

2010 DOF IHOG SUPPLEMENT

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Objective

The DOF accepts and incorporates the Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide (IHOG) as a **guide only** for the Division of Forestry. The DOF has written additions and/or exceptions to IHOG policies and procedures in this chapter that shall be utilized for DOF helicopter operations. All Division of Forestry helicopter operations will be conducted in a manner that mitigates risk. These operations will adhere to Federal Aviation Regulations.

Personnel Requirements: Chapter 2 IHOG

All training and experience requirements for DOF Helicopter Crewmember (HECM) and Helicopter Manager (HMGB) are listed in the IHOG, Chapter 2, as well as the 310-1.

Front Seat DOF Employee Crewmember Position (Additional Policy)

If DOF contracted helicopters have flight controls installed in both front left and front right seats all personnel shall receive a briefing by the helicopter pilot prior to being assigned to a front seat.

Minimum Daily Staffing Requirements for Fire Helicopters

The minimum staffing requirement for helicopters utilized by the State of Alaska, Division of Forestry is a helicopter manager. If a manager has been ordered, but has not yet arrived, the helicopter shall be designated as “Limited Use” (**not for passenger transport, external load only**) and utilized only when **ALL** the following conditions exist:

1. An order for a helicopter manager has been placed and identified as a critical need.

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2. A helicopter manager is currently managing another helicopter at the same helibase and is capable of managing the additional “Limited Use” helicopter.
3. A helibase manager or aerial supervision is assigned.
4. Approval from the State Operations Forester or designee.

Vendor Personnel and Equipment: Approval and Carding Chapter 5 IHOG

Aircraft Carding

The Division of Forestry’s Exclusive Use helicopters will be inspected by the DOF Maintenance Inspector for compliance with the DOF Exclusive Use Contract. A State of Alaska card will be issued to document this compliance. These helicopters will also be carded for firefighting by the Aviation Management Directorate (AMD) or the USDA Forest Service. All helicopters hired from the State of Alaska’s Rental Offer Contract will be carded by AMD or the Forest Service. The Division of Forestry accepts AMD and Forest Service aircraft inspections and carding.

Calculations and Manifests: Chapter 7 IHOG

DOF Utilization of the Fixed-Weight Reduction

The DOF **will** utilize the “Fixed-Weight Reduction” during interagency operations involving federal Cooperators.

The DOF **will not** be required to utilize the “Fixed-Weight Reduction” when only State Personnel are involved in the mission.

Equipment Requirements and Maintenance: Chapter 9 IHOG

The DOF is exempted from the managed Helibase/Helispot definition in Chapter 9, Chart 9-1. Flight helmets will be provided as available. Hardhats will be worn by all other passengers.

Personnel Transport: Chapter 10 IHOG

Carriage of Government Personnel aboard Restricted Category Helicopters

The DOF **may** allow helitack crewmembers or other essential persons to fly aboard restricted category helicopters when approved by the State Aviation Manager.

Note: Federal employees are not authorized aboard restricted category helicopters.