

Draft NMAC Letter – Interim Guidance for Incident UAS Operations (2018)

To: XXX

From: XXX

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

Background: 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 fires 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.
- Cooperator personnel are approved when cooperative agreements are in place and the personnel have been approved by letter nationally or regionally.

UAS Personnel and Equipment Ordering (2018):

- 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. Name requested personnel will be documented in the “Special Needs” section of the resource order.
- Agency owned UAS should be designated by make, model, and call sign in the “Special Needs” section of the 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](#).

Attachments:

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