

# BLM UAS Program Update – 3/29/16

## Contracts

- The draft solicitation for CWN incident support is complete and in the review process. Award is targeted for August.
- The delivery of the BLM Falcon systems on the sUAS purchase contract is delayed. AQD/OAS are working with the vendor to establish a delivery schedule.
- The purchase contract for the micro systems is in process. Award is targeted for June.

## Training

- Falcon and Hover training was conducted in Safford, AZ from 3/7-3/18. Four BLM employees were carded for the Falcon (fixed wing) and Hover (quad copter).
- A fall offering of the Basic Operator (A-450) course has been requested. BLM hopes to begin the training for micro-systems and continue Falcon training for carded operators.
- OAS will develop micro system training once the contract is awarded. The extent of the training is TBD.
- We're developing project management course for qualified UAS crews which will focus on airspace authorization and data/image collection and processing. Dates TBD. Fall 2016 is the target.

## Projects/Operations:

- All projects are on a hold until the Falcon delivery is complete.
- Projects in AZ, NM, WA, and ID are tentatively scheduled for April and May.

## Safety

- Several SAFECOMs were submitted during the Falcon training. No accidents or injuries occurred.
- FAA is publishing a UAS sightings list here:  
[http://www.faa.gov/uas/law\\_enforcement/uas\\_sighting\\_reports/](http://www.faa.gov/uas/law_enforcement/uas_sighting_reports/)

## Information

- UAS website and PASP are still in process.
- DOI has published a Privacy Impact Assessment here: <https://www.doi.gov/aviation/uas/privacy>
- The Presidential Memorandum addressing UAS and privacy is here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/02/15/presidential-memorandum-promoting-economic-competitiveness-while-safegua>

**Reminder:** BLM is required to report all UAS activity to DOI. Please keep the commercial, cooperator, and agency mission reports/questions coming.