



National Air Attack Academy

November 23, 2015

TO: National Air Attack Academy Course Candidate and Training Officers
FROM: Shaylor Sorensen, Great Basin Training Unit
SUBJECT: National Air Attack Academy Selection

Congratulations! You have been selected to attend the National Air Attack Academy. This two-week course will be held at two locations – week one will be at the Wildland Fire Training and Conference Center (WFTC) at the McClellan Business Park in Sacramento, CA; week two will be at Gateway Airtanker Base in Mesa, AZ. Class will begin at **0800 Monday, February 15 and end at approximately 1700 Friday, February 26, 2016**. Please plan your travel accordingly. You must be present for the entire course to receive credit.

February 16th is a Federal holiday. You may wish to apply for Holiday Worked authorization before traveling to the course.

In the near future you will be receiving a pre-work letter as well as a logistics letter. These documents will help prepare students for success during the Air Attack Academy. The pre-work is designed to prepare the student for the responsibilities of Aerial Supervisors. The logistics letter will provide travel information, directions to training facilities, contact information and funding codes.

The flight training required to complete the PTB is about 90 hours. This requires to several 14-day assignments. The most efficient way to complete the training is to focus solely ATGS training and no other trainee position or IMT commitment. Be sure your supervisor understands and supports this. **We expect you to complete the training and become qualified within 2 seasons.**

Bring a headset and a kneeboard to the course. If you need assistance deciding what to buy, contact:

- Gil Dustin, Academy Co-Manager, at gdustin@blm.gov (970-210-6153)
- Jason Baldwin, Academy Co-Manager, at jasonbaldwin@fs.fed.us (208 631-9313)
- Shaylor Sorensen, Academy Coordinator, at stsorens@blm.gov (208-559-6291)

In the event that you cannot attend this course, please contact me by **Friday, January 5, 2016** to cancel. There are several students on the session wait list who wish to attend.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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2016 Student Selections

Name

Lisa Allen
Jake Livingston
Ernie Schmitt
Karl Olsen
Wendall Housler
Jennifer Martynuik
Mark Mendonca
Steve Stroud
Resse Kerbow
Tim Tevebaugh
Michael Demello
Chris Kirby
Pete Suver
Kevin McPhee
Jeff Stevenson
Chris Fernandez

Unit

National Aviation Office BLM
Alaska Fire Service BLM
Minnesota DNR
Region 6 Aviation Office
New Mexico – Lincoln National Forest
New Mexico – Ciabola National Forest
Arizona – Arizona Strip BLM
Great Basin Smokejumpers
Tennessee Bureau of Indian Affairs
Idaho Department of Lands
California – Klamath National Forest
Utah – Uinta – Wastach Cache National Forest
Washington Department of Natural Resources
Washington – Okanongan – Wenatchee NF
Montana – Kootenai National Forest
California – Seirra National Forest

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