MNICS AIR OPERATIONS WORKING TEAM – 2012 ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEET #11- Wildfire Training Readiness

ISSUE: Conduct annual Hands on training with MNARNG & State Patrol at Camp Ripley to improve readiness, communications and cooperation.

BACKGROUND: Ongoing annual training that includes airspace coordination, radio communications, portable retardant plant, aerial ignition (if possible), Chinook and Blackhawk helicopters etc. are important components to working together safely and effectively.

RECOMMENDATIONS / EXPECTED PRODUCT: Provide airspace/wildfire training exercise for partners at Camp Ripley this spring.

Implementation Plan:

Coordinate with the partners involved. Schedule and conduct training.

- **A. Tasked to:**
  - **a. Individual – MN DNR Helicopter Operations**
  - **b. Group -**
    - **i. Leader – Lee Kessler**
    - **ii. Committee –ARNG/Jeff Pratt, DNR/Pete Tentinger, DNR/Jody Leidholm, State Patrol/Matt Nelson**
    - **iii. Meeting Date(s) – 3/6, 3/10/ 3/20-Classroom & 3/23/12-Flight**
    - **iv. Meeting Location – St. Cloud, St. Paul & Camp Ripley**
- **B. Target Completion Date: Spring (April/May)**
- **C. Update: Classroom training includes pre-requisite of IAT- H-1, H-2 & H-3 on-line training. Exercise on 3/23 will include ATGS, portable retardant plant with heli-well and State Patrol if they are available and may be completed in conjunction with an RX burn at Camp Ripley if weather conditions permit.**