensure appropriate management level for approval \*\***  
**\*\*This Risk Assessment does not negate the requirement to complete a FRAT prior to flight. \*\***

RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX		PROBABILITY					
		Likelihood of Mishap if Hazard is Present					
		Almost Certain (Continuously experienced)	Likely (Will occur frequently)	Possible Will occur several times)	Unlikely (Improbable, but has occurred in the past)	Rare (Remotely possible; but highly improbable)	
SEVERITY	Consequence if Mishap Occurs	Catastrophic (Death, Loss of Asset or Mission Capability or Unit Readiness)	Extremely High	Extremely High	Extremely High	High	Medium
	Consequence if Mishap Occurs	Critical (Permanent Disabling Injury or Damage, Significantly Degraded Mission Capability or Unit Readiness)	Extremely High	Extremely High	High	Medium	Medium
	Consequence if Mishap Occurs	Moderate (Non-Permanent Disabling Injury or Damage, Degraded Mission Capability or Unit Readiness)	High	High	Medium	Low	Low
	Consequence if Mishap Occurs	Negligible (Minimal Injury or Damage, Little or No Impact to Mission Capability or Unit Readiness)	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low
		Risk Assessment Codes (RAC)					
		Extremely High=1 High=2 Medium=3 Low=4					

RAC Value	Risk Category	Action Required
1	Extremely High	Stop, Mitigation Required
2	High	Mitigation Needed, Consider Stopping
3	Medium	Mitigation Recommended
4	Low	Possible Acceptance, Mitigation Optional

Risk Category/Value	Fire Mission	Non-fire Mission
Extremely High (1)	Incident Commander or Operations Sections Chief	Line Officer / Manager
High (2)	Incident Commander or Operations Sections Chief	Line Officer / Manager
Medium (3)	Air Operations Branch Director	Mission Aviation Manager
Low (4)	Base Manager	Helicopter or Flight Manager

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		Hazard(s)	Probability	Severity	Risk Level	Mitigation(s)	Probability	Severity	Risk Level
Sub System(s)									
Mission Policy	Operational/Mission goals may be unstated, unclear or conflict with policy.	Possible	Critical	High	Conduct thorough briefings, ensure organization is in place, and adhere to interagency policy, procedures & Guides	Unlikely	Critical	Medium	
Mission - Policy	MASP absent or not complete (Policy Deviation).	Possible	Critical	High	Ensure MASP and risk assessment are completed and approved at appropriate level. Ensure Forest Aviation Officer is involved in mission planning. MASP should be used as a briefing tool. If at any point during this briefing any or all participants are uncomfortable to continue, or the ORA risk level exceeds the approved rating level, the mission will be cancelled or delayed until the issue(s) can be rectified. Ensure that all parties are available for mission briefings.	Unlikely	Critical	Medium	
Mission	No preflight safety or mission briefing	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Safety briefings with all crew will be conducted before flight to include proper emergency procedures. Everyone is "crew" and can stop a mission at any time. Pilot has final authority for any flight. FWFM-SU will ensure pilot is briefed and FRAT has been completed for flight. All crew will be briefed before flight on mission and safety.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	
Mission – Communications	Frequency management, cockpit overload, inadequate briefing, and/or loss of communication	Possible	Critical	High	Ensure frequencies are reviewed and operational. Consider discrete channel for air operations. Ensure thorough communication briefing and understood. Halt operations if loss of communications.	Unlikely	Critical	Medium	

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Sub System(s)	Hazard(s)	Pre-Mitigation			Mitigation(s)	Post Mitigation		
		Probability	Severity	Risk Level		Probability	Severity	Risk Level
Personnel	Unqualified employees working in or around aircraft. Personnel not trained properly or proficient with equipment/mission. Personnel too close to drop site. Personnel unfamiliar with local flight following protocol and/or crash rescue procedures.	Possible	Critical	High	All personnel will be fully qualified to perform the duties associated with a position and will take part in the pre-mission brief, assignments (duties) will be assigned. Emphasis on mentoring and training in conjunction with operations and emphasize hazard identification and communication methods. Advise Pilot to communicate/ provide feedback with FWFEM-SU or ground contact.	Unlikely	Critical	Medium
Personnel Human Factors	Acceptance of high risk missions as normal. Lack of CRM, Task saturation or fixation, hazardous attitude. Poor mission analysis. Fatigue. Management pressure/mission driven sense of urgency. Unknown change in project objective. Experience level of air crew and vendor.	Possible	Catastrophic	Extremely High	Conduct thorough risk assessments & brief/debrief. Pilot and flight crew utilize CRM and work together in mission planning. Conduct daily briefing and complete real time FRAT. Ensure management does not place undue pressure or sense of urgency on flight crews. Ensure objective has not changed and re-evaluate mission if changes occur.	Unlikely	Catastrophic	High
Personnel / Pilot	Fatigue causing lack of focus, concentration errors, cutting corners, or mistakes.	Unlikely	Catastrophic	High	Work/Rest guidelines. Check on last days off. Monitor fatigue, stay hydrated, take breaks and enforce flight hour and duty day restrictions.	Rare	Catastrophic	Medium
Crew / Passengers	Lack of PPE	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	Required PPE for fixed wing flight includes nonflammable pants that cover the tops of leather footwear when in a seated position, nonflammable shirt—preferably with long sleeves— and ear and eye protection.	Rare	Moderate	Low

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		Probability	Severity	Risk Level		Probability	Severity	Risk Level
Pilot	Lack of familiarity with aircraft, uncarded pilot or un-carded aircraft.	Possible	Catastrophic	Extremely High	Pilot shall be agency carded for the aircraft and mission type and current in backcountry airstrip landings. Only agency carded aircraft will be used for mission. Check pilot card and aircraft card. Passenger will refuse flight if either do not appear to be carded. Contact COR.	Unlikely	Catastrophic	High
Pilot	Lack of familiarity with the mission	Possible	Critical	High	Brief vendor/pilot regarding mission. Assess pilot comfort level and familiarity with the area and airstrip. Ensure pilot meets qualifications and has a mountain airstrip endorsement and meets specific requirements for each airstrip. FWFM-SU briefs pilot and discusses specific elements of the mission. Complete a FRAT.	Unlikely	Critical	Medium
Pilot	Sense of urgency or acceptance of unnecessary risk.	Unlikely	Catastrophic	High	Pilot will be briefed on mission expectations. Mission planning complete, briefings complete, flight following established and understood. The flight crew will not pressure pilot to accept unnecessary risk.	Rare	Catastrophic	Medium
Aircraft	Aircraft Performance not suitable for mission. Operating in Hot, High, and Heavy (HHH) environment.	Unlikely	Catastrophic	High	Ensure appropriate aircraft is ordered, utilized and operated in accordance with appropriate flight manuals. Conduct thorough pre-mission briefing and planning.	Rare	Catastrophic	Medium
Aircraft	Possibility of mechanical failure	Unlikely	Catastrophic	High	Use only agency carded aircraft with a current valid inspection card. Aviation Maintenance Inspector (AMI) will card aircraft prior to the contract start and will verify maintenance records. The FWFM-SU and pilot will perform an inspection if needed. FWFM-SU can consult AMI if needed for clarification/follow-up.	Rare	Catastrophic	Medium

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Sub System(s)	Hazard(s)	Pre-Mitigation			Mitigation(s)	Post Mitigation		
		Probability	Severity	Risk Level		Probability	Severity	Risk Level
Aircraft / Communications	Loss of aircraft radio and/or satellite phone communications, or AFF capability lost or interrupted.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	Ensure Pilot is familiar with established procedures for back-up communication and flight following. Discuss with all crew and pilot during pre-flight briefing. If commo is temporarily lost, try to reestablish until reconnected. If all flight following capability is lost, the flight should be stopped.	Rare	Moderate	Low
Environment	Adverse wind speed / direction, thunderstorms, etc. Weather becoming less than VFR conditions	Unlikely	Catastrophic	High	Ensure flight crew obtains current forecast and updated weather briefings and continually monitor the wind speed and direction. If visibility or winds become unfavorable, postpone until conditions improve or delay to another day.	Rare	Catastrophic	Medium
Environment	Flying in Mountainous Terrain while focused on a low level mission	Possible	Catastrophic	Extremely High	Carded and experienced pilot. Recon of the areas to be treated will occur prior to the mission. All boundaries aerial hazards will be pre-identified. Division of tasks between pilot and crewmembers and communicating location relative to terrain.	Unlikely	Catastrophic	High

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Sub System(s)	Hazard(s)	Pre-Mitigation			Mitigation(s)	Post Mitigation		
		Probability	Severity	Risk Level		Probability	Severity	Risk Level
Aerial Hazards	Midair collision with other aircraft, powerlines, towers, birds, UAS, during operations especially while in Low Level flight profile (below 500') during the special use mission	Unlikely	Catastrophic	High	Maintain sterile cockpit during take-off and landings while still following the "see something/say something" protocol. Allow pilot to communicate with civilian or military Air Traffic Control. In high traffic areas, allow pilot to aviate, navigate, and communicate. Practice "See and Avoid" using CRM principals at all times. Everyone in the aircraft has a responsibility for flight safety by identifying in-flight hazards, other aircrafts, birds, etc., And alerting the pilot. Recognize that backcountry airstrips can be very busy places with a mix of users covering a wide range of skills and equipment.	Rare	Catastrophic	Medium
In flight hazards	Loose or unsecured maps, papers, GPS units, aerial photos, etc... interfering with pilot and/or flight controls	Possible	Catastrophic	Extremely High	Improve crew training, preparation, and assembly. Take only equipment needed for the mission. Keep items stored or secured during flight. Stay organized!	Unlikely	Catastrophic	High
Airspace Conflict	Conflict with General Aviation Traffic	Possible	Catastrophic	Extremely High	Monitor CTAF, Make position reports and state intentions on CTAF, visually scan area for air traffic, use TCAS.	Rare	Catastrophic	Medium

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Sub System	Hazard(s)	Pre-Mitigation			Post Mitigation		
		Probability	Severity	Risk Level	Probability	Severity	Risk Level
Hazardous Materials	Transportation of Hazardous Materials.	Possible	Catastrophic	Extremely High	Unlikely	Catastrophic	High
Stranded in the backcountry	Weather, animals, lack of communication, exposure	Possible	Critical	High	Possible	Negligible	Low
<p><i>*Final Risk Value is the overall risk of the mission/flight after all mitigations have been implemented. Overall risk cannot be lower than the highest risk after mitigations. One high risk rating will result in the overall risk being high. It is not an average.</i></p>		<b>FINAL RISK VALUE:</b>		<b>High (2)</b>			
<p><b>Prepared By:</b> <u>Jeremy Beeson</u></p>		<p><b>Title</b> : <u>FAO</u></p>		<p><b>Date:</b> <u>3/16/26</u></p>			

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**Aerial Hazard Analysis and map:** A written analysis of aerial hazards surrounding the mission area in this box or in the MPS, e.g. towers, wires, sloping terrain, dust, proximity to airports, confined landing zones, etc. Provide a hazard map/QR code.

Project Specific Maps will be provided and briefed to prior to mission. [Flight Hazard Map](#)

**\*\*Insert local QR code OR attach aerial hazard map\*\***



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<b><u>Aircraft Performance Planning:</u></b>	
The pilot is responsible for the accurate completion of load calculations or PPC (military performance planning). Trained personnel shall ensure that aircraft scheduled are capable of performing the mission(s) safely and within the capabilities of the aircraft selected. The helicopter or flight manager shall ensure that manifests, load calculations, weight & balance are completed properly using accurate environmental and aircraft data. Reference NSHO chapter 7 or chapter 70 of the Military Use Handbook for additional information.	
<b><u>Personal Protective Equipment:</u> *Always refer to current ALSE, NSHO, and manual direction*</b>	
<b>Type of Operation- Check applicable boxes that may apply to mission or mission</b>	<b>Personnel protective equipment requirements.</b> <b>NOTE:</b> Agency employees must be informed of the increased personal hazard that is associated with wearing non-fire resistant clothing or footwear when the full complement of PPE is not worn. <b>The MASP for the project must document PPE exception(s) and in accordance with FSH 5709.16, Chapt 30, 36.53b.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotor Wing Ground Operations	Fire resistant clothing, hard hat w/chin strap or approved flight helmet, fire resistant and/or leather gloves, all leather boots, eye protection, hearing protection. <b>*Refer to the Standards for Aerial Ignition (PMS 501) for additional ground operation requirements.*</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotor Wing	Fire resistant clothing, approved flight helmet, hard hat w/chin strap, fire resistant and/or leather gloves, approved leather or flight boots, eye protection, hearing protection. Additional personnel restraints needed in the helicopter pending type of mission. <b>* Refer to appropriate guides. * Charter flights, (non-agency controlled mission), shall comply with 14 CFR 135 requirements.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Doors Off Flight(s)	Personnel will remain seated and inside fuselage during all flights, approved secondary restraint harness for doors off flights (only for PLDO, HRAP, HERS, Aerial Photography, IR Operator, ACETA Gunner, Cargo Letdown, Short Haul Spotter, Cargo Free Fall Operations in type 3 helicopter) <b>* Refer to appropriate guides*</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cargo Free Fall Operations	Fire resistant clothing, approved flight helmet, fire resistant and/or leather gloves, all leather boots, eye protection, hearing protection. Additional qualifications, compliance with rotorcraft manual and approved restraint requirement apply. <b>* Refer to NSHO chapter eleven for additional details. *</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fixed Wing	Refer to current NSAS, ALSE and 5700 manual directions for PPE requirements.

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<p><b>Helicopter or Fixed Wing Pilot Information:</b> Fixed wing: use "other" box and state approved mission(s). Any unknown information shall be added after signature approvals. All personnel shall be qualified for mission or designated as a trainee with appropriate oversight. <u>Complete or see MPS</u></p>	
<p><b><u>Pilot Name (P1): PIC/Primary</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Pilot Phone Number:</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Pilot Name (P2): Co-Pilot/Relief</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Pilot Phone Number:</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Pilot Carded For Mission:</u></b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                  Charter Pilot <input type="checkbox"/> 135 Certificate and FAR's Apply                  ** Use of charter pilot requires regional forester approval**                  Check all boxes that apply to pilot's carding below:</p>	<p><b><u>Pilot Card (P1) Expiration Date:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Pilot Card (P2) Expiration Date:</u></b></p>
<p>Low-Level Recon &amp; Survey P1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Helitack-Passenger Transport P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  External Load (Belly Hook) P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Water-Retardant Delivery P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Longline VTR (150') P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Snorkel: VTR <input type="checkbox"/> Mirror <input type="checkbox"/> P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Mountainous Terrain Flying P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Aerial Ignition (PSD) P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Aerial Ignition (Torch) P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Rappel Operations P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Cargo Letdown P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Snow Operations (Deep Snow) P1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Hoist P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>  <hr/>                 UAS P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  UAS - Aerial Ignition P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  UAS - Night P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  UAS - ELOS / BVLOS P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Designated "Pilot Trainer" P1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  "Trainee Only" Pilot P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Short Haul LE <input type="checkbox"/> SAR <input type="checkbox"/> P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Float Operations (Fixed) P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Platform Landings-Offshore P1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Vessel Landings P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  NVG Operations P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  ACETA Net Gun (All ACETA) P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  ACETA Eradication P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  ACETA (Herding) P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  ACETA Darting-Paintball P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  STEP P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/>                  Other <input type="checkbox"/> P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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<b>Flight Following And Frequencies:</b> TBD/Will confirm, complete or see MPS <div style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">*Confirm frequencies prior to flight*</div> <div style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-weight: bold;">*FAA Flight Plan (chartered aircraft non-agency-controlled mission) no frequencies required*</div> <div style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-weight: bold;">*Chartered 135 operator is responsible for communications and flight plan*</div>		
<b>Flight Following Method:</b> AFF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio (Local or GACC aircraft desk) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>FAA Flight Plan: (Agency-owned or agency contracted aircraft mission)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>FAA Flight Plan: (Charter aircraft non-agency controlled mission)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>FM Receive:</b>	<b>FM Transmit:</b>	<b>RX:</b> <b>TX:</b>
<b>FM Receive:</b>	<b>FM Transmit:</b>	<b>RX:</b> <b>TX:</b>
<b>FM Receive:</b>	<b>FM Transmit:</b>	<b>RX:</b> <b>TX:</b>
<b>AM Receive:</b>	<b>AM Transmit:</b>	<b>No Tone</b>

\*\*Aviation Manager will coordinate Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) with dispatch if needed\*\*

<b>Military Training Route(s) (MTR'S) or Military Operating Area(s) (MOA'S)</b> <div style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow;">TBD/Will confirm, complete or see MPS</div> <div style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Aviation Manager shall confirm deconfliction in these routes and areas prior to the flight with dispatch or other approved local methods.</div> <div style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Deconfliction will be discussed prior to mission start. Add Additional MTR-MOA information to the end of the document if necessary.</div>				
MTR-MOA	Route Legs-Altitudes	Activity	Time	Time Zone
		Hot <input type="checkbox"/> Cold <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Start:</b>  <b>Stop:</b>	UTC <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>
		Hot <input type="checkbox"/> Cold <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Start:</b>  <b>Stop:</b>	UTC <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>

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## CRASH RESCUE / MEDIVAC PLAN

Additional medical information attached? YES  NO

General Instructions (in the event of an incident):

**Mission site duties and actions to be coordinated through dispatch in accordance with local search & rescue (SAR) and emergency crash rescue plan(s). These items will be discussed and recorded during the daily safety briefing.**

Specified crash rescue duties will be assigned to ground operations personnel each day before flights of any kind. Crash rescue and first aid equipment will be located near the operations site, and equipment's location made known to all personnel. Information and instructions will be sent and received through the local dispatch office or communications. Personnel will declare an incident and notify dispatch; dispatch will then activate the Aviation Mishap Response Plan. Incident information and instructions will be coordinated through involved personnel and Dispatch.

EMT(s) on site:  YES  NO Complete or See MPS

Names & Level: Complete or See MPS

First responder(s) on site:  YES  NO Complete or See MPS

Names & Type/Level: Complete or See MPS

Medivac Helicopter on site?  YES  NO

FAA Tail #:

Name/Vendor:

Capabilities:  Hoist  Rappel  Short Haul

Level of care medivac personnel can provide:  ALS  BLS  UNKNOWN

Contact Information:

Available medivac helicopters:  YES  NO  UNKNOWN\*

**\*Unknown: Select if medivac helicopter won't be ordered for the mission or incident *prior* to need.**

**The helicopter will be ordered on demand through the dispatch process.**

**Dispatch will provide medivac ship call sign or tail number, including capabilities and contact information. \***

**\*\*Request all Medivac, Hoist/Extrication, & Short Haul Helicopters through your local interagency dispatch center\*\***

[Interagency Emergency Helicopter Extrication Source List](#) (PMS 512)

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Medical Facility	Location	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation	Frequency	Remarks
<b>Syringa General Hospital (Idaho County Airport)</b>	Grangeville, ID 208-983-1700	N 45° 56.459'	W 116° 07.097'	3309'	155.340 TX Tone 156.7	No Pad - Land at Idaho County Airport (KGIC) - Coordinates are for KGIC.
<b>Clearwater Valley Hospital</b>	Orofino, ID 208-476-4555	N 46° 29.191'	W 116° 15.576'	1104'	155.340 TX Tone 156.7	Type 3 Helipad
<b>St. Mary's Hospital</b>	Cottonwood, ID 208-962-3251	N 46° 03.048'	W 116° 21.149'	3554'	155.340 TX Tone 156.7	Type 2 Helipad - Power lines on North and East side of pad. Dispatch - Call nurse's station direct: 208-962-2310
<b>St. Joseph's Regional Medical - Level II Trauma Center</b>	Lewiston, ID 208-743-2511	N 46° 25.016'	W 117° 01.449'	888'	Primary 155.340 Secondary 155.280 TX Tone 156.7	Roof Top - Type 2 - 9,000 lb. Dispatch Call Lead ER nurse direct: 208-799-6626. Try 208-799-5799 if can't reach nurse direct. State Comm 800-632-8000
<b>Gritman Medical Center</b>	Moscow, ID 208-882-4511	N 46° 43.683'	W 117° 00.056'	2560'	155.340 TX Tone 156.7	Roof Top - Type 2 - 12,000lb Dispatch call ER direct: 208-669-0369
<b>Sacred Heart Medical Center - Level II Trauma Center</b>	Spokane, WA 509-474-3131	N 47° 38.947'	W 117° 24.778'	2034'	155.340 TX Tone 156.7	Roof Top - Type 2 - 10,000lb. Dispatch call ER direct: 509-474-3345 or 509-474-3342
<b>St. Patrick's Medical Center - Level II Trauma Center</b>	Missoula, MT 406-543-7271	N 46° 52.524'	W 113° 59.969'	3207'	155.280 TX Tone 156.7	Roof Top - Type 2 Dispatch call ER direct: 406-329-5635 Ext.#4 or 406-329-2620 For St. Pats Dispatch Line
<b>McCall Memorial Hospital (McCall Airport)</b>	McCall, ID 208-634-2221	N 44° 53.841'	W 116° 06.017'	5025'	155.340 TX Tone 156.7	No Helipad - Land @ McCall Airport (KMYL) - Land on North Apron near compass rose. Dispatch call 208-634-2221 to advise h and initiate ground transport.
<b>Community Medical Center - Level III Trauma Center</b>	Missoula, MT 406-728-4100 ER Direct: 406-327-4171 Ext.#1	N 46° 50.910'	W 114° 2.866'	3200'	155.280 TX Tone 156.7	Type 2 Helipad Dispatch call ER Direct: 406-327-4171 Ext.# 1
<b>Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital</b>	Hamilton, MT 406-375-4440	N 46° 14.918'	W 114° 10.372'	3644'	155.280 TX Tone 156.7	Type 2 Helipad Dispatch call ER Direct: 406-375-4440
<b>Mineral Community Hospital</b>	Superior, MT 406-822-4841	N 47° 11.13'	W 114° 52.65'	2744'	155.280 TX Tone 156.7	Type 3 Helipad Dispatch call ER Direct: 406-822-4841 Trees along roadway. Chain link fences in area
<b>Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center Burn Center</b>	3100 Channing Way Idaho Falls, ID 83404 Main Phone: 208-529-6111 ER Direct: 208-227-2001	N 43° 28.263'	W 111° 59.492'	4,705'	118.500 (KIDA Tower)	Three Pads T2/T3 N. of Facility, Land on South Pad or N. Grass Pad (Air Idaho Occupies Central Pad) Notify ER direct at 208-227-2001 Air Idaho Flight Medic Dispatch 800-247-4324 (Call Tower – EIRMC is within Class D Airspace)

UNLESS PATIENT CONDITION IS LIFE THREATENING OR CRITICAL, HELICOPTER SHOULD BE SHUT DOWN BEFORE OFF-LOADING PATIENT.

