# US Forest Service Aviation

# TRAINING BULLETIN

**Subject:** Interagency Aviation Training FY2021 Summary Report Findings

**Distribution: All Aviation Activities**

**Discussion:** Aviation training is an agency priority. In an effort to continue to grow a robust workforce that is well trained and operating within the confines of a safe operating environment, the National Aviation Training Program has identified a need for diligence of our agency aviation users to continue to monitor their aviation training compliance.  An annual report is generated from the Interagency Aviation Training (IAT) branch of Office of Aviation Services (OAS).  Each agency or bureau is provided a comprehensive report addressing data pertaining to their students and instructors who are currently active in the IAT website platform. Much of the data provided derives from the information within each student's profile, org/Unit Aviation Training Administrators (UATA) assignment, and training plan accuracy.  For information regarding the annual report please see: https://www.iat.gov/fy_reports.asp.

**Recommendation:** This annual report clearly shows the dedication from many in the USFS workforce and shows their resilience to work through challenging environments.  Furthermore, it is imperative that our Forest Service personnel continue to improve our training standards and maintain their aviation training compliance as we move into our field and fire seasons. The National Office has identified four goals for 2022 to address the 2021 summary report findings.

- **Goal 1:** Regions have cleaned up and/or consolidate units if approrpate. 'Units" as defined in the IAT platform divide up Forests or programs within as assigned geographic area and have an assigned Unit Aviation Training Administrator.
- **Goal 2:** All units have assigned a Unit Aviation Training Administrators. Some of their duties consists of managing the training records for each unit, approving equvlancies, accepting new IAT users into their organziations and assigning training plans. Regions are asked to make sure UATAs are assigned and accepting IAT users into their specific units as requested, or unassign users if they move, resign or retire from the organization.
- **Goal 3:** Regions have prioritized IAT training needed and work with USFS IAT instructors and their supervisors to provide in-Region course offerings that support their priorities.
- **Goal 4:** Increase USFS IAT instructors. For those who are interested, please reference Part 3 of the IAT Guide, and work with their USFS Regional Aviation Training point-of-contact or OAS Training Specialists Agency/Bureau Training Points of Contact.

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