

Standard Operating Procedures for Entrance and Exiting Smokey Base

Purpose: This document is designed to brief rotor winged pilots and their crews of the proper procedures for entering and exiting the airspace of Restricted Areas 2906, 2907A, 2907B, 2910A, 2910B, 2910C, 2910D and 2910E when operating out of the Ocala Helibase, otherwise known as Smokey Helibase. It does **not**, in any way, supersede military or Federal Aviation Administration regulations in respect to the operation of aircraft in and around restricted airspace. The intention of this document is to enhance the safety of all flights in and around the Ocala National Forest.

Smokey Base is located on the eastern side of Restricted Area 2910A. The base is located on the Ocala National Forest and provides adequate landing zones and facilities for pilots and their crews while conducting various types of missions for the U.S. Forest Service and their cooperators.

All rotor winged aircraft on missions for the Ocala National Forest that are working in and around these Restricted Areas will be assigned a "FireGuard" number, such as FireGuard 1 (FG1). This numbering system is designed to allow easy identification by US Navy controllers (SEALORD) for those aircraft working on the forest. FireGuard numbers will be assigned in sequential order per tail number and that aircraft FireGuard number for the remainder of the calendar year. Then numbering system will start over on January 1st each year.

The following is a check list of procedures to follow when exiting or entering the above mentioned Restricted Areas and the role of pilots, aircrews and dispatchers:

Prior to Lifting From Smokey Base

_____ Prior to lifting from Smokey Base, the Helibase manager notifies SEALORD Controls with the designated FireGuard call sign and request status of the Restricted Areas.

***This is a courtesy call only. It is the pilot's ultimate responsibility to make positive contact with SEALORD prior to operating in any of the Restricted Areas.**

Once Lifted From Smokey Base

_____ Once lifted, aircraft contacts SEALORD on 134.650 to request permission to exit the Restricted Area and will request a SQUAWK code, giving SEALORD the intended direction of flight and desired altitude.

_____ Pilot notifies SEALORD when clear of Restricted Areas.

_____ Pilot and Helibase will monitor 134.650

Prior to Entering Restricted Areas

_____ Pilot contacts SEALORD to request permissions to transition through or enter in Restricted Area.

Exiting Restricted Areas

_____ Pilot contacts SEALORD to report clear of Restricted Area

Landing Smokey Base

_____ Pilot notifies Smokey Base 2 minutes out from landing

_____ Pilot notifies SEALORD when landing at Smokey Base and clear of Restricted Area 2910A

_____ Helibase manager makes courtesy call to SEALORD to confirm aircraft is clear of Restricted Area 2910A

