

Interagency Fire UAS Ordering – 9/14/20

Best Practices for Ordering

There is an on-call UAS Coordinator available to answer questions regarding UAS capabilities and to help determine the type of UAS (1-4) and overhead (UASP, UASD, UASM, or UASL) to order.

The UAS Coordinator can be reached @ 208-387-5335. The purpose of this position is to provide information to decision makers/ordering units. Prioritization of UAS resources is beyond the scope of this position and should be performed in accordance with established local/GACC/national procedures.

There are three federal UAS ordering scenarios:

1. Agency UAS for situational awareness/IR/mapping
2. Agency UAS for aerial ignition
3. CWN contract UAS for large fire

Agency UAS for situational awareness/IR/mapping (Type 3 or 4)

- Order UASP.
- Order a UASD if a geospatial product such as fire perimeter/area or orthomosaic is desired.
- In the Special Needs section, state agency **Type 3 or 4** with desired capabilities.
- There is no need to order the UAS (aircraft order). UASPs are equipped with agency UAS.

Agency UAS for Aerial Ignition (Type 3)

- Order 2 UASPs
- In the Special Needs section, note:
 - UASPs must be aerial ignition qualified.
 - Agency **Type 3** UAS with aerial ignition payload required.
- There is no need to order the UAS (aircraft order). Aerial ignition qualified UASPs are equipped with agency owned UAS and aerial ignition payload.

Call When Need Contract UAS (Type 1 or 2)

- CWN UAS are a national resource and must be ordered through the NICC Aircraft Desk.
- Order either Unmanned Aircraft, Fixed Wing Type 1 or Fixed Wing Type 2.
- Order UAS Overhead
 - UAS Manager (UASM)
 - UAS Data Specialist (UASD)
- **UASM and UASD are overhead orders and cannot be subordinate to the A# generated by the aircraft order.**

Notes:

- UAS personnel are in high demand. Please order trainees when approved/possible.
- Cooperators wishing to fly UAS on federally managed incidents must have a Cooperator letter issued by DOI or USFS.