

MNICS AIR OPERATIONS WORKING TEAM – 2013 ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEET # 17 Radio Frequency Coordination—Sheldon Mack

ISSUE: Radio Frequency-Interagency Coordination

BACKGROUND: The Changes made in agency frequency plans are not always well coordinated or broadly communicated i.e. toning of the A/G DNR frequency by the DNR Field Offices or Federal Partners.

RECOMMENDATIONS / EXPECTED PRODUCT: Air Ops needs to host a meeting with key radio representatives from each of the agencies to help solve communication problems before they occur.

A. Implementation Plan: Meeting held by Mid-January 2013

The attached products were produced for this year. An information bulletin got wide distribution this year to better draw attention to changes. The information bulletin seemed to work much better than last year's slow trickle of e-mails and verbal comments on conference calls.

We will remove WI frequencies from our aviation master list next year. We will instead create a separate WI frequency list due primarily to the difficulty we are experiencing coordinating changes and updates.

A significant change in our MIFC Air Net will occur this summer or late fall. A January timeline with all the key players will be established to coordinate next year's spring fire season frequencies.

B. Tasked to:

- a. Individual –SheldonMack**
- b. Group - Air Operations working**
 - team i. Leader –**
 - ii. Committee –**
 - iii. Meeting Date(s) -**
 - iv. Meeting Location -**

C. Target Completion Date: April 1, 2013

Submit completed products/reports to Acting Chair, Bill Schuster, so they can be forwarded to the MNICS Task Force for review/approval.