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To: Geographic Area Coordination Group Chairs

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC)

Subject: Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Operations on Federally Managed Incidents

UAS incident response is increasing as federal and state agency UAS programs grow and the utility of UAS is further developed. UAS has proven to be a useful situational awareness and data collection tool.

Goal: Safe integration of UAS technologies into incident management organizations.

Approved UAS Aircraft:

- 3DR Solo Quadcopter (federally owned and operated)
- Firefly6 Pro (federally owned and operated)
- ScanEagle, Bramor C4Eye, Stalker XE, Silent Falcon (BLM call when needed contract)
- UAS procured/owned by cooperating agencies (state, local, and International) may be utilized on federally managed incidents when cooperative agreements are in place and the aircraft have been approved by letter nationally or regionally.

Approved UAS Personnel:

- Federal personnel are approved (carded) in accordance with agency policy.
- State and local personnel are approved for federally managed incidents when cooperative agreements are in place and the personnel have been approved by letter nationally or regionally.

UAS Personnel and Equipment Ordering:

- UAS Personnel are ordered as “THSP” through established ordering procedures. The Interagency Fire UAS Subcommittee maintains a roster of qualified and available UAS personnel and will coordinate through NICC as required.
- Agency owned UAS should be designated by make, model, and call sign in the “Special Needs” section of the name requested THSP resource order.
- CWN UAS are a national resource. Orders will be coordinated through NICC. A federal UAS Manager and Data Specialist will be assigned when the order is filled.

Additional Information: Aircraft capabilities, call signs, and supplemental incident UAS information is referenced on the [Interagency Fire UAS Subcommittee website](#).



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Attachments:

1. Call When Needed (CWN) UAS Information
2. Federally Approved UAS Aircraft and Specifications
3. Dispatch Operating Plan

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