

Interagency Special Government Interest (SGI) Waiver Instructions

This is guidance to assist UASPs in filling out Special Government Interest (SGI) forms and expedite processing. An SGI is required if flying within Temporary Flight Restriction

Step 1 – Locate the TFR NOTAM

Find the TFR NOTAM information on-line by searching the TFR number (example: TFR 1/0926). This contains critical information for your request to copy and paste into the SGI request. Fore flight, Skyvector, and <https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html> are good places to find this.

Step 2 – Complete the SGI Waiver Request Form

Use the SGI Template, it's available at <https://uas.nifc.gov/uasp-toolbox>

Template Instructions and Notes

Correctly completing the elements in this form is essential for ensuring your SGI is accepted and does not delay your operations. Contact the UAS Coordinator for assistance if you have any questions when completing the SGI. An example is provided at the end of these instructions.

- Operator Organization – This will always read “Department of the Interior (DOI) / United States Forest Service (U.S.F.S)”
 - Operator Address – This will always read “3833 Development Ave. Boise, ID 83705” (This is the NIFC address)
 - Operator Point of Contact (Critical element) – This must be the **dispatch office** responsible for the incident. This is usually embedded in the TFR information. If it is not, you will need to determine the dispatch office and email. Prior to sending the SGI, the PIC **MUST** contact the dispatch office and explain that they will be the contact point for this SGI. If the FAA needs to contact the remote pilots, dispatch may need to be contacted, especially if the UAS module is out of cell service. Please give the dispatch folks a heads up on the situation.
 - Pilot Names, phone number and email address (Critical element) – List out the names and contact information for all the remote pilots on your module.
NOTE: To add additional pilots after the original SGI approval, email the National UAS Coordinator with pilot names, phone number and email address to be added.
 - UAS Model(s) and registration numbers (Critical element) – List out make, model, and FAA numbers of each aircraft you will utilize on the fire.
 - COAs – always specify both in the SGI and use the latest versions (2023):
 - *COA#: 2023-WSA-11903 REV 1-COA (USFS), 2023-WSA-11904 REV 2-COA (DOI)*
 - Dates: (Updated 9/14/2023) Timeframe shall be specified as necessary depending on the incident. Considerations:
 - Is this a campaign fire with expected operations in long duration (month, or more)?
 - Request either the TFR expiration date, or the incident containment date if not in excess of the TFR expiration.
 - Is this a shorter duration extended attack incident?
 - Request a reasonable timeframe to meet the mission and incident objectives.
- NOTE: Contact the National UAS Coordinator for extension on dates if needed.*

- Location of Proposed Flight: Reference the nearest city or town, and state.
 - Example: *"5 NM E of Chalkyitsik, AK.*
 - Add: *Multiple flights within TFR#:_____"*
- Distance and direction from nearest airport: Include the FAA identifier (ICAO, 3 letters) of the airport
 - Example: *"5 NM E of Chalkyitsik (CIK)"*
- Airspace class: Specify as necessary based on the incident/operation and TFR location.
 - Example: *"Class G/E"*
- Requested altitude of the flight: This information is embedded in the TFR information.
 - Example: *"From the surface up to and including 12,000 feet MSL"*
- GIS Details of the flight area: Copy from the NOTAM
 - Example: *"Latitude: 40°56'01"N, Longitude: 111°36'24"W Radius: 10NM"*
- Nature and Description of Event:
 - Type of UAS Operation: *"Firefighting"* (or as appropriate)
 - Update the name of the incident and add any items of concern for the location. Example: *"Black Mesa Wildfire. Ranches, livestock, local communities, mining operations, sage grouse habitat, timber, infrastructure. The Incident Management Team has requested/authorized UAS support."*
- Additional Pilot Qualifications: Does not apply to what we do for incident management

Step 3 – Send the SGI Waiver Form to the National UAS Coordinator

Contact the National UAS Coordinator at 208-387-5335 to determine where to email completed form.

Step 4 – Maintain the SGI Form as required

Contact the coordinator if there is a need to update dates, pilot names, and/or aircraft on the SGI waiver.

NOTAM and SGI Examples (attached):

- Ridge Wildfire TFR NOTAM
- Ridge fire SGI Request



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Number : FDC 3/3975 Download shapefiles
Issue Date : July 11, 2023 at 0048 UTC
Location : 8NM SE GRAND CANYON, Arizona
Beginning Date and Time : July 11, 2023 at 0300 UTC
Ending Date and Time : July 25, 2023 at 0300 UTC
Reason for NOTAM : TO PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR FIRE FIGHTING ACFT OPS
Type : Hazards
Replaced NOTAM(s) : N/A
Pilots May Contact : LOS ANGELES (ZLA) ARTCC, 661-265-8205

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Affected Area(s)

Airspace Definition:

Region bounded by:

	<u>Latitude:</u>	<u>Longitude:</u>	<u>FRD:</u>
From:	35°50'45"N	112°08'00"W	GCN160006.9
To:	35°55'15"N	112°02'00"W	GCN098006
To:	35°55'15"N	111°59'00"W	GCN092008.3
To:	35°53'30"N	111°56'30"W	GCN097010.8
To:	35°47'00"N	112°03'00"W	GCN141011.6

Altitude: From the surface up to and including 8000 feet MSL

Effective Date(s):

From July 11, 2023 at 0300 UTC
To July 25, 2023 at 0300 UTC

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No pilots may operate an aircraft in the areas covered by this NOTAM (except as described).

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ARTCC: ZLA - Los Angeles Center
Point of Contact: WILLIAMS DISPATCH CENTER
 Telephone 928-635-2601
 Frequency 135.6
Authority: Title 14 CFR section 91.137(a)(2)

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FAA REQUEST FORM FOR EXPEDITED SGI WAIVER OR AUTHORIZATION FOR UAS OPERATION

Basic Qualifications

- The requesting operator must possess a Certificate of Waiver or Authorization (COA) or Part 107 Pilot License
- The UAS operation must support an emergency response or other effort being conducted to address exigent circumstances and that will benefit the public good
- The requested FAA approval cannot be secured via normal processes in time to meet urgent operational needs

Operator Information

Mandatory entry

Operator Organization (e.g., agency or company)

Department of the Interior (DOI) / United States Forest Service (U.S.F.S.)

Operator Address

**3833 Development Ave
Boise, ID. 83705**

Operator Point-of Contact (including name, office + mobile phone number, and email)

**Williams Dispatch (928) 635-2601
Dispatch email: azwdc@firenet.gov**

Pilot and Observers (including names, mobile phone numbers, and emails)

**Shaun Cramacker, shaun_cramacker@ios.doi.gov, 208.4XX.XXXX
Richard Blordon, rblordon@blm.gov, 907.3XX.XXXX
Zeke Borne, zeke.borne@usda.gov, 928.8XX.XXXX**

Type of UAS and Registration Number

**FreeFly Alta X, FA3K9NPHRC
DJI Matrice 600, FA3M9NCFAA
Parrot Anafi, FA374FM33C
FreeFly Alta X, FA3AC3E3T4**

Documentation

If the requested UAS operation will be flown under a pre-existing COA, please attach it hereto and provide the COA number below.

COA#: 2023-WSA-11904 REV 2-COA, 2023-WSA-11903 REV 1-COA

If the requested UAS operation will be flown under Part 107, please provide the Part 107 Pilot License number below.

N/A

Requested Flight Details

Enter the date(s) of the proposed UAS operation (e.g., 03/18/2018 or 03/18/2018-03/21/2018) **Mandatory entry**

7/12/2023 – 7/25/2023

Enter the times of the proposed UAS operation (be sure to confirm time zone; e.g., 1200L-1400L daily) **Mandatory entry**

0001L – 2400L Daily

Enter the location of the proposed flight (reference the nearest city or town, and state; e.g., Gulfport, MS)

6-miles South of Tusayan, AZ Multiple flights within TFR#: ZLA 3/3975

Enter the distance and direction from the nearest airport, and FAA identification of the same (e.g., 6 NM W of GPT)

6 mi SE of Grand Canyon National Park (GCN)

Identify the class(es) of airspace in which the flight will be conducted (e.g., Class G/E/D/C/B/A)

Class G/E

Requested altitude of UAS flight: **Mandatory entry**

Surface - 8,000' MSL

Enter GIS details defining location of proposed flight (only one area type description needed) **Mandatory entry**

For those flights remaining within a general contiguous area, which can be described as a circular polygon, provide the latitude and longitude, expressed as **degrees/minutes/seconds**, of the center of that area and the radius of that same area (e.g., XX:XX:XXN / XXX:XX:XXW - .25NM radius)

For those flights remaining within a general contiguous area, which cannot be easily described as a circular polygon, provide the latitude and longitude, expressed as **degrees/minutes/seconds**, of the vertices of the general area starting with the most northerly point and then progressing clockwise (e.g., (XX:XX:XXN / XXX:XX:XXW; XX:XX:XXN / XXX:XX:XXW; XX:XX:XXN / XXX:XX:XXW) - .25NM wide)

**WI AN AREA DEFINED AS
355045N1120800W TO
355515N1120200W TO
355515N1115900W TO
355330N1115630W TO
354700N1120300W**

For those flights following an extended route, provide the latitude and longitude, expressed as **degrees/minutes/seconds**, of the key waypoints of the route, and, as appropriate provide the width of the route (e.g., XX:XX:XXN / XXX:XX:XXW; XX:XX:XXN / XXX:XX:XXW; XX:XX:XXN / XXX:XX:XXW - .25NM wide)

Nature and Description of Event

Enter the type of urgent UAS operation to be flown	Description of event
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Firefighting <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Search and Rescue	Ridge wildfire. Ranches, livestock, local communities, mining operations, sage grouse habitat, timber, infrastructure. The Incident Management Team has requested/authorized UAS support.
<input type="checkbox"/> Local / National / Natural Disaster	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	

Additional Pilot Qualifications

Enter additional pilot qualifications

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sport/Recreational/Private pilot certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial/Airline pilot certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flight instructor certificate

Contacting the SOSC

The SOSC office and email are staffed/monitored 0600-2400 Eastern Time. For all emergencies, please follow up any email with a phone call to 202-267-8276, which is answered **24/7**.