




U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

800 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20591

May 20, 2020
Mr. Douglas D. Johnson


Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2020-005892

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter responds to your March 2, 2020 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking:

Copies of any e-mails to or from (including e-mails cc'd, bcc'd, or forwarded to) and memoranda to or from (or copied to) Ian Gregor, an FAA Communications Manager, that (1) contain any mention or discussion of reports of possible or actual drone (UAS) activity, or the monitoring or investigation of possible or actual drone (UAS) activity, occurring in any of these states: Colorado, Nebraska, and/or Kansas; OR (2) that contain any reference whatever, regardless of exact terminology, to the multi-agency task force in which the FAA was a participant, which had as its purpose the investigation of reports of possible or actual drone (UAS) activity of unknown origin, or initially uncertain origin, in any of these states: Colorado, Nebraska, and/or Kansas during the time period of December 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020.

A search was performed in The Office of Communications and enclosed are 525 pages of records responsive to your request.

We are withholding information under Exemption 5 of the FOIA. Exemption 5 allows agencies to withhold recommendations, opinions, and analysis under the deliberative process privilege. FOIA Exemption 5 protects from disclosure "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party . . . in litigation with the agency." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). FOIA Exemption 5 has been construed to exempt those documents normally privileged in the civil discovery context. One such privilege is the deliberative process privilege, the general purpose of which "is to prevent injury to the quality of agency decisions." Nat'l Labor Relations Bd. v. Sears, Roebuck & Co., 421 U.S. 132, 151 (1975).

For a document to fall within the deliberative process privilege, it must be both pre-decisional and deliberative. Hopkins v. U.S. Dep't of Hous. & Urban Dev., 929 F.2d 81, 84 (2d Cir. 1991). "Pre-decisional" has been recognized to mean that the document was "prepared in order to assist an agency decision maker in arriving at his decision." Renegotiation Bd. v. Grunman Aircraft Eng'g Corp., 421 U.S. 168, 184 (1975). "Deliberative" has been recognized to mean that it is "related to the process by which policies are formulated." Jordan v. U.S. Dep't of Justice, 591 F.2d 753, 774 (D.C. Cir. 1978) (en banc) (overruled on other grounds). The privilege, therefore, applies to documents that comprise "part of a process by which governmental decisions and policies are formulated." Sears, Roebuck & Co., 421 U.S. at 150 (citation omitted).

In addition, there are three policy purposes that constitute the basis for the deliberative process privilege: (1) to encourage frank exchanges with regard to agency deliberations and the decision making process; (2) to protect against premature disclosure of proposed decisions prior to actual adoption; and (3) to protect against public confusion that might arise from disclosure of reasons and rationales that are not ultimately the basis for a final decision.

To allow release of these records would discourage the open and frank discussions between agency employees that are helpful in ensuring that the Office of Communications is providing accurate and updated information to the public, and also create confusion in those cases where recommendations and opinions are not adopted. Exemption 5 may be used to protect deliberative, pre-decisional materials, such as advice, opinions, and recommendations rendered by agency staff in the course of reaching a final determination or position on any particular matter under agency consideration.

In some of the records we have redacted telephone numbers and personal email addresses. This information has been redacted and is being withheld from disclosure under Exemption 6 of the FOIA. FOIA Exemption 6 protects individuals against clearly unwarranted invasions of personal privacy. In order to be covered under Exemption 6, information must first meet a threshold requirement: it must fall within the category of "personnel and medical files and similar files." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This is read broadly and includes all information that "applies to a particular individual." U.S. Dep't of State v. Washington Post Co., 456 U.S. 595, 602 (1982). In this case, the information in question clearly applies to a specific individual, and the threshold is

therefore met. With the threshold met, disclosure of the information is based on whether it would “constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) (6). This requires balancing the individual right to privacy against the public interest in disclosure, which is defined as the extent to which disclosure would shed light on an agency’s performance of its statutory duties. Dep’t of the Air Force v. Rose, 425 U.S. 352, 372 (1976).

With regard to the information in question, it is clearly established that there is typically no public interest in employee cell phone numbers. In contrast, there is at least some privacy interest in keeping that information confidential. Smith v. Dep’t of Labor, 798 F. Supp. 2d 274, 283-85 (D.D.C. 2011).

We have considered the extent to which disclosure of the above information would serve the public interest, but have determined that absent a justification to the contrary, any such interest is de minimis when weighed against the personal privacy interests at issue. As such, withholding is clearly appropriate under FOIA Exemption 6. The information withheld under this FOIA Exemption is clearly marked and is readily identifiable.

If you owe fees for the processing of this request, an invoice containing the amount due and payment instructions will be enclosed.

You also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the FAA FOIA Public Liaison via phone (202-267-7799) or email (7-AWA-ARC-FOIA@faa.gov) noting FOIA Public Liaison in the subject line or the Office of Government Information Services (<https://ogis.archives.gov>) via phone (202-741-5770 / toll-free--1-877-684-6448; fax--202-741-5769); or email (ogis@nara.gov).

The undersigned is responsible for this partial denial. Other offices within the FAA are responding separately to your request. You may request reconsideration of this determination by writing the Assistant Administrator for Finance and Management (AFN-400), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591 or through electronic mail at: FOIA-Appeals@faa.gov. Your written request for reconsideration must be made within 45 days from the date the initial determination was issued, and must include all information and arguments relied upon. Your appeal must also state that it is an “appeal” from the above-described denial of a request made under FOIA, and include your assigned FOIA control number. The envelope containing the appeal should be marked “FOIA.”

Sincerely,

Brianna Manzelli

Brianna Manzelli
Assistant Administrator for Communications
Office of Communications
Federal Aviation Administration

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Breitenfeldt, Rick \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Colorado drone cheat sheet
Date: Friday, January 3, 2020 10:35:00 AM

Ese, on second thought I'm going to let you handle inquiries on this issue for the rest of the day. My son just got us an 11:52 tee time so I need to get moving!

General statement

Attributable to the FAA or an FAA spokesman:

Multiple FAA divisions and government agencies are investigating these reports. We do not comment on the details of open investigations.

Also, please note we recently announced a proposed rule for remotely identifying drones:

https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=24534

For inquiries about drone operating rules

Here are links to information about drone operating rules:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/

https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/

If you meet the eight statutory conditions in the link below, you can operate as a recreational flier. If you do not meeting these conditions, you must operate under [Part 107](#).

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/05/17/2019-10169/exception-for-limited-recreational-operations-of-unmanned-aircraft>

For questions about who has drone waivers:

A list of Part 107 waivers is on the FAA website here:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/part_107_waivers/waivers_issued/


You can search which regulation was waived by looking up the citation listed under "waivered regulation." Here's the link where you can look that up: <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=718838a7666532b0931b2d4a07a76124&mc=true&node=pt14.2.107&rgn=div5>

For questions about Monday's meeting:

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It's not our meeting so it's not appropriate for us to discuss details. Perhaps the sheriff's office that posted information about it on their Facebook page could provide details?

Ian Gregor
Communications Manager

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 (c)

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#); [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#); [LePage, Allison \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Do we want to post this updated statement on the website and social media?
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:52:05 AM

FAA Statement (attributable to the FAA)

We take every drone-sighting report seriously. Multiple FAA divisions are working closely with federal, state and local stakeholders to try to determine whether the reported sightings in Colorado and Nebraska are drones and, if so, who is operating them and for what reason. The purpose of today's meeting was for the various agencies to share information and to discuss how we can most effectively collaborate in our efforts.

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We will continue to collaborate closely with our safety and security partners at the federal, state and local levels on our identification efforts.

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: Brittany.Shammas@washpost.com
Subject: Drone sightings
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 6:22:46 AM

Hi Brittany -

Attributable to the FAA or an FAA spokesman:

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Best,

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: gohalloran@co.washington.co.us
Subject: FAA Statement
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:51:27 AM

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: csheridan@kiowasheriff.net
Subject: FAA Statement
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:50:50 AM

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: katie.eastman@9news.com
Subject: FAA Statement
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:06:59 AM

FAA Statement (attributable to the FAA)

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Bumberger, Michael \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Fw: Another drones inquiry from KUSA
Date: Monday, January 20, 2020 12:09:59 PM

Hi Mike -

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks.

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From: Sylte, Allison <allison.sylte@9news.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 11:26:53 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Another drones inquiry from KUSA

Hi Ian!

I'm wondering if the FAA has any update to share on the drones? I'm also asking if you can offer information about a report from the Sterling (Colorado) Journal Advocate, which claims the FAA reached out to a UFO group based in Wichita called "ArchAngelRECON," which claimed to have been flying in the area during the sightings (here's the story: <https://www.journal-advocate.com/2020/01/17/drone-mystery-solved-wichita-group-says-they-might-be-responsible-for-some-sightings/>).

Is that true? Is there any indication it was them like they're claiming?

Thanks for all you do! My cell is [REDACTED]

-Allison Sylte

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA)
To: Bumberger, Michael (FAA); dmartin@co.morgan.co.us
Subject: FW: Message from http://www.faa.gov Northwest Mountain Region inquiry
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 1:30 PM

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From: Bote, Joshua <JBote@usatoday.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Message from http://www.faa.gov Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

My mistake--it was Phillips County Sheriff's Office. Here's the link: [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=2798342946854051&id=651134114908289&_xts__\[0\]=68,ARDOynPy1ozEU60uQm4dYo2_VRHMSpZFdXG6Re8e9F7ZHEcafAfUzwmpULBCJAO-xCx3mQEWG76cmpcO3qSDfqHDvOfvT5--cd1aeT-gqoihhh0EbWhHVYmsMlcYjC1N51ME-FOMNn5hPM2fJrr-o5z07kh4FxmPV6zg-L_SxImdApjxF7x7tRZbtI9t8kfigvJoTyad39IC5VzRLBKgYX5HBfiZg3hDE9o-GZSrgwnlCjWfjlg5jaCORMwJeuQc7kRDWDt4elZydc3gKWT4SuxOfxtE9wTOjFY597MP-gM4bKXI9-htMgld4YrzsXZywrN7GY73k9kLAXJKrbELQ&_tn_=-R](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=2798342946854051&id=651134114908289&_xts__[0]=68,ARDOynPy1ozEU60uQm4dYo2_VRHMSpZFdXG6Re8e9F7ZHEcafAfUzwmpULBCJAO-xCx3mQEWG76cmpcO3qSDfqHDvOfvT5--cd1aeT-gqoihhh0EbWhHVYmsMlcYjC1N51ME-FOMNn5hPM2fJrr-o5z07kh4FxmPV6zg-L_SxImdApjxF7x7tRZbtI9t8kfigvJoTyad39IC5VzRLBKgYX5HBfiZg3hDE9o-GZSrgwnlCjWfjlg5jaCORMwJeuQc7kRDWDt4elZydc3gKWT4SuxOfxtE9wTOjFY597MP-gM4bKXI9-htMgld4YrzsXZywrN7GY73k9kLAXJKrbELQ&_tn_=-R)

Joshua

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 4:16 PM
To: Bote, Joshua <JBote@usatoday.com>
Subject: RE: Message from <http://www.faa.gov> Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

Joshua -

What statement are you referencing? I have heard no such discussion

Best,

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-----Original Message-----

From: jbote@usatoday.com <jbote@usatoday.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Subject: Message from www.faa.gov Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

This email was sent through the Federal Aviation Administration's public website. You have been contacted via an email link on the following page:
www.faa.gov/news/contact_information/

Message:

Hi Allen,

I'm a reporter with USA TODAY. I was hoping I could get some questions answered regarding the mysterious drones in the Colorado/Nebraska area.

I understand from a statement from the Yuma County Sheriff's Office that agencies believe that a vehicle of some sort is controlling the unmanned drones. Could I get an explanation as to why?

Also, if there are any updates this week about the drones, please let me know. Thanks.

Joshua

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Bumberger, Michael \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: FW: New York Times inquiry
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:19:00 AM

See below.

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From: Smith, Mitch <mitchell.smith@nytimes.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: New York Times inquiry

All I know of it is what the Yuma County sheriff posted on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/YumaCountySheriff/posts/2736704199755606>
The sheriff isn't talking to the press at all, though, so I haven't been able to figure out the nature of the meeting.

On Thu, Jan 2, 2020 at 1:06 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

What meeting?

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From: Smith, Mitch <mitchell.smith@nytimes.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: New York Times inquiry

Thanks again for your help yesterday. Do you know whether the inter-agency meeting on 1/6 that the Yuma County sheriff mentioned will be open to the public? If not, are any public meetings planned?

On Wed, Jan 1, 2020 at 3:34 PM Smith, Mitch <mitchell.smith@nytimes.com> wrote:

Thanks. If there are any updates, please let me know.

On Wed, Jan 1, 2020 at 2:57 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Yes, we're trying to determine who the operator is and what the purpose of the flights are.

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On Jan 1, 2020, at 11:14 AM, Smith, Mitch <mitchell.smith@nytimes.com> wrote:

Thanks, Ian.
One more thing: I realize you can't give specifics on what you're finding in the investigation, but can you say anything about the scope of the probe. Are investigators looking into the origin point of the flights, the reason for the flights, the owner of the drones?

On Wed, Jan 1, 2020 at 11:54 AM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Totally coincidental. We've been working on the proposed rule for quite some time.

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On Jan 1, 2020, at 9:29 AM, Smith, Mitch
<mitchell.smith@nytimes.com> wrote:

Thanks, Ian. Appreciate your help on a holiday. Was the new proposed rule for remotely identifying drones a response to the CO incidents, or is that timing coincidental?

On Wed, Jan 1, 2020 at 11:27 AM Gregor, Ian (FAA)
<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Hi Mitch -

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On Jan 1, 2020, at 8:59 AM, Smith, Mitch
<mitchell.smith@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi Ian,
Forwarding these questions on the Colorado drone sightings per the instructions in Allen's bounceback email.
Would be grateful for any help today.
Thanks and happy new year.
-Mitch

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Smith, Mitch**

<mitch.smith@nytimes.com>

Date: Wed, Jan 1, 2020 at 10:58 AM

Subject: New York Times inquiry

To: <allen.kenitzer@faa.gov>

Hi Allen,

My apologies for bothering you on the holiday. I'm a New York Times reporter writing today about the recent drone sightings in parts of Colorado and Nebraska. I was wondering if you had any information about the operator of those drones, whether there's any sort of FAA investigation and whether there's any indication that laws or regulations are being broken. Also, can you say whether the proposed FAA rule requiring drones to be remotely identifiable had anything to do with the Colorado sightings, or is that timing coincidental?

Thanks and all the best.

-Mitch

Mitch Smith

The New York Times, Chicago bureau

mitch.smith@nytimes.com

O: 312-552-7209

C: [REDACTED]

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: 9News Media Request
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 12:05:45 PM

Please see if we are investigating this report and get back to Mark. Thanks.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sallinger, Marc" <marc.sallinger@9news.com>
Date: January 9, 2020 at 11:59:17 AM PST
To: "Gregor, Ian (FAA)" <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: "Kenitzer, Allen (FAA)" <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: 9News Media Request

Is the FAA investigating this report? Has the FAA received any more reports of manned aircraft coming within close proximity of drones in eastern Colorado over the past 2 weeks?

Marc Sallinger
Reporter, 9NEWS
marc.sallinger@9news.com
[\(720\) 525-3452](tel:(720)525-3452)

On Jan 9, 2020, at 12:53 PM, Gregor, Ian (FAA)
<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

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So there is one report, not multiple reports.

Safety of manned aircraft is the FAA's top priority and the FAA takes all pilot drone-sighting reports seriously.

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From: Sallinger, Marc <marc.sallinger@9news.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: 9News Media Request

I spoke with the pilot of a flight for life helicopter who told me yesterday a drone came about 100 feet away from hitting him while he was on a flight out to Fort Morgan on Tuesday. Here is the link to the story we ran: <https://www.9news.com/mobile/article/news/local/pilot-says-drone-nearly-ran-into-flight-for-life-helicopter/73-405c5291-d80e-4314-ab5d-ddf1b7bcef20>

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<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

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Mark –

I have no new information for you. We are not planning to provide incremental updates on our activities, but we will let the public know when and if we make any determinations.

What "reports" of medical helicopters coming into close contact with drones are you referencing?

Ian Gregor
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Subject: Fwd: Colorado drone sightings and FAA rules.
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 1:10:05 PM

I can brief you on the reason for this response over the phone if you want.

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Can we please get clarification on this?

TR

On Thu, Jan 2, 2020 at 12:55 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Tyler –

I have provided you all the information we have.

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Subject: Re: Colorado drone sightings and FAA rules.

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Tyler –

A person operating under the limited recreational exception must follow the eight-part test laid out by 49USC44809:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/05/17/2019-10169/exception->

[for-limited-recreational-operations-of-unmanned-aircraft](#)

A list of Part 107 waivers is on the FAA website here:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/part_107_waivers/waivers_issued/

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Subject: Re: Colorado drone sightings and FAA rules.

So do I have this straight, a hobbyist can fly at night without a waiver but a commercial operator cannot unless they have one?

Do you have a list of those who have this waiver?

Thanks for your help on this.

Tyler Rogoway

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Attributable to the FAA or an FAA spokesman:

Multiple FAA divisions and government agencies are investigating these reports. We do not comment on the details of open investigations.

Also, please note we recently announced a proposed rule for remotely identifying drones: https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=24534

Here are links to information about drone operating rules:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/

https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/

If you meet the eight statutory conditions in the link below, you can operate as a recreational flier. If you do not meeting these conditions, you must operate under [Part 107](#).

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Hi, Tyler Rogoway, editor of thewarzone.com with Drive Media Inc. We were one of the first to report on the drone events in Colorado following the Denver Post's story. We got a lot of feedback from licensed drone operators, and frankly, it was concerning. We really need hard clarification on this.

Here are my questions:

- 1.) Were these drones operating legally based on what we know? We have heard very different things from equally licensed people. Some say they were, some say they were not. How can this be the laws be so unclear?
- 2.) The biggest issue seems to be the night flying waiver. Does one exist that you know of that could apply to these events? If so, who holds it and was it in place for the dates and areas in question?
- 3.) If not, how can we know the drones were operating legally?
- 4.) Even with a night waiver, can they legally fly over relatively large distances in the larger groups described?
- 5.) Is there any new info on these events from the FAA, generally

speaking?

Thank you.

Tyler Rogoway

Editor In Chief

Drive Media Inc.



From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Bumberger, Michael \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Drone story
Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 4:29:24 PM

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To: "Gregor, Ian (FAA)" <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Drone story

Nope. I'm not the CIA. I don't get paid to keep secrets. I only talk to people who answer my questions on the record. Did the FAA interview Michael Spicer?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 21, 2020, at 17:05, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Would you honor an off-the-record discussion request?

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On Jan 21, 2020, at 4:01 PM, Jeff Rice <ricej@journal-advocate.com> wrote:

Are you saying Agent Bumberger didn't interview Michael Spicer?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 21, 2020, at 15:56, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

How do you quote someone's claims about the FAA without asking the FAA whether those claims are accurate???

We are not identifying people and agencies that we have contacted or spoken with as part of our investigation. The FAA has not received any information that has enabled us to identify individuals or agencies that may have been operating clusters of drones that people reported seeing in December and early January.

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I quoted the source who talked to me. How is his information misleading?

Jeff Rice



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Cc: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: I rebooked to an earlier flight ...
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:56:10 PM

Will be departing in about 45 minutes. Allen will send the statement to anyone inquiring about our drone-sighting issue.

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Subject: Monday drone meeting
Date: Friday, January 3, 2020 8:47:00 AM

FYI, a number of reporters are asking me for details about Monday's meeting, including the location. Since we're not the host, and I don't want to help facilitate a large gathering of media outside, I am not providing that information. Rather, I am referring them to the meeting host. When they ask who the host is, I have suggested that the agency that publicized the meeting on its FB page might be able to help.

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To: [Girvin, Raquel \(FAA\)](#); [Swann, Tamara A \(FAA\)](#); [Garcia, Faviola \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Next week
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 2:04:54 PM

Hi -

I have to fly to Denver Sunday for a Monday morning meeting about the drone-sighting issue. I'll return home Monday night.

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Mark –

It's not uncommon for pilots to report seeing drones during flight. We received approximately 2,150 such reports in 2019 nationwide. You can look up pilot drone-sighting reports here:
https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/public_records/uas_sightings_report/

We're working to get the 2019 data updated.

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Is the FAA investigating this report? Has the FAA received any more reports of manned aircraft coming within close proximity of drones in eastern Colorado over the past 2 weeks?

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Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2020 2:09 PM

To: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>

Subject: 9News Media Request

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Sallinger, Marc](#)
Cc: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: 9News Media Request
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 12:28:00 PM

Also, while we have no reason to question pilot drone-sighting reports, we are unable to verify the vast majority of them.

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Subject: Re: 9News Media Request

Thanks so much, Ian. I really appreciate your help. Please keep me updated if you hear anything new about the incident I mentioned to you or any others.

Marc Sallinger
Reporter, 9NEWS
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[\(720\) 525-3452](tel:(720)525-3452)

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Mark –

It's not uncommon for pilots to report seeing drones during flight. We received approximately 2,150 such reports in 2019 nationwide. You can look up pilot drone-sighting reports here:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/public_records/uas_sightings_report/

We're working to get the 2019 data updated.

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Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 11:59 AM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Cc: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>

Subject: Re: 9News Media Request

Is the FAA investigating this report? Has the FAA received any more reports of manned aircraft coming within close proximity of drones in eastern Colorado over the past 2 weeks?

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<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

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So there is one report, not multiple reports.

Safety of manned aircraft is the FAA's top priority and the FAA takes all pilot drone-sighting reports seriously.

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Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 11:48 AM

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Cc: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>

Subject: Re: 9News Media Request

I spoke with the pilot of a flight for life helicopter who told me yesterday a drone came about 100 feet away from hitting him while he was on a flight out to Fort Morgan on Tuesday. Here is the link to the story we

ran: <https://www.9news.com/mobile/article/news/local/pilot-says-drone-nearly-ran-into-flight-for-life-helicopter/73-405c5291-d80e-4314-ab5d-ddf1b7bcef20>

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Mark –

I have no new information for you. We are not planning to provide incremental updates on our activities, but we will let the public know when and if we make any determinations.

What “reports” of medical helicopters coming into close contact with drones are you referencing?

Ian Gregor

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<marc.sallinger@9news.com>
Date: January 9, 2020 at 11:21:16 AM PST
To: "Kenitzer, Allen (FAA)"
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Subject: Re: 9News Media Request

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Thanks so much.

Marc Sallinger
Reporter

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From: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA)
<Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 3:46 PM

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<marc.sallinger@9news.com>

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Subject: Re: 9News Media Request
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 11:31:26 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-2ruq0n0p.png](#)
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Sure.

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Do you want to take this?

Allen Kenitzer
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To: [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: ABC News is outside the netting venue
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:56:19 AM

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Brianna Manzelli | FAA Communications, AOC-
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To: Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA)
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Cc: Manzelli, Brianna (FAA)
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Jeannie Shiffer
Deputy Assistant Administrator
| FAA Communications
O: 202-267-8859 | C: [REDACTED]
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Ian (FAA)
<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
wrote:

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Public Affairs
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Subject: Re: ABC News is outside the netting venue
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 9:11:50 AM

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Cc: [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: ABC News is outside the netting venue
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:24:05 AM

Thanks both!

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Sandell, Clayton](#)
Cc: [Breitenfeldt, Rick \(FAA\)](#); [Cook, Jeffrey A.](#); [Vann, Matthew](#); [Kaji, Mina A.](#); [Bergen, Kathleen \(FAA\)](#); [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#); [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#); [LePage, Allison \(FAA\)](#); [Salac, Arlene \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: ABC story on mystery drones in Colorado
Date: Sunday, January 5, 2020 12:27:56 PM

Hi Clayton -

It's not our meeting. Please contact the host agency.

Best,

Ian Gregor
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On Jan 5, 2020, at 12:20 PM, Sandell, Clayton <Clayton.Sandell@abc.com> wrote:

Hi guys,

I understand the meeting tomorrow with local officials is closed to the public, but can you tell me where and when it is happening? Thank you.

Clayton Sandell
Correspondent, ABC News
Twitter: @Clayton_Sandell
Instagram: claytonsandellabc
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On Jan 3, 2020, at 4:33 PM, Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA)
<Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov> wrote:

ABC News Team

<https://twitter.com/FAANews/status/1213241269859815426>

Rick Breitenfeldt
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From: Sandell, Clayton <Clayton.Sandell@abc.com>
Sent: Friday, January 03, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov>
Cc: Cook, Jeffrey A. <Jeffrey.A.Cook@abc.com>; Kaji, Mina A. <Mina.A.Kaji@abc.com>; Vann, Matthew <Matthew.Vann@abc.com>; Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>; Bergen, Kathleen (FAA) <Kathleen.Bergen@faa.gov>; Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>; Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>; LePage, Allison (FAA) <allison.lepage@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: ABC story on mystery drones in Colorado

Thank you! We'll take it!

Clayton Sandell
Correspondent, ABC News
Twitter: @Clayton_Sandell
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[REDACTED] mobile

On Jan 3, 2020, at 3:01 PM, Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov> wrote:

Standby. We are working an updated statement now.

From: Cook, Jeffrey A. <Jeffrey.A.Cook@abc.com>
Sent: Friday, January 03, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>; Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov>

Cc: Kaji, Mina A. <Mina.A.Kaji@abc.com>; Vann, Matthew
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From: Cook, Jeffrey A.

Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 4:55 PM

To: Ian.Gregor@faa.gov <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Cc: Kaji, Mina A. <Mina.A.Kaji@abc.com>; Vann, Matthew
<Matthew.Vann@abc.com>; Sandell, Clayton
<Clayton.Sandell@abc.com>

Subject: ABC story on mystery drones in Colorado

Hey Ian,

Giving you a heads up that ABC tracked and got footage of what appears to be multiple drones flying over NE Colorado as part of our story looking into mass sightings in the area. This took place around 10p ET on Thursday night near Sterling, CO.

We were spotting them for a couple hours last night. We are doing a story for GMA tomorrow. If you'd like to add anything to your existing statement, let me know.

Best,

Jeff

Jeffrey Cook

jeffrey.a.cook@abc.com

Producer/Reporter ABC News

Denver, CO

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Vickie Sandlin](#)
Subject: RE: Air Space in Sterling, Colorado
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 3:37:00 PM

Here are links to information about drone operating rules:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/
https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/

If you meet the eight statutory conditions in the link below, you can operate as a recreational flier. If you do not meeting these conditions, you must operate under [Part 107](#).

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/05/17/2019-10169/exception-for-limited-recreational-operations-of-unmanned-aircraft>

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From: Vickie Sandlin <sandlinv@julesburgadvocate.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 3:29 PM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Air Space in Sterling, Colorado

https://www.julesburgadvocate.com/2020/01/07/drones-spotted-over-hospital-power-plant-may-be-violating-federal-regs/?fbclid=IwAR2nDOI-Ux_lxx0kfn7X-imLx_Mw3biw36VymvycuvOEZbrGjeUvBWcmZRw

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From: **Vickie Sandlin** <sandlinv@julesburgadvocate.com>

Date: Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 4:15 PM

Subject: Air Space in Sterling, Colorado

To: <ian.gregor@faa.gov>

Hi Mr. Gregor,

I am the publisher of the Julesburg Advocate in Julesburg, CO. My sister newspaper published a story today in regard to drone activity in Sterling on Monday night. The reporter there spoke with the County Emergency Manager Jerry Casebolt. I picked up the story and since have

been fielding calls to the story's possible inaccuracies. Can you help me discern what is true and what is false?

I tried to contact you on your cell and was referred to your email address. If you would, please call me as soon as possible to [REDACTED].

Thank you for your time,
Vickie

--

Vickie Sandlin

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Bumberger, Michael \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Another drones inquiry from KUSA
Date: Monday, January 20, 2020 2:09:03 PM

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Not for attribution, I'd be skeptical if I were you.

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In the Journal Advocate article, the guy claims he was interviewed by Special Agent Michael Bumberger of the FAA's Investigations and Law Enforcement Assistance Program.

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: AP DENVER wants...
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:46:51 AM

Please send them to me.

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> I can send if you get it to me
> Thanks
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> Allen Kenitzer
> FAA Office of Communications
> (206) 231-2035
>
>

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Peipert, Thomas](#)
Subject: Re: AP E-Mail Address
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:07:40 AM

FAA Statement (attributable to the FAA)

We take every drone-sighting report seriously. Multiple FAA divisions are working closely with federal, state and local stakeholders to try to determine whether the reported sightings in Colorado and Nebraska are drones and, if so, who is operating them and for what reason. The purpose of today's meeting was for the various agencies to share information and to discuss how we can most effectively collaborate in our efforts.

To date, the FAA has undertaken a number of actions:

- We have contacted UAS test sites, drone companies, and companies that have received authorization to operate drones in these areas. To date, we have not been able to determine that any of these operators were the source of the reported drone flights.
- We have contacted General Aviation (GA) airports in the affected counties to ensure they are aware of the sightings; to ask the pilots using their airports to be cautious and to report sightings; and to report any people they see operating drones on the ground.
- We are in contact with federal law enforcement and national security partners to discuss potential ways they can assist in identifying who may be operating these aircraft.

We will continue to collaborate closely with our safety and security partners at the federal, state and local levels on our identification efforts.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 12:02 PM, Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov> wrote:

Thomas: looping in my colleague Ian Gregor who will respond to your request.

Thanks

Allen Kenitzer
FAA Office of Communications
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On Jan 6, 2020, at 11:01 AM, Peipert, Thomas <TPeipert@ap.org>
wrote:

Hi Allen,

Can you send the drone statement to apdenver@ap.org and
tpeipert@ap.org ? Thanks for the help.

Thomas Peipert
The Associated Press-Denver
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Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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I'm following up on your outreach about the sheriff's post calling for the public's assistance in finding the command vehicle for the drone flights over CO/NE. The sheriff has since posted that the request for assistance is "no longer pertinent or relevant." It's my understanding that your position is that the request to be on the lookout for such a vehicle was never made – "sheer fiction" I think was how you described it. Can you confirm that this call for public assistance never came from this meeting or the task force?

Thanks,

AP

Matt Volz

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Sure, and thanks for working with us. Please keep us in the loop with any updates, and we are planning to send a reporter out in the very near future to take a bigger look at the issue. Mead Gruver should be contacting you in the coming days.

Best,

Matt

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I’m following up on your outreach about the sheriff’s post calling for the public’s assistance in finding the command vehicle for the drone flights over CO/NE. The sheriff has since posted that the request for assistance is “no longer pertinent or relevant.” It’s my understanding that your position is that the request to be on the lookout for such a vehicle was never made – “sheer fiction” I think was how you described it. Can you confirm that this call for public assistance never came from this meeting or the task force?

Thanks,

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Rockies News Editor

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Holtzman, Joshua \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Call regarding CO / NE UAS sightings
Date: Monday, January 13, 2020 12:55:33 PM

Roger.

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Joshua Holtzman
Acting Deputy Associate Administrator
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On Jan 13, 2020, at 15:28, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

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Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>
wrote:



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On Jan 13, 2020, at
13:43, VanderMey,
Carissa
<carissa.vandermey@hq.dhs.gov>
wrote:



From: Holtzman,
Joshua (FAA)
<Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday,
January 13, 2020
1:38 PM
To: VanderMey,
Carissa
<carissa.vandermey@hq.dhs.gov>
Cc: Sweet, Robert
<robert.sweet@faa.gov>;
Jinks, Kevin (OLP)
<Kevin.Jinks@usdoj.gov>;
Heaps, DOJ: Joseph

<Joseph.Heaps@usdoj.gov>;

Gore, Scott (FAA)

<Scott.Gore@faa.gov>;

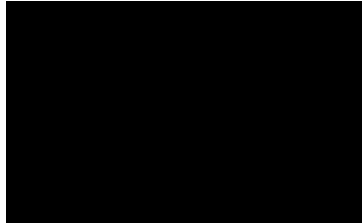
Gregor, Ian (FAA)

<ian.Gregor@faa.gov>;

Papier, Leesa J (FAA)

<leesa.j.papier@faa.gov>

Subject: Re: Call
regarding CO / NE
UAS sightings



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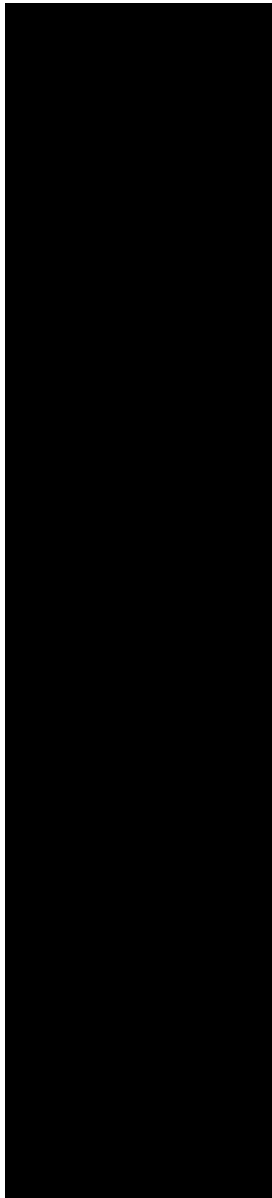


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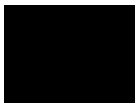
On Jan
13,
2020,
at
12:52,
VanderMey,
Carissa
<carissa.vandermey@hq.dhs.gov>
wrote:

All,



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Carissa
VanderMey*

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of
Homeland
Security
Office
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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Krupnik, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [Shamlan, Janet](#)
Subject: RE: CBS NEWS
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 8:06:00 AM

Hi –

Attributable to the FAA or an FAA spokesman:

Multiple FAA divisions and government agencies are investigating these reports. We do not comment on the details of open investigations.

Also, please note we just announced a proposed rule for remotely identifying drones: https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=24534

Best,

Ian Gregor
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From: Krupnik, Kathryn <KrupnikK@cbsnews.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 7:39 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: Shamlan, Janet <ShamlanJ@cbsnews.com>
Subject: CBS NEWS

Happy New Year Ian-

Does the FAA have a statement on these drones in Colorado and Nebraska? The Sherriff's Department in Phillips County, Colorado told us the FAA is investigating- is that correct? Any additional information you can share is appreciated. Thanks.

Katie
CBS NEWS
202-430-0654

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Krupnik, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [Shamlian, Janet](#)
Subject: RE: CBS NEWS
Date: Friday, January 3, 2020 8:38:00 AM

Hi –

It's not our meeting so it's not appropriate for me to discuss details. Perhaps the sheriff's office that posted information about it on their Facebook page could provide details?

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From: Krupnik, Kathryn <KrupnikK@cbsnews.com>
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 8:22 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: Shamlian, Janet <ShamlianJ@cbsnews.com>
Subject: CBS NEWS

Hi Ian-

We've aware of a January 6th meeting in regards to the mystery drones but I'm hoping you can help us with the details. First off- any idea what town is hosting? Also, will the FAA participate? We're told that it's closed to press but anything you can share will be of help. Thanks!

Katie
CBS NEWS
202-430-0654

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Krupnik, Kathryn <KrupnikK@cbsnews.com>
Cc: Shamlian, Janet <ShamlianJ@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: CBS NEWS

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Krupnik, Kathryn](#)
Subject: Re: CBS NEWS
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:20:00 PM

You bet.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 1:10 PM, Krupnik, Kathryn <KrupnikK@cbsnews.com> wrote:

Thanks Ian- appreciate all the help on this.

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:08 PM
To: Krupnik, Kathryn <KrupnikK@cbsnews.com>
Cc: Shamlan, Janet <ShamlanJ@cbsnews.com>; Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: CBS NEWS

External Email

Katie -

I did an on-camera interview with your reporter on scene, who said the story is going to air on the national news.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 1:03 PM, Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov> wrote:

Looping in Ian who will respond to your request.
Thanks.

From: Krupnik, Kathryn <KrupnikK@cbsnews.com>

Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 12:02 PM

To: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>

Cc: Shamlan, Janet <ShamlanJ@cbsnews.com>

Subject: CBS NEWS

Hi Allen-

I reached out to Ian and got his out of office message. Do you anticipate the FAA releasing a statement after the meeting on the mystery drones today? Thanks.

Katie Krupnik

CBS NEWS

202-430-0654

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Carol Mckinley](#)
Subject: Re: CBS Question/re: Drones
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 2:08:13 PM

You need to ask law enforcement. The reports don't come directly to the FAA.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 3:01 PM, Carol Mckinley [REDACTED] wrote:

Also, wondering how many total counties you have data for from both states, Colorado and Nebraska?

On Mon, Jan 6, 2020 at 2:55 PM Carol Mckinley
[REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks Ian. So no Wyoming?

On Mon, Jan 6, 2020 at 2:51 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
wrote:

I'm aware of Colorado and Nebraska.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 2:50 PM, Carol Mckinley
[REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Mr. Gregor,

We are fact-checking on the states where drones have been sighted.

I have counted 4 states:

Colorado

Wyoming

Nebraska

Kansas

is this correct?

A quick response would be appreciated. Thank you.

--

Carol McKinley,

[REDACTED]

--

Carol McKinley,

[REDACTED]

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Carol McKinley,

[REDACTED] - Cell

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Streetman, Audra J](#)
Cc: [Abeyta, Michael H](#)
Subject: RE: CBS4 Denver Media Question
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 2:36:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
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From: Streetman, Audra J <ajstreetman@cbs.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: Abeyta, Michael H <mhabeyta@cbs.com>
Subject: CBS4 Denver Media Question

Hi Mr. Gregor,

I'm reaching out about the drone investigation over northeast Colorado. Can the FAA comment on whether the drones are operating legally? If the drone operator identified, could they face charges? Any update on the investigation would be appreciated. If you have a statement we could use, that would be great as well.

Thank you,

Audra



Audra Streetman

KCNC-TV DENVER

Assignment Editor/Digital Producer

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c [REDACTED]



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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Holtzman, Joshua \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: CDPS release
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 11:57:27 AM

Thanks Josh.

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Absolutely, Ian.

Joshua Holtzman
Acting Deputy Associate Administrator
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From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: CDPS release

Josh -



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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gruver, Mead" <mgruver@ap.org>
Date: January 14, 2020 at 11:25:10 AM PST
To: "Ian Gregor (ian.gregor@faa.gov)" <ian.gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: CDPS release

Hi, Ian. I'm turning around a story this afternoon on these findings to date. I'd appreciate a quick call – does this begin to put the question about unidentified drones to rest?

Thanks,
Mead

Mead Gruver
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Cc: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: CDPS release
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 11:36:23 AM

I'm in a meeting in San Francisco but will respond to you within the hour.

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Cc'ing Allen.

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Gruver, Mead](#)
Subject: Re: CDPS release
Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 12:22:28 PM

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Thanks. I need to attribute that to you by name, please.

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Subject: Re: CDPS release

Mead -

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Hendrik Sybrandy](#)
Cc: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: CGTN America mystery drone story
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:31:00 PM

Perfect.

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Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: CGTN America mystery drone story

Ok. Will contact you via your cellphone at 10:30 our time tomorrow. Thx.

HENDRIK SYBRANDY | Denver Correspondent
CGTN AMERICA

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Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Hendrik Sybrandy <Hendrik.Sybrandy@CGTNAmerica.com>
Cc: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: CGTN America mystery drone story

10:30 is good. I can't do Skype but I can do Facetime.

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Cc: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>

Subject: CGTN America mystery drone story

Gentlemen:

Checking on the possibility of a Skype interview with Ian tomorrow morning. Would something in the 10:30 a.m. mountain time frame work? If so, please send me your Skype address.

Thanks!

HENDRIK SYBRANDY | Denver Correspondent

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Harlan, Jeremy](#)
Cc: [Kafanov, Lucy](#)
Subject: Re: CNN Inquiry On Meeting re: Drones in CO
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:49:11 AM

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Harlan, Jeremy](#)
Cc: [Kafanov, Lucy](#)
Subject: Re: CNN Inquiry On Meeting re: Drones in CO
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 8:21:37 AM

You bet.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 9:17 AM, Harlan, Jeremy <Jeremy.Harlan@turner.com> wrote:

Great. Thanks!

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Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 8:15:54 AM

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Subject: Re: CNN Inquiry On Meeting re: Drones in CO
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:52:27 AM

You're very welcome.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 11:51 AM, Harlan, Jeremy <Jeremy.Harlan@turner.com> wrote:

Thanks for this, Ian.

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: Jeremy.Harlan@turner.com
Cc: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: CNN Inquiry...
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:50:08 PM

Jeremy -

I cannot comment for another agency. Ft. Morgan Sheriff Dave Martin might be able to provide you with that info.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 1:47 PM, Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov> wrote:

You got this?

Allen Kenitzer
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(206) 231-2035

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Harlan, Jeremy" <Jeremy.Harlan@turner.com>
Date: January 6, 2020 at 12:42:49 PM PST
To: "Kenitzer, Allen (FAA)" <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Subject: CNN Inquiry...

Hi Allen,

Ian sent me the most recent statement on the drone situation after this morning's meeting concluded. He also had an email response saying for any other inquiries, to reach out to you.

The one question I have is if there was an FBI representative at the meeting? I reached out to a person at the FBI Denver office and she said she could not comment and directed me back to the FAA.

Thanks!

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Lynch, Jamiel](#)
Subject: Re: CNN Inquiry
Date: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 3:04:44 PM

Yes, those two states.

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On Jan 1, 2020, at 2:26 PM, Lynch, Jamiel <Jamiel.Lynch@turner.com> wrote:

Sorry to bother you again –

Can you confirm that you are investigating reports from BOTH Colorado and Nebraska?
Are there any other states involved?

Really appreciate your help!

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Lynch, Jamiel <Jamiel.Lynch@turner.com>
Subject: Re: CNN Inquiry

Hi -

Multiple FAA divisions and government agencies are investigating these reports.
We do not comment on the details of open investigations.

Also, please note we just announced a proposed rule for remotely identifying
drones: https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=24534

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On Jan 1, 2020, at 1:34 PM, Lynch, Jamiel <Jamiel.Lynch@turner.com> wrote:

Happy New Year!

I hope this emails find you well.

I was writing to see if there was any statement or comment from the FAA on the mysterious drones flying over Colorado and Nebraska?

I can be reached at [REDACTED] or this email.

Thanks so much

Jamiel Lynch

CNN

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Stubblefield, Angela H \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Newman, Philip \(FAA\)](#); [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#); [Howard, Katherine \(FAA\)](#); [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: CO/NE Drone Update
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 12:52:00 PM

Absolutely – thanks for making it perfect!

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From: Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA) <Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: Newman, Philip (FAA) <Philip.Newman@faa.gov>; Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>; Howard, Katherine (FAA) <katherine.howard@faa.gov>; Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: CO/NE Drone Update

Thanks for the quick turn!
R/
Angela

Sent from my iPad

Angela Stubblefield
Chief of Staff
FAA
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On Jan 7, 2020, at 3:48 PM, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

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From: Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA) <Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 12:46 PM

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Cc: Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>; Howard, Katherine (FAA) <katherine.howard@faa.gov>; Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>; Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>

Subject: Re: CO/NE Drone Update

All,

[REDACTED]

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Angela/Brianna –

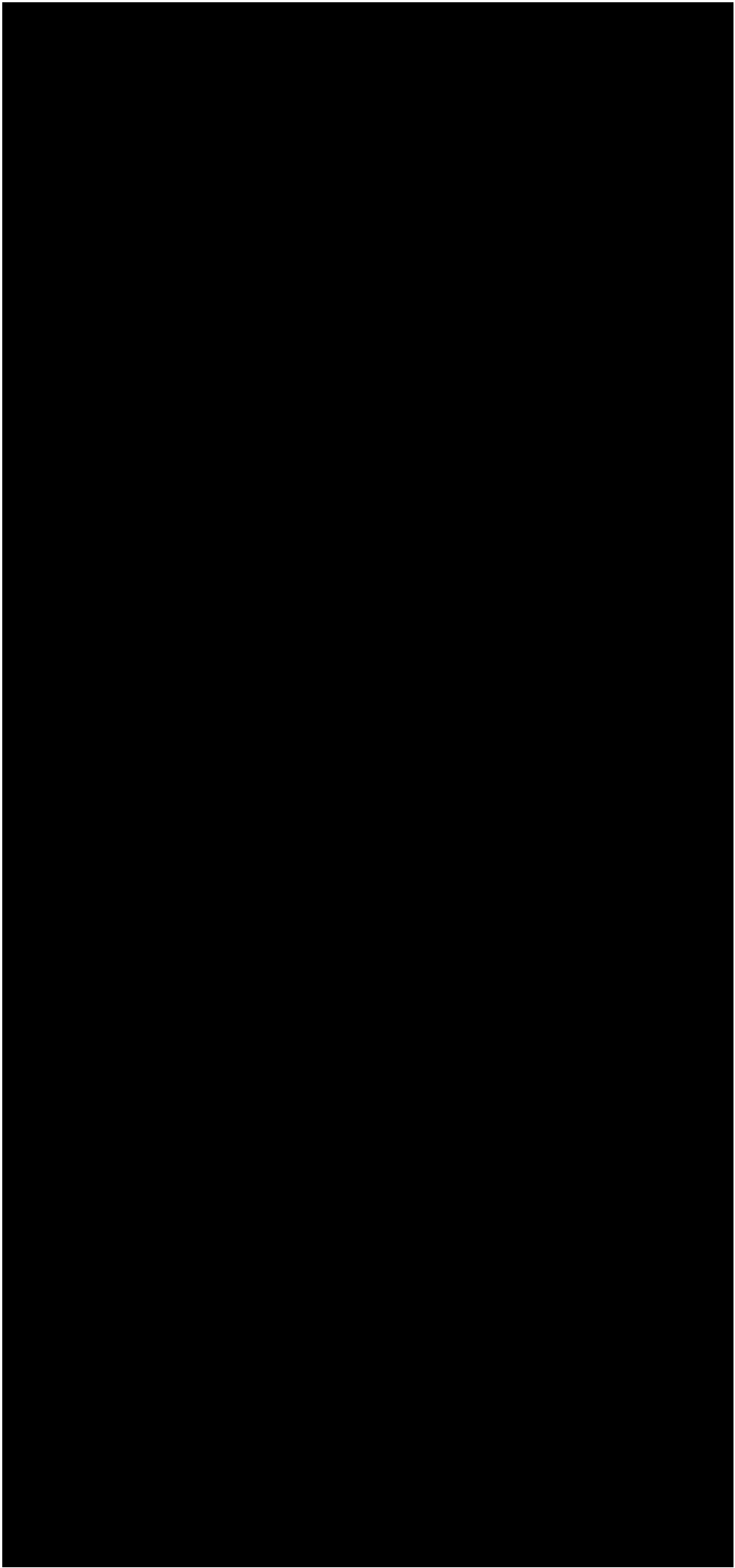
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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Tyler Rogoway; 9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Colorado drone sightings and FAA rules.
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 10:33:00 AM

Tyler –

Attributable to the FAA or an FAA spokesman:

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Here are links to information about drone operating rules:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/
https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/

If you meet the eight statutory conditions in the link below, you can operate as a recreational flier. If you do not meeting these conditions, you must operate under [Part 107](#).

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/05/17/2019-10169/exception-for-limited-recreational-operations-of-unmanned-aircraft>

Best,

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From: Tyler Rogoway <thewarzone17@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 10:20 AM
To: 9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice (FAA) <9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice@faa.gov>
Subject: Colorado drone sightings and FAA rules.

Hi, Tyler Rogoway, editor of thewarzone.com with Drive Media Inc. We were one of the first to report on the drone events in Colorado following the Denver Post's story. We got a lot of feedback from licensed drone operators, and frankly, it was concerning. We really need hard

clarification on this.

Here are my questions:

- 1.) Were these drones operating legally based on what we know? We have heard very different things from equally licensed people. Some say they were, some say they were not. How can this be the laws be so unclear?
- 2.) The biggest issue seems to be the night flying waiver. Does one exist that you know of that could apply to these events? If so, who holds it and was it in place for the dates and areas in question?
- 3.) If not, how can we know the drones were operating legally?
- 4.) Even with a night waiver, can they legally fly over relatively large distances in the larger groups described?
- 5.) Is there any new info on these events from the FAA, generally speaking?

Thank you.

Tyler Rogoway
Editor In Chief
Drive Media Inc.



From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Suomi, David \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: ["AWA-ARO-1-2: Torpey, Sean \(FAA\); Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)"](#)
Subject: Re: Colorado Drone Swarms
Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 1:35:02 PM

Dave -

You read my mind - I have pointed out to every reporter who contacted me that we issued the proposed Remote ID rule last week.

As for the drone-sighting issue itself, all I am saying is multiple FAA divisions and government agencies are investigating these reports, and we don't comment on the details of pending investigations.

Happy New Year!

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On Dec 31, 2019, at 1:30 PM, Suomi, David (FAA) <David.Suomi@faa.gov> wrote:

Info share...Unless you have been on in hermit mode for the past week, you have undoubtedly seen the media coverage of mysterious nighttime drone swarms in rural Colorado for the last week or so. There are typically 17-25 in the swarm, lighted, up to six foot diameter and fly 200'-300' in the area . They seem to do a grid pattern as if they are surveying.

Media coverage is extensive but what is interesting is that one article specifically say the following denied any association with the swarm: FAA, NORAD, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Colorado Department of Transportation, Xcel Energy, Amazon, Google, Uber, Zipline International, Adventure UAV, the Colorado Oil and Gas Association, Black Swift Technologies, Measure, Juniper Unmanned, Flytcam Motion Pictures, and 1Up Aerial Drone Services.

Colorado authorities are saying that "drones may be mysterious, they don't appear malicious". However, the State Aeronautics Director advised me this morning that last night's swarm overflew a cattle feedlot and spooked the cattle, causing them to break

down a fence and get onto a highway, Fortunately, they were not hit by a vehicle. That potentially could have been deadly for both man and beast.

Good opportunity to explain that this is one reason why the agency just issued the NPRM on UAS identification.

Today's coverage below.

Federal Aviation Administration

Mysterious Drones Being Spotted Above Colorado, Nebraska. [ABC World News Tonight](#) (12/30, story 8, 1:25, Johnson, 6.97M) reported on "mystery drone sightings over Colorado and Nebraska. Authorities receiving reports of large drones in the sky at night, flying in groups of ten at a time." According to correspondent Clayton Sandell, flying a drone at night "requires FAA approval so the agency can warn other pilots." The [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (12/30, Bradbury, 720K) reports the rules proposed by the FAA that would require drones to be able to be identified remotely "would prevent a repeat of the ongoing mystery in Northeast Colorado."

On [NBC Nightly News](#) (12/30, story 9, 1:05, Alexander, 6.48M), correspondent Gadi Schwartz reported sightings have been "reported across five counties in Colorado, as many as 30 drones flying in formation, some with wingspans estimated at six feet, with the FAA saying they don't have any concrete information to act on. On Facebook, some residents asking, can we shoot them down if over our property? But authorities warn shooting at them is dangerous and unlawful, and at this point while the drones may be mysterious, they don't appear malicious."

[ABC News](#) (12/30, Parrish, 2.97M) reports Sheriff Tom Nestor of Lincoln County, Colorado said, according to ABC, that "there have been two confirmed reports of drone sightings in his county over open areas such as ranches. Residents first noticed the drones on Dec. 17." Nestor also "said he's concerned the local airport's emergency helicopter could collide with one of the drones." Rick Breitenfeldt of the Federal Aviation Administration said, "This area is a pretty isolated, rural area and not a controlled air space."

[Business Insider](#) (12/29, Jiang, 3.67M) reports Phillips County Sheriff Thomas Elliott said the drones have "been doing a grid search, a grid pattern," adding, "They fly one square and then they fly another square." According to Business Insider, the drones "have been flying over Phillips and Yuma counties every night for about the past week, Elliott said Monday. Each night, at least 17 drones appear at about 7 o'clock and disappear at about 10 o'clock, staying 200 to 300 feet in the air." Elliott also "said the drones did not appear to be malicious."

[KUSA-TV](#) Denver (12/31, 475K) features a list of companies and agencies that have denied a connection to the mysterious drone sightings, including the FAA, NORAD, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Colorado Department of Transportation, Xcel Energy, Amazon, Google, Uber, Zipline International, Adventure UAV, the Colorado Oil and Gas Association, Black Swift Technologies, Measure, Juniper Unmanned, Flytcam Motion Pictures, and 1Up Aerial Drone Services.

Among other news outlets reporting are [Fox News](#) (12/30, Durschlag, 27.59M) and

[Popular Mechanics](#) (12/30, 7.77M).

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Corey Hutchins](#)
Subject: Re: Colorado-based Daily Beast reporter calling about (guess, right?) the drones
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 3:11:36 PM

It's totally unrelated!

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On Jan 9, 2020, at 3:09 PM, Corey Hutchins [REDACTED] wrote:

The one you said you are attending shortly, sorry.

On Thu, Jan 9, 2020 at 4:07 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

What meeting?

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To: [Corey Hutchins](#)
Cc: [David Martin](#)
Subject: RE: Colorado-based Daily Beast reporter calling about (guess, right?) the drones
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 3:20:00 PM

Corey –

Some of the agencies that participated in Monday's meeting in Brush, Colo., agreed to form a working group to address the recent drone-sighting reports. Morgan County Sheriff Dave Martin, whom I cc'd on this email, is leading that working group and can speak to the membership.

The group is not going to discuss the details of its inner workings, and is not planning to provide incremental updates on its activities. But we will inform the public about any important developments.

Below is the statement that the FAA issued after Monday's meeting. Please note this is an FAA statement and not a statement from the working group. Sheriff Martin also posted some information Tuesday on his department's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/morgancolosherriff/photos/a.432487666767590/3228060307210298/?type=3>

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Working group.

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Y'all have a name— official or unofficial— for this working group. How are folks referring to it colloquially?

On Thu, Jan 9, 2020 at 4:22 PM Corey Hutchins [REDACTED] wrote:
Thanks, I'll follow-up soon.

On Thu, Jan 9, 2020 at 4:21 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Corey –

Some of the agencies that participated in Monday's meeting in Brush, Colo., agreed to form a working group to address the recent drone-sighting reports. Morgan County Sheriff Dave Martin, whom I cc'd on this email, is leading that working group and can speak to the membership.

The group is not going to discuss the details of its inner workings, and is not planning to provide incremental updates on its activities. But we will inform the public about any important developments.

Below is the statement that the FAA issued after Monday's meeting. Please note this is an FAA statement and not a statement from the working group. Sheriff Martin also posted some information Tuesday on his department's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/morgancolosherriff/photos/a.432487666767590/3228060307210298/?type=3>

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Best,

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Communications Manager

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From: Corey Hutchins [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 3:01 PM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Re: Colorado-based Daily Beast reporter calling about (guess, right?) the drones

If the meeting is about this issue, I'd love to catch up afterward. I'm interested in what the task force is calling itself, what entities are involved in it, the parameters of its work, what it knows so far and doesn't. I'm on Mountain Time and am working all the time— after noon anyway, I teach in the mornings— so if you do find a free 10 minutes or so to chat I'm at [REDACTED]. The story we'll do will likely get a lot of attention and I want to make sure it's right, is in context, and doesn't mischaracterize anything. — Corey

On Thu, Jan 9, 2020 at 3:56 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Please send me some questions. I've been talking about this for four straight days, and I have a two-hour meeting starting in five minutes.

Ian Gregor

Public Affairs Manager

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On Jan 9, 2020, at 2:52 PM, Corey Hutchins [REDACTED] wrote:

As soon as possible if you're available. I'll be working on this today and tomorrow. — Corey

On Thu, Jan 9, 2020 at 3:50 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA)
<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

When do you need information?

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On Jan 9, 2020, at 2:40 PM, Corey Hutchins
[REDACTED] wrote:

Ian,

I'm a contributor for *The Daily Beast* working on the first national piece the outlet has yet published on the Colorado drone controversy and wanted to make sure we connect if you have a few minutes to chat by phone. I'm at 803-261-6874, and didn't leave you a voicemail since your message indicated an email would be better. A law enforcement official on the Eastern Plains suggested I get in touch. — Corey

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Paul Gregory](#)
Subject: Re: Contact information
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:21:15 AM

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 11:19 AM, Paul Gregory <PGregory@adcogov.org> wrote:

Would you mind emailing that PR to me? I will not release until you do.

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From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:15:10 AM
To: Paul Gregory <PGregory@adcogov.org>

Subject: Contact information

Please be cautious: This email was sent from outside Adams County

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Shelly Bradbury](#)
Subject: Re: Denver Post meeting follow up
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:07:25 AM

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Thanks.

~Shelly

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Shelly Bradbury

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To: [Shelly Bradbury](#)
Cc: dmartin@co.morgan.co.us
Subject: Re: Denver Post meeting follow up
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:11:57 AM

Looping in Sheriff Martin, who can answer that question.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 12:10 PM, Shelly Bradbury <sbradbury@denverpost.com> wrote:

Thanks! Is it accurate that the FAA, FBI and local law enforcement are forming a task force to investigate?

~Shelly

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Van Hoose, Kara](#)
Subject: Re: Denver7 News Question
Date: Monday, January 20, 2020 1:16:40 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Van Hoose, Kara](#)
Subject: Re: Denver7 News Question
Date: Monday, January 20, 2020 1:49:22 PM

Just out of curiosity, did you ask him who from the FAA supposedly contacted him, when and how?

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Holtzman, Joshua \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, January 13, 2020 4:47:41 PM

I think she planned to send it out this afternoon. I'll see if she can correct.

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On Jan 13, 2020, at 4:43 PM, Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov> wrote:

Ian, I shared with Claudio and Angela – see Angela's comments below. Do you know if the press release has gone out and, if so, do you have the final version? Thanks,
Josh

Joshua Holtzman
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From: Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA) <Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 6:32 PM
To: Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>
Cc: Manno, Claudio (FAA) <Claudio.Manno@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft News Releases for your review on drone report and weekend activities. Scheduled for distribution 1430-1600

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R/
Angela

Sent from my iPad

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On Jan 13, 2020, at 5:35 PM, Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov> wrote:

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Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 5:05 PM
To: Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>; Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov>
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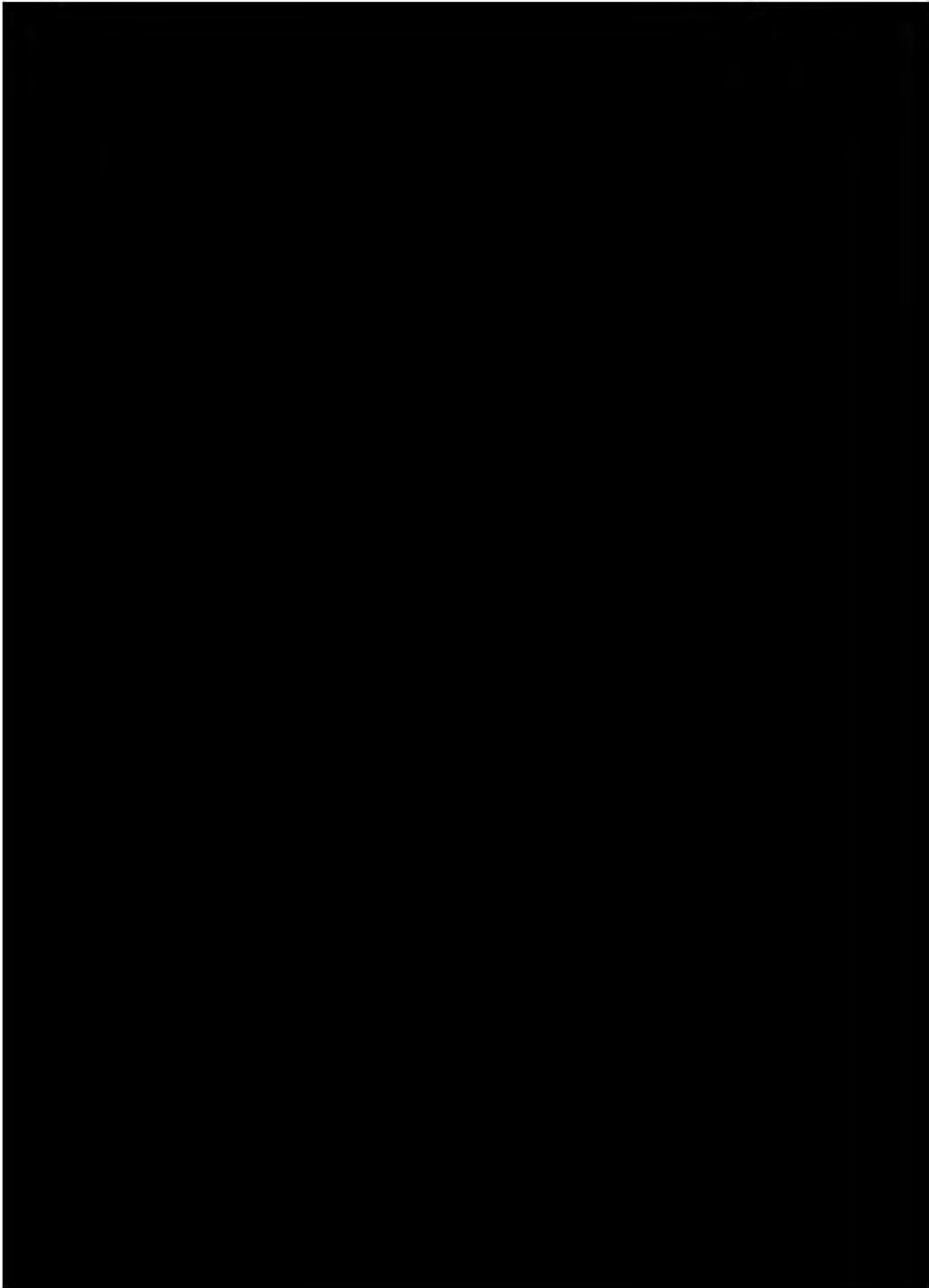
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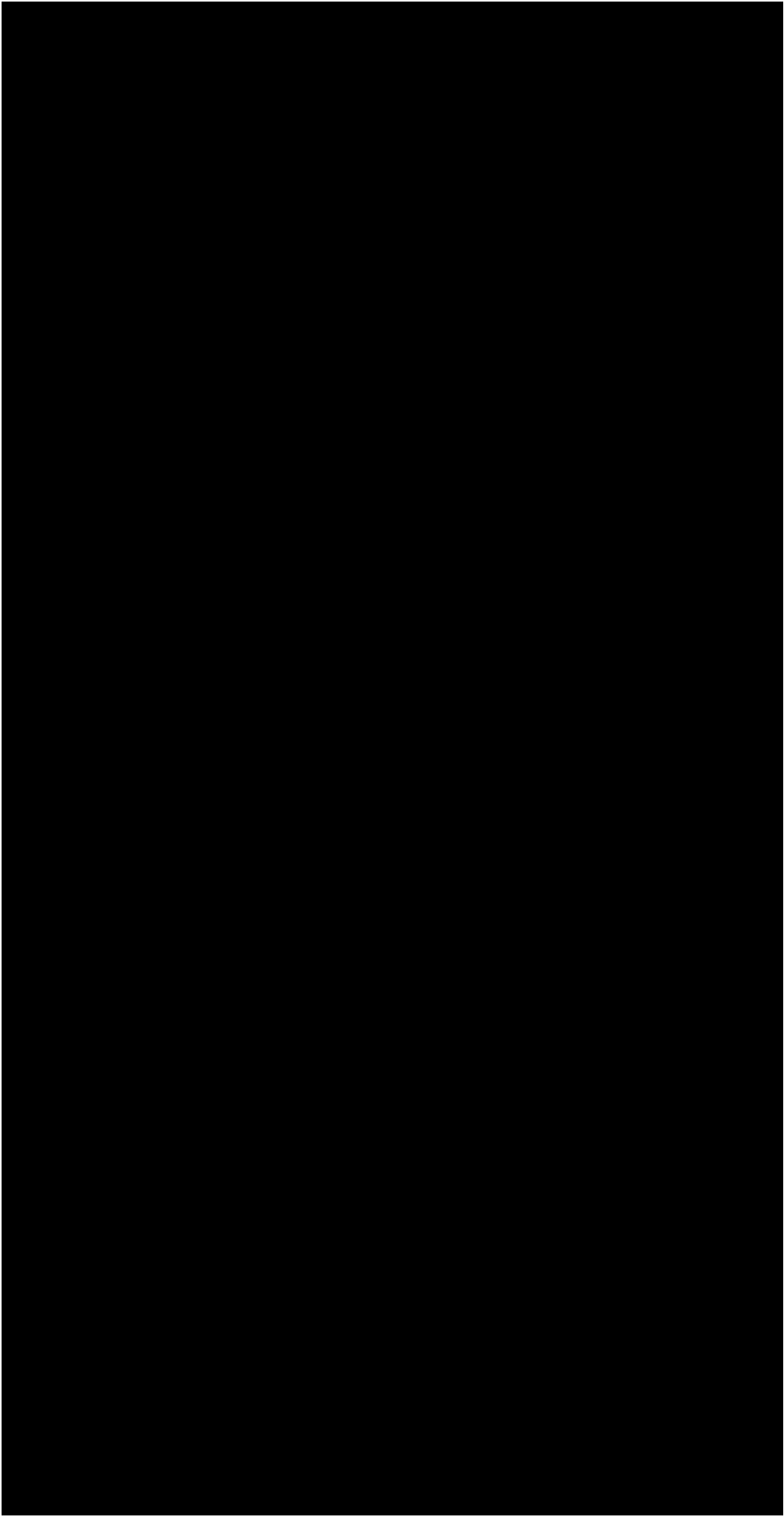
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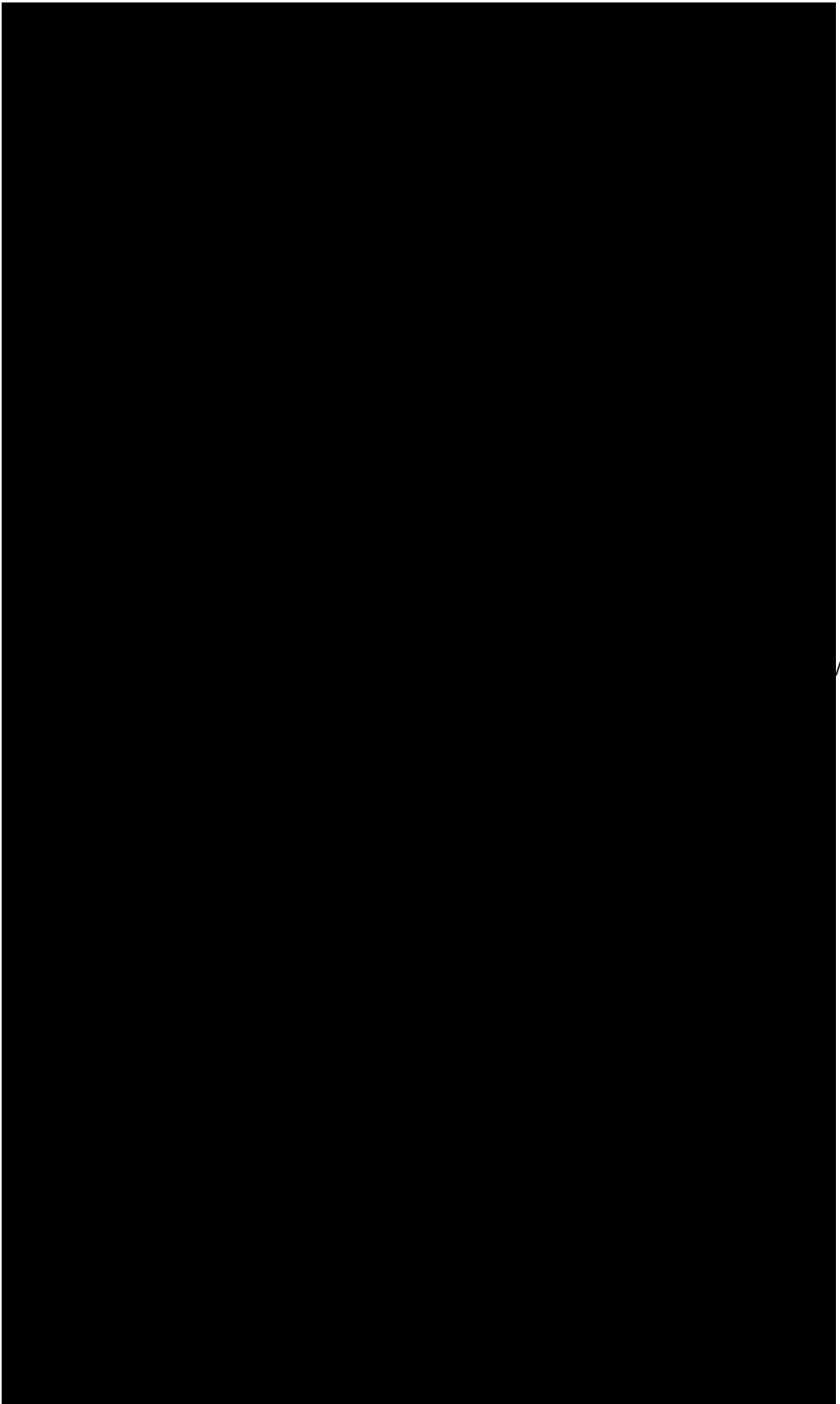
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Roger.

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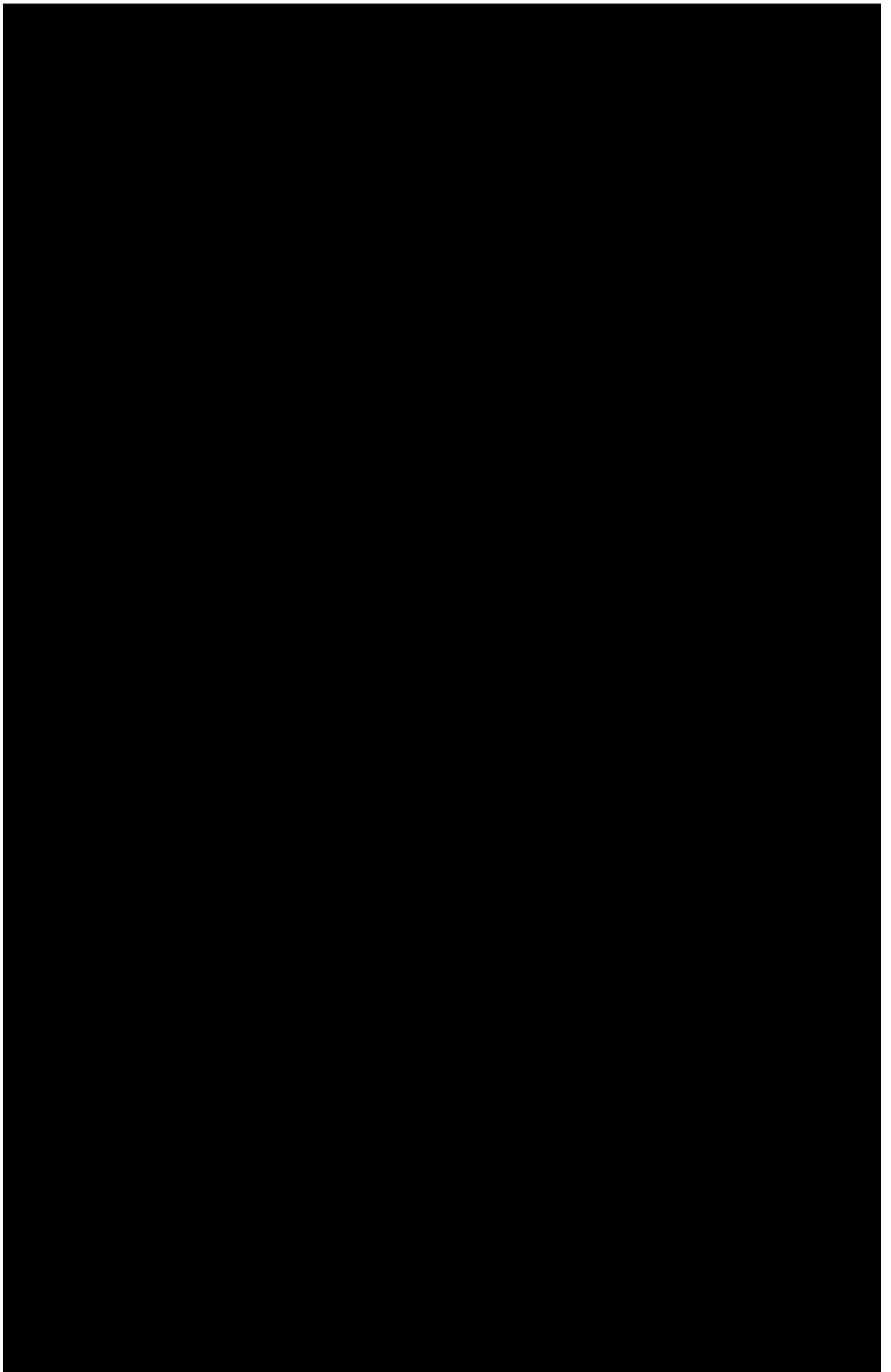
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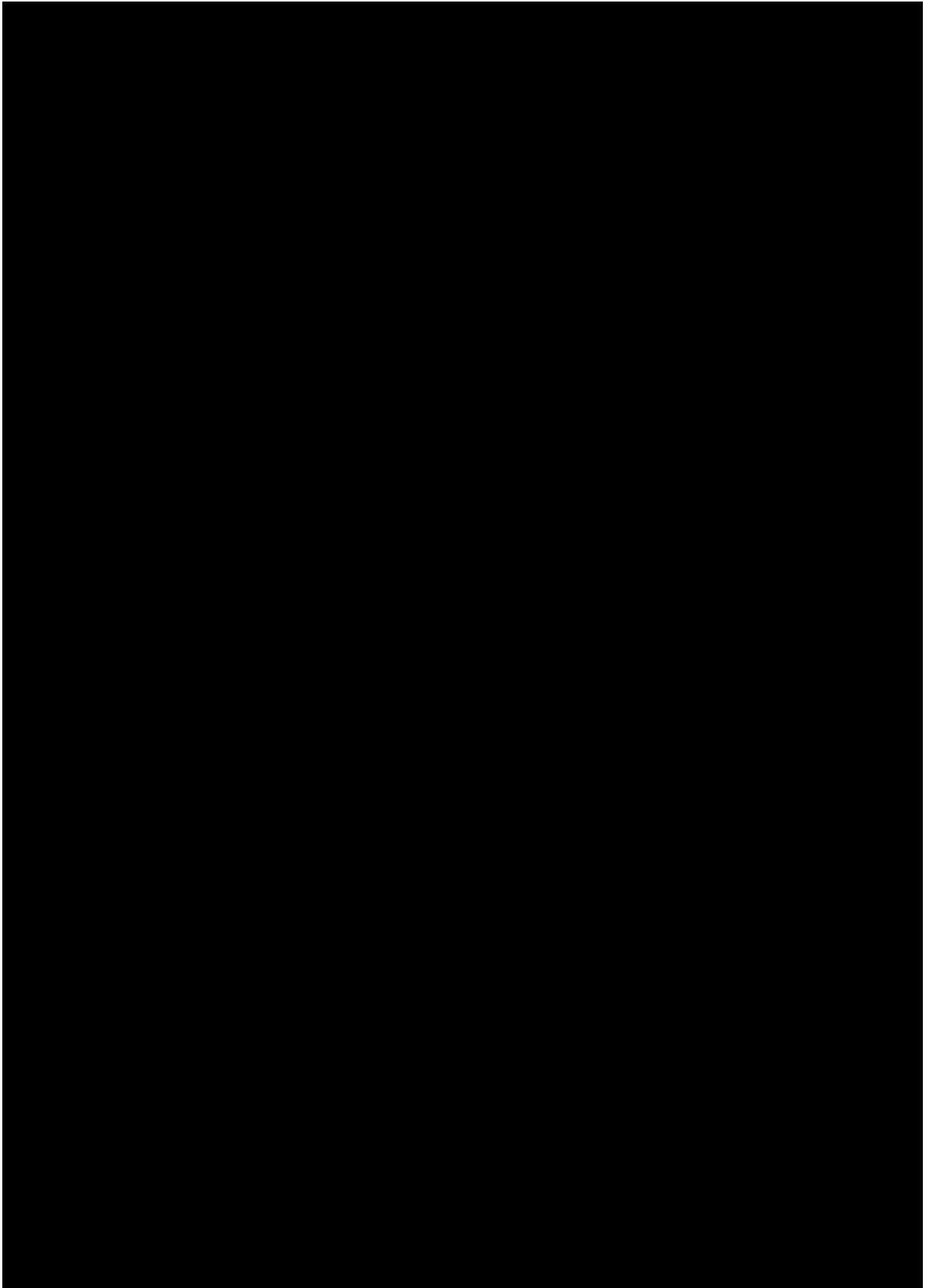
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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Micki Trost - CDPS](#)
Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, January 13, 2020 6:00:05 PM

Thanks!

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On Jan 13, 2020, at 5:40 PM, Micki Trost - CDPS <micki.trost@state.co.us> wrote:

I can update on social and website.

And I can send a note to media list.

Micki Trost, M.A, TLO, MPIO

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On Jan 13, 2020, at 6:13 PM, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Can you fix that one thing and resend the release?

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On Jan 13, 2020, at 5:08 PM, Micki Trost - CDPS <micki.trost@state.co.us> wrote:

Ok. Thanks.

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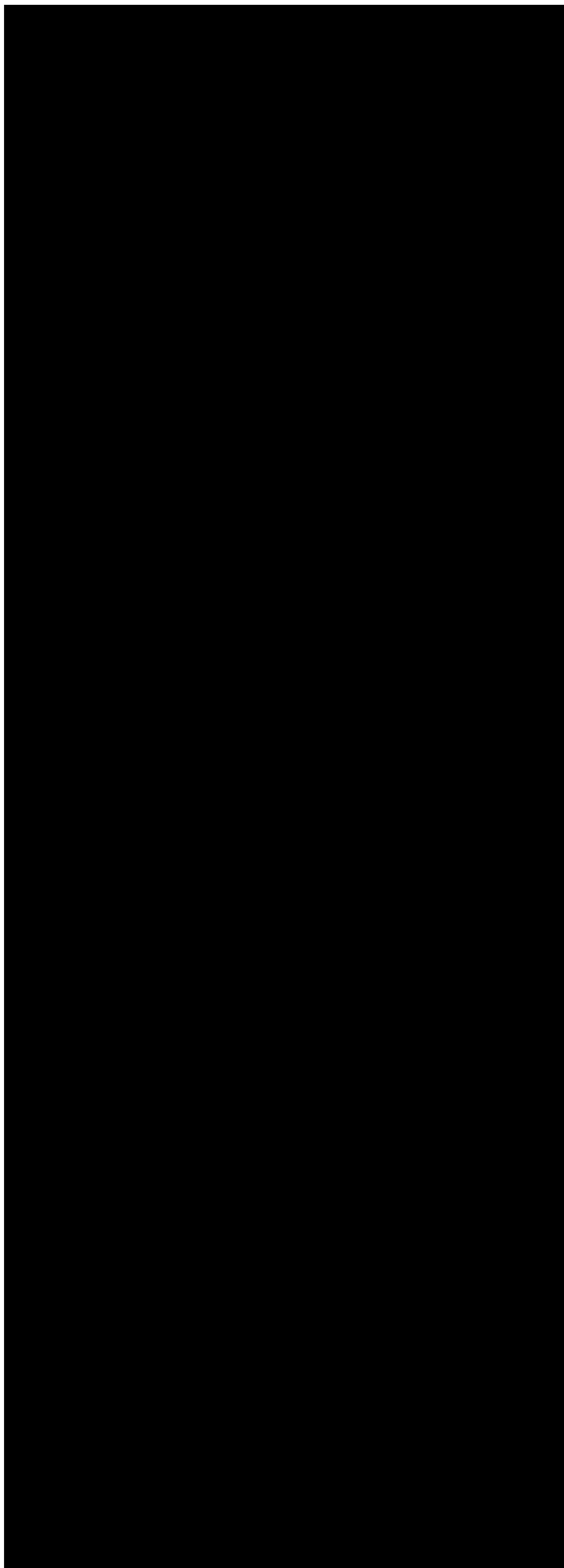
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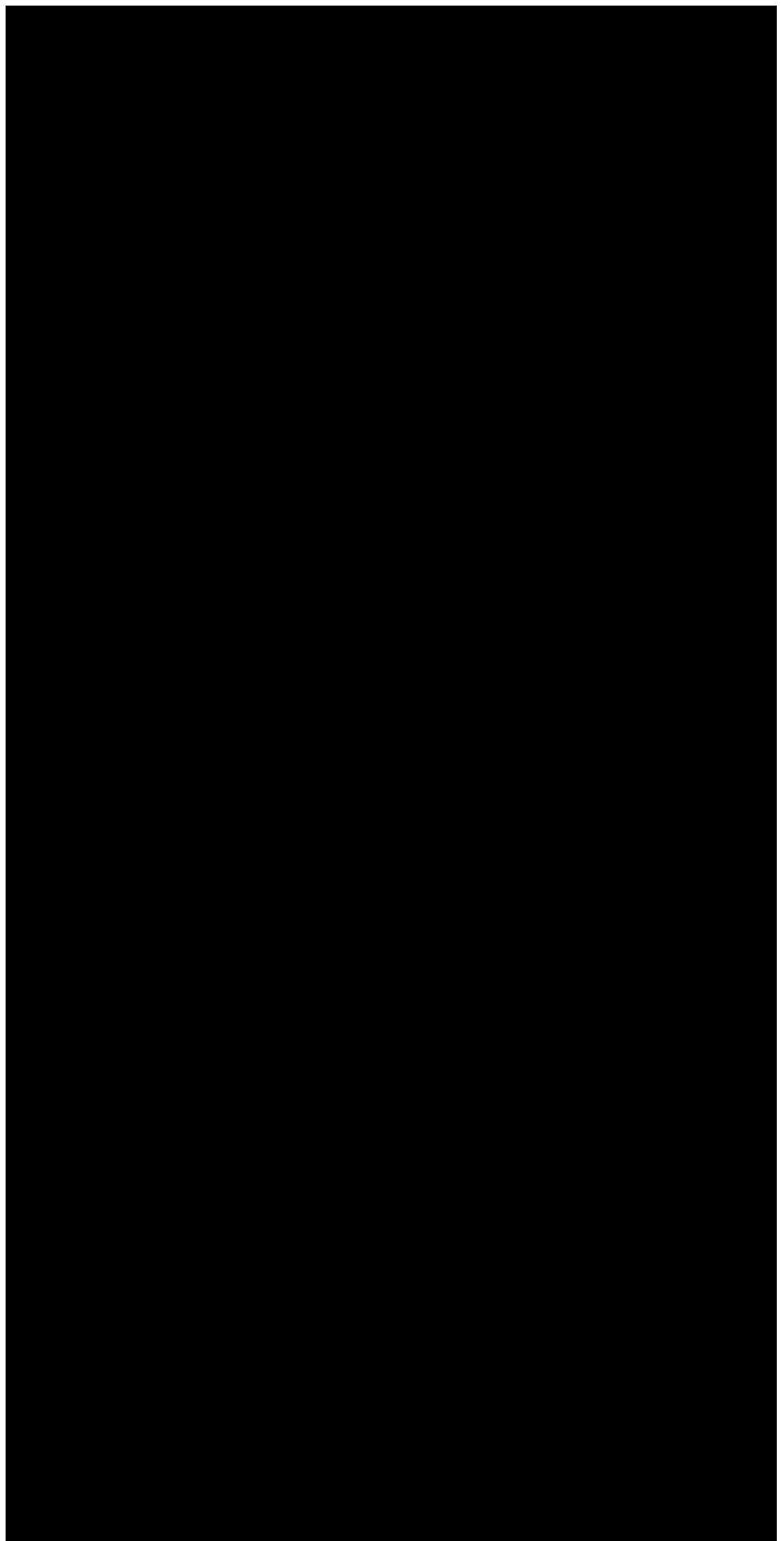
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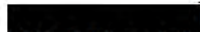
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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Evan Kruegel](#); [Peters, Jim \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Drone Activity FOX31 Denver
Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:16:00 PM

Multiple FAA divisions are investigating these reports. We do not comment on the details of open investigations.

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From: Evan Kruegel <Evan.Kruegel@kdvr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:11 PM
To: Peters, Jim (FAA) <Jim.Peters@faa.gov>
Cc: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Drone Activity FOX31 Denver

Hi Jim -

Checking in to see if there are any developments in the drone mystery in NE Colorado. Could you provide me with an updated statement on that investigation?

Additionally, I received a tip that a company called NextEra Energy, INC (also known as FPL) might be responsible. Does this company have permits to operate this sort of activity in Colorado?

Thanks,

-Evan Kruegel
Reporter FOX31
720-498-6872

From: Peters, Jim (FAA) <Jim.Peters@faa.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 4:12 PM
To: Evan Kruegel <Evan.Kruegel@kdvr.com>
Cc: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: RE: Drone Activity FOX31 Denver

https://www.faa.gov/uas/advanced_operations/

From: Evan Kruegel <Evan.Kruegel@kdvr.com>

Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 5:51 PM

To: Peters, Jim (FAA) <Jim.Peters@faa.gov>

Cc: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <lan.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Re: Drone Activity FOX31 Denver

Maybe I should clarify - If this is a commercial operation (oil company, mapping company, etc) - Do they need to tell the FAA when/where they are flying?

You said you have "No FAA drone reports in Colorado matching this location or description", does this mean nobody has filed an FAA request to fly in that location ?

Evan Kruegel
Reporter FOX31
720-498-6872

On Dec 27, 2019, at 3:44 PM, Peters, Jim (FAA) <Jim.Peters@faa.gov> wrote:

Eva

We could not answer that question without knowing the operator.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 27, 2019, at 5:14 PM, Evan Kruegel <Evan.Kruegel@kdvr.com> wrote:

Thanks Jim. Would a company need FAA approval to legally perform this type of flight? Especially at night?

Thanks,

-Evan

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Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 3:13 PM

To: Evan Kruegel <Evan.Kruegel@kdvr.com>

Cc: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <lan.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Drone Activity FOX31 Denver

We checked. No FAA drone reports in Colorado

matching this location or description.

We referred a few other media outlets to the military to see if they had any information

From: Evan Kruegel
<Evan.Kruegel@kdvr.com>
Date: December 27, 2019 at 2:01:09 PM PST
To: "ian.gregor@faa.gov"
<ian.gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Drone Activity FOX31 Denver

Hi Ian,

Allen Kenitzer's automatic email reply said to reach out to you for Colorado questions.

We're hearing reports of some unusual drone activity in the Northeast portion of Colorado (Lincoln, Phillips, Yuma, Washington Counties).

Does the FAA know what these might be? Additionally, would a company need a waiver to fly at night in the area? Have any such waivers been filed?

Thanks,

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Reporter FOX31
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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Lori Jane Gliha](#)
Cc: [Jones, Tammy L. \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: DRONE FOLLOW
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:02:01 PM

Hi -

I'm not aware of any recent reports about sightings of multiple drones flying in formations. You should double check with the Colorado and Nebraska Information Analysis Centers, and also Morgan County Sheriff Dave Martin. As far as I know, the reports dried up around the middle of January.

We have not received any information that enabled us to determine what exactly it was that people were seeing and, if they were drones, who was flying them.

Mike Bumberger and I attended the Jan. 6 multi-agency meeting in Brush.

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On Feb 5, 2020, at 11:57 AM, Lori Jane Gliha <LoriJane.Gliha@kdvr.com> wrote:

Hi Tammy,

I wanted to quickly follow up with you on the emails we exchanged in early January regarding unusual drones flying over northeastern Colorado.

There was a lot of buzz and then suddenly nothing about it.

Is the FAA still involved in the investigation?

If so, why? If not, why not?

Is there any update you can provide to explain what – if anything – the FAA learned during the course of this investigation?

Also, can you please confirm that FAA Special Agent Michael Bumberger flew into Denver on 1/5/2020 to help the investigation in Brush, CO? This was written in an

internal email I obtained from another government agency.

Thank you!
Sincerely,
Lori Jane Gliha

From: Jones, Tammy L (FAA) <tammy.l.jones@faa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Lori Jane Gliha <LoriJane.Gliha@kdvr.com>
Subject: RE: Flight for life near miss

You can check with the NTSB.

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Subject: Re: Flight for life near miss

So does that mean it was not reported?

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To: Lori Jane Gliha <LoriJane.Gliha@kdvr.com>
Subject: RE: Flight for life near miss

I cannot confirm.
The incident has to first be reported and then investigated.
The definitions can be found on this link:
https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/atpubs/aip_html/part2_enr_section_1.16.html

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Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 3:47 PM

To: Jones, Tammy L (FAA) <tammy.l.jones@faa.gov>

Subject: Flight for life near miss

Dear Tammy,

How can I find out today about a reporter “near miss” that occurred with a drone in northeastern Colorado and a Flight For Life type helicopter?

Are you able to help confirm?

Thanks

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Wauneta Breeze Editor](#)
Subject: RE: Drone letter story
Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 1:38:00 PM

Thanks for sending this, Tom. I think you hit the ball out of the park!

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From: Wauneta Breeze Editor <breeze.editor@jppapers.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 12:31 PM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Drone letter story

We're having some web site problems, so I'll just send this in the body of this email; I'll be interested in hearing your reaction.

Tom

Authorities doubt truth of drone letter

By Tom Pantera
The Wauneta Breeze

A mysterious group chasing a 16-year-old UFO case has taken credit for the recent spate of drone sightings in Colorado and Nebraska, but some in law enforcement, including Chase County Sheriff Kevin Mueller, are dubious about it

In a letter to the Yuma, Colorado, Pioneer, a man who identifies himself as Michael Spicer said the drones are from an organization he founded, ArchAngel RECON

"The whole letter is just a little odd to me," Mueller said. "I don't know what he's trying to do — make himself famous, I don't know."

Ian Gregor, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said that agency cannot discuss specific aspects of the investigation, but he released the following statement from the agency:

"We're not going to comment on claims concerning the reported drone sightings in parts of Colorado and Nebraska in late December and early January. The FAA has not received any information that has enabled us to identify individuals or agencies that may have been operating the drones that people reported seeing."

Reached by telephone,

Spicer gave only vague answers when asked to clarify the letter.

He said television networks have contacted him for statements — he specifically mentioned Fox and ABC — and "obviously, the nature of this is to get the proof and the truth out. There's a pretty big item brewing that's going to enable me to do that."

But the details of that "have not been finalized," he said. "The way I like to work is to make sure it's going to be finalized."

There is a platform available and there is a very large platform that would be an objective, scientific sort of platform."

He said he didn't want to talk to reporters because he had been misquoted in previous stories.

When pressed to give more details about his plans and his group, he refused to do that and also refused any future interviews.

In the letter to the Yuma newspaper, which Spicer said will serve as an "official statement," he wrote, "It's important to us that we have the opportunity to provide this unedited written document, as unfortunately this same information has already been misquoted and represented, and folks have attached our name and reputation to those words."

He said ArchAngel RECON has contacted the Federal Aviation Administration, FBI, Department of Defense, Homeland Security and sheriff's departments. "Most of the local small-town sheriff's offices have emails that come back invalid, contact forms that don't work and so on," he said.

He described his organization as "a group of professionals who track a particular high value aerospace target." Later in the letter, he identified that as "Tic Tac."

Among UFO enthusiasts, Tic Tac refers to an object spotted in the Pacific Ocean off southern California in 2004 by planes from the aircraft carrier U.S.S.

Nimitz It got the nickname because it was shaped like the candy

Speculation about the Tic Tac's origin has ranged from extraterrestrials to a secret Navy project

The letter does not say exactly what the drones were looking for, nor does it say why whatever that is was being sought by the group over Nebraska, Kansas, Utah, Colorado, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Nevada

Spicer wrote that members of his group have seen the Tic Tac, and another aircraft flying underneath it, several times, but does not give any proof of sightings

He also offered to submit members of the group for lie-detector tests

He accused government agencies of "refusing to let us put facts on the record" and said his group may host public meetings to explain what happened

At the end of the letter, Spicer struck a reassuring tone

"As for right now, you can sleep easy," he wrote "Technology is in the airspace above you You are under absolutely no threat or concern whatsoever

"Should you or anyone reading this encounter the same event, keep in mind you made a great mistake Rather than going out at night in the darkness to look up at lights, go out in the light in the daytime and look at the ground to see what these drones were hunting "

Among questions the letter leaves unanswered is how many members ArchAngel RECON has, how it is financed — the drones appear to be large, high-end machines, with wingspans of from 5 to 15 feet, making them pricier than hobbyists' drones — and exactly what they are searching for

And, unusually for this day, there is virtually no trace of ArchAngel RECON on the internet

The only place it can be found is on Twitter, on an account activated last month The site says the group has "Polygraph backed knowledge of advanced world changing Aerospace, Power/Energy Sources, Tracking and Reverse Engineering " As of last week, it only had four posts, three of which concerned the group's inability to get anyone to administer a lie-detector test

The group reportedly has a YouTube channel, but a search of that site has only videos related to a similarly named video game

Mueller said one the reasons he's dubious about the letter is Spicer's contention that he has been unable to reach sheriff's departments by email

"Obviously, nobody can contact him and for him to say he's emailed all those sheriffs and all those emails came back is kind of hard to believe," he said

When a joint task force made up of federal, state and local officials met, none of the agencies said they had received any documentation from anybody who said the drones were theirs, he said

Nearly a month after the last sightings, the investigation appears to be winding down, he said

"The other sheriff's that I've talked to, we've run down all the leads we possibly can and we've gotten nowhere "

And while he doesn't know what the federal agencies are doing, "I think they pretty much have gone through everything they can and they still haven't come up with anything," he said

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To: [Wauneta Breeze Editor](#)
Subject: RE: Drone letter
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2020 1:57:00 PM


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Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Drone letter



From: "Gregor, Ian (FAA)" <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 2:42 PM
To: Tom Pantera <breeze.editor@jppipapers.com>
Subject: RE: Drone letter

Hi Tom –

What number can I call you at?

Attributable to the FAA:

The FAA has not received any information that has enabled us to identify individuals or agencies that may have been operating clusters of drones that people reported seeing in December and early January in part of Colorado and Nebraska.

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Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 1:16 PM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Drone letter

Mr. Gregor,

This is Tom Pantera from The Breeze in Wauneta, Nebraska; I believe we've spoken before.

I'm working on a story and wanted to give the FAA a chance to comment.

Are you familiar with the letter somebody named Michael Spicer sent to the newspaper in Yuma, Colorado, taking credit for the drone flights?

If so, does the FAA put any stock in the letter? Have his claims been looked into? What have you found about them?

FWIW, there are things in the letter that strike me as kind of odd, and I'm personally dubious about it, but I wanted to see if the investigators feel the same way.

If you haven't seen it, I can certainly send you a copy. Let me know.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Tom Pantera

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Gruver, Mead](#)
Subject: RE: Drone mystery
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 2:36:00 PM

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Please send me any additional specific questions in writing.

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To: Gruver, Mead <mgruver@ap.org>
Subject: Re: Drone mystery

Hi Mead -

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here: https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=24534

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Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 1:12:56 PM

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This also is helpful, thank you.

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Medevac “close call”

We’re aware of the report and are looking into it.

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We received approximately 2,150 pilot drone-sighting reports in 2019 nationwide. You can look up pilot drone-sighting reports here. (We’re working to get the 2019 data updated.)
https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/public_records/uas_sightings_report/

While we have no reasons to question the accuracy of these reports, we are unable to validate the vast majority of them.

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National security partners, as well as federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies need to know the location and identity of unmanned aircraft and must be able to locate the control station. For security reasons and threat discrimination purposes, they also need to have near real-time access to remote ID messages. The proposed rule addresses this by requiring all unmanned aircraft to transmit their remote ID.

Congress granted the Departments of Defense and Energy counter-UAS authorities in December 2016. In the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, Congress granted similar counter-UAS authorities to the Departments of Homeland Security and Justice. The FAA is working closely with all four departments to support implementation of those authorities and deployment of C-UAS systems to protect vital national missions and assets.

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Medevac "close call"

We're aware of the report and are looking into it.

Safety of manned aircraft is the FAA's top priority and we take all pilot drone-sighting reports seriously.

We received approximately 2,150 pilot drone-sighting reports in 2019 nationwide. You can look up pilot drone-sighting reports here. (We're working to get the 2019 data updated.)

https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/public_records/uas_sightings_report/

While we have no reasons to question the accuracy of these reports, we are unable to validate the vast majority of them.

It is not accurate to refer to these reports generally as "close calls" because pilots in the vast majority of cases do not indicate they took evasive action.

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From: Gruver, Mead <mgruver@ap.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Drone mystery


Hi, Ian.

I'm taking the lead on the drone mystery for AP. I hear you're the contact for the task force. I'd like to ask you about why these drones are hard to track and about the proposed rules for remote identification of drones that Elaine Chao mentioned the other day.

Also, would be great if you could pass along any good drone experts who can talk about the situation.

I left a message at your office. Please call when you get a moment.

Thanks,
Mead

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Stubblefield, Angela H \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Drone RFI in Colorado
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 5:03:41 AM

Thanks - it should be interesting.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 6:01 AM, Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA)
<Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov> wrote:

Not by choice...but the only way to get some stuff done is to come in early! Have a good day and good luck!

R/
Angela

Sent from my iPad

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 7:51 AM, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Not so bad - I'm in Colorado, so it's Mountain Time, not Pacific Time. I'm usually up by 5 in the summer, but I tend to hibernate a bit in the winter.

You strike me as an early riser ...

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 5:27 AM, Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA)
<Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov> wrote:

Yikes, you are up early!

R/
Angela

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Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 7:22 AM
To: Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA)
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Cc: Crozier, Bill (FAA) <Bill.Crozier@faa.gov>; Newman, Philip (FAA) <Philip.Newman@faa.gov>; Amend, Erik (FAA) <Erik.Amend@faa.gov>; Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>; Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>; Manno, Claudio (FAA) <Claudio.Manno@faa.gov>; Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>; Brooks, Deandra (FAA) <deandra.brooks@faa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica A (FAA) <Jessica.A.Orquina@faa.gov>; Howard, Katherine (FAA) <katherine.howard@faa.gov>; Gore, Scott (FAA) <Scott.Gore@faa.gov>; Langdon, Brian (FAA) <brian.langdon@faa.gov>; Merkle, Jay (FAA) <Jay.Merkle@faa.gov>; Carty, Robert (FAA) <Robert.Carty@faa.gov>; Linsenmeyer, John (FAA) <John.Linsenmeyer@faa.gov>; Domingo, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Domingo@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Drone RFI in Colorado

Thanks Angela.

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(FAA) <Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov> wrote:

Looks good to me. Thanks!

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Thanks!

R/
Angela

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Angela -

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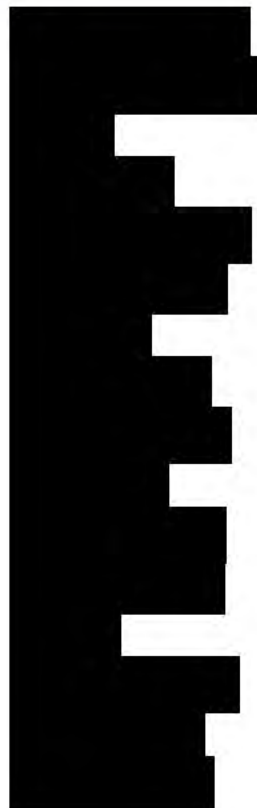


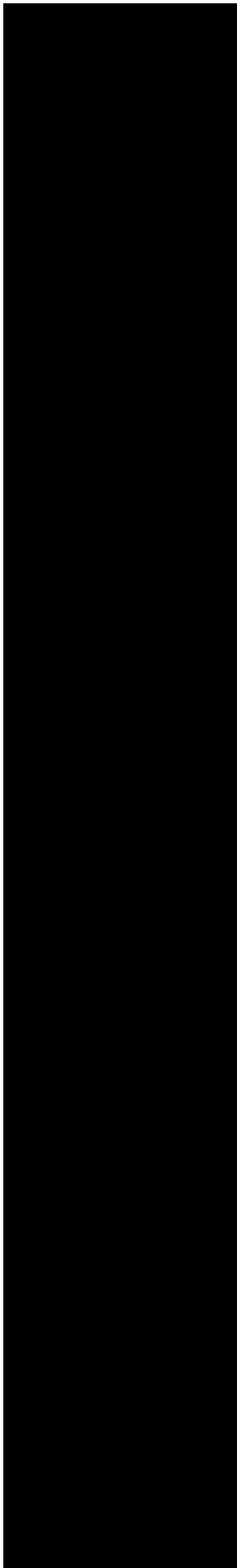


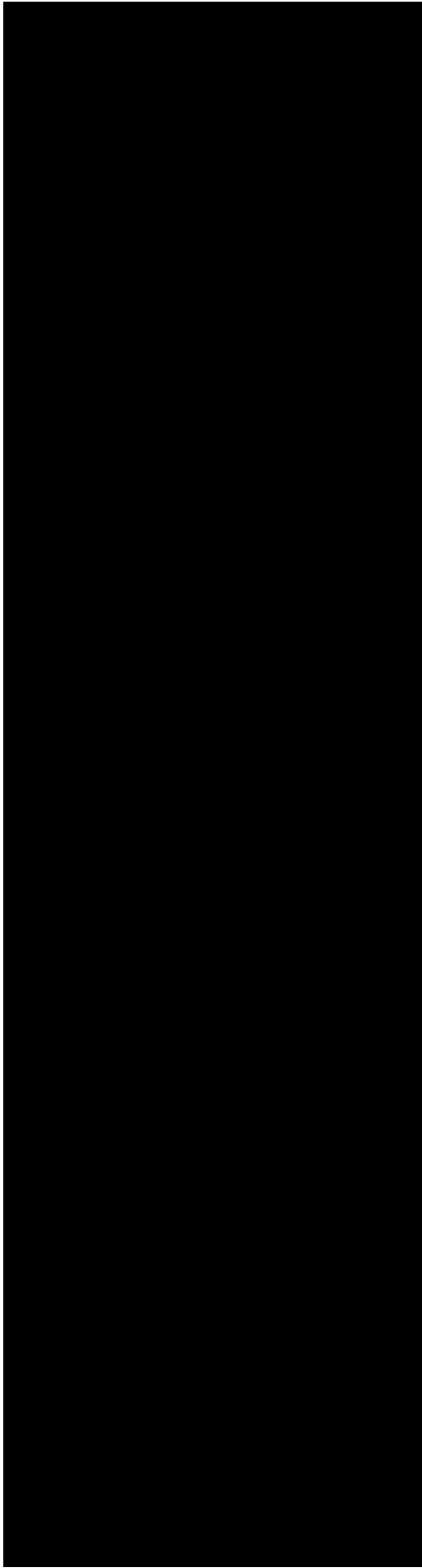
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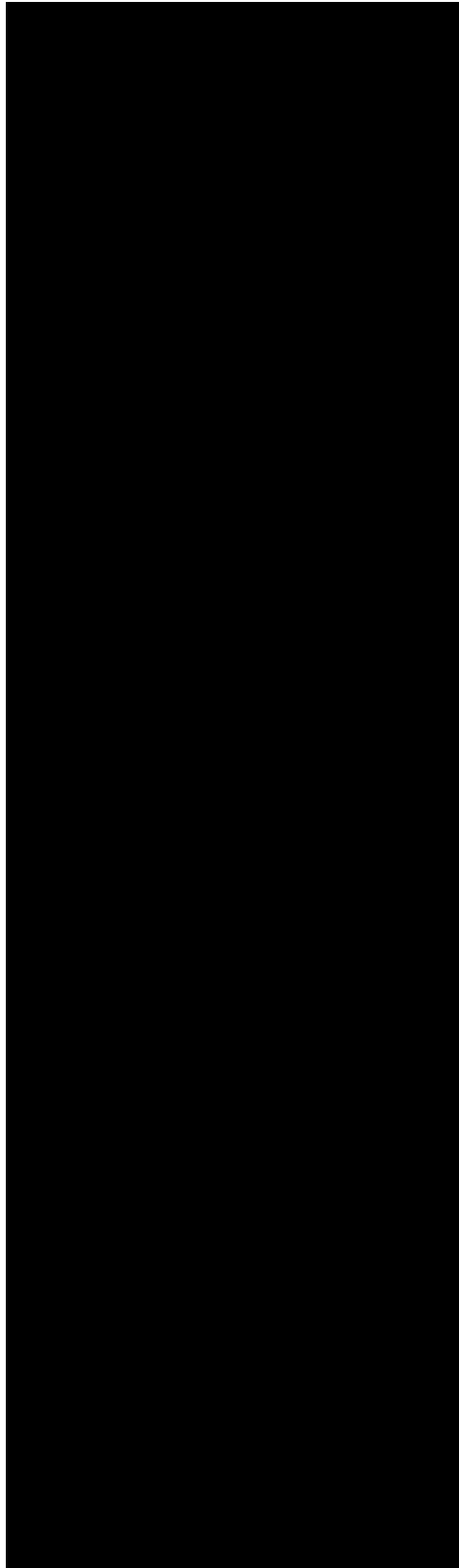
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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#); [Adams, Marcia \(FAA\)](#); [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#); [Jones, Tammy L \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Drone RFI in Colorado
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 8:21:00 AM

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Subject: RE: Drone RFI in Colorado

Looping in Ian who's been handling a bunch of inquiries on this topic.

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Thx

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From: "Squatrito, Robin A CIV NORAD-USNC SPC STF (US)"
<robin.a.squatrito.civ@mail.mil>
Date: December 31, 2019 at 10:50:55 AM EST
To: "marcia.adams@faa.gov" <marcia.adams@faa.gov>
Subject: Drone RFI in Colorado

Hi Marcia,

Establishing contact from NORAD and USNORTHCOM Legislative Affairs.

Please have someone call Curtis Swager in Sen Gardner's Office at 202-768-5585

Thank you!
Robin

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
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Cc: [Stubblefield, Angela H \(FAA\)](#); [Newman, Philip \(FAA\)](#); [Amend, Erik \(FAA\)](#); [Holtzman, Joshua \(FAA\)](#); [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#); [Manno, Claudio \(FAA\)](#); [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#); [Brooks, Deandra \(FAA\)](#); [Orquina, Jessica A \(FAA\)](#); [Howard, Katherine \(FAA\)](#); [Gore, Scott \(FAA\)](#); [Langdon, Brian \(FAA\)](#); [Merkle, Jay \(FAA\)](#); [Carty, Robert \(FAA\)](#); [Linsenmeyer, John \(FAA\)](#); [Domingo, Rick \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Drone RFI in Colorado
Date: Sunday, January 5, 2020 7:32:16 PM

Thanks Bill - I will share it with them. (As soon as Angela blesses it!)

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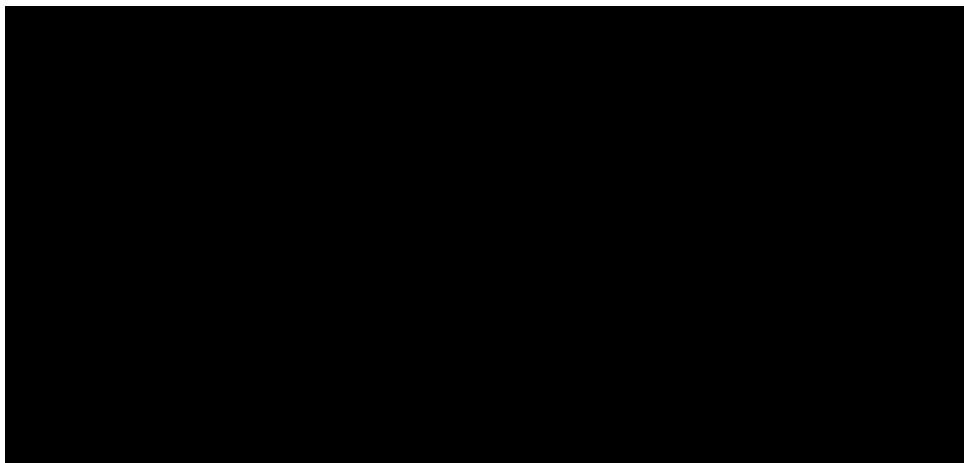
On Jan 5, 2020, at 8:30 PM, Crozier, Bill (FAA) <Bill.Crozier@faa.gov> wrote:

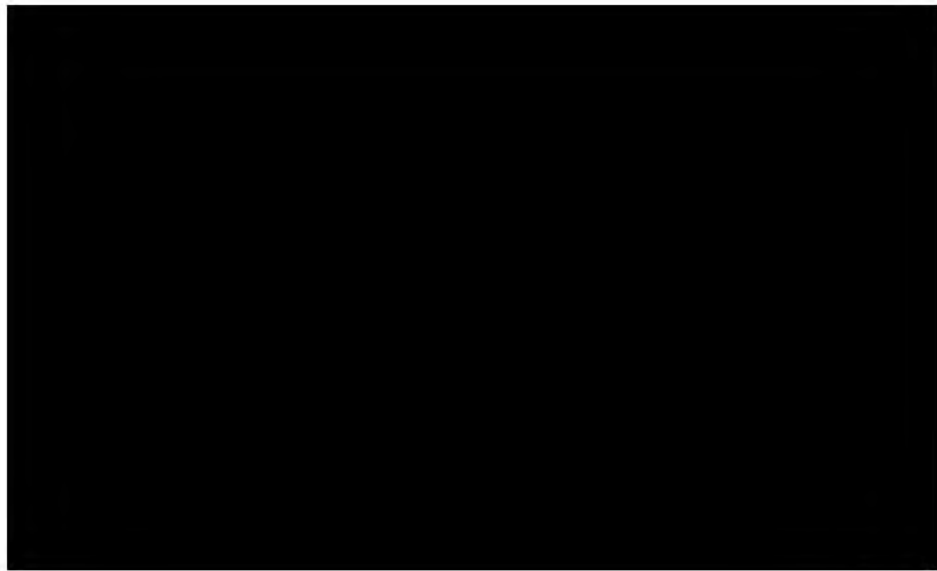
Ian
Thanks for taking my input. Looks good. Is anyone sharing with the Regional Administrators in Central and NWM?
Bill

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On Jan 5, 2020, at 10:01 PM, Gregor, Ian (FAA)
<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Angela -

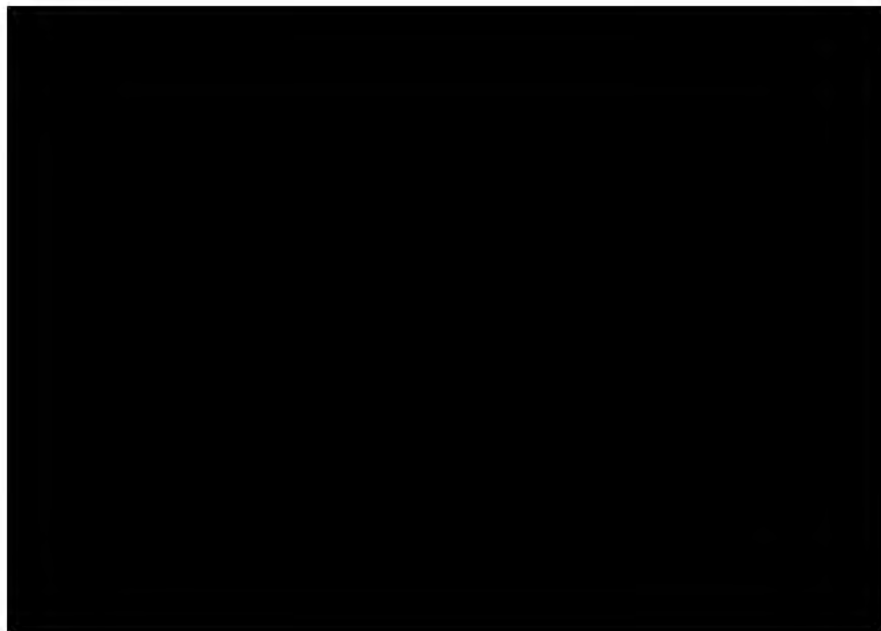


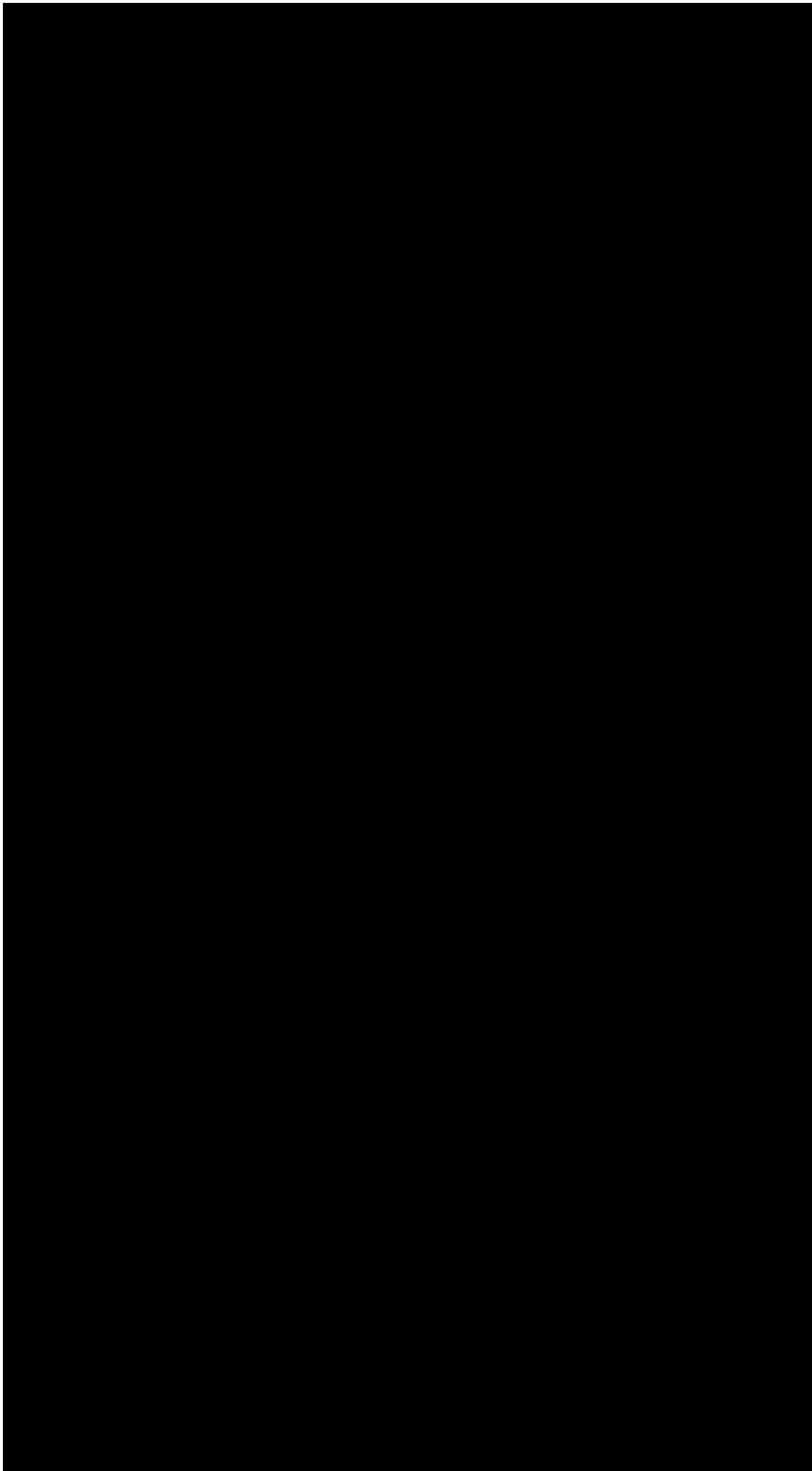


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<Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov> wrote:





From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Drone RFI in Colorado
Date: Friday, January 3, 2020 6:38:34 PM

Thanks!

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On Jan 3, 2020, at 6:29 PM, Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov> wrote:

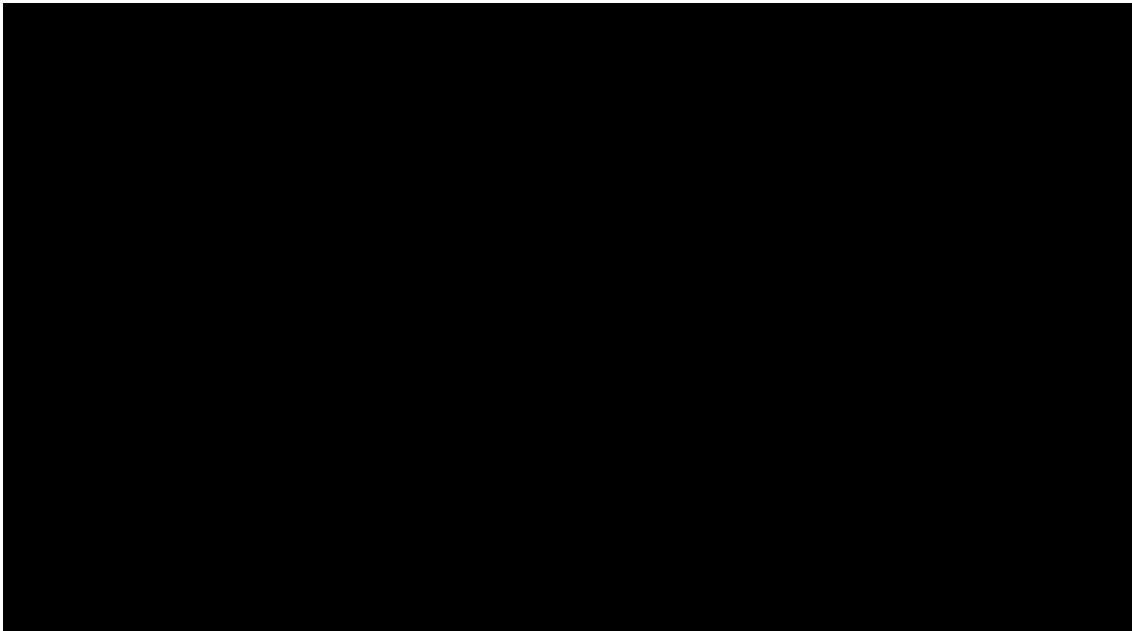
This is excellent. Thank you for putting it together!

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On Jan 3, 2020, at 9:19 PM, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

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Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 2:59 PM

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+ Jay and Bill

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Thanks Josh – that's good to know.

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Josh

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Looping in Ian who has a new development to share.

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On Jan 2, 2020, at 1:47 PM, Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA) <Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov> wrote:

+ASH for review

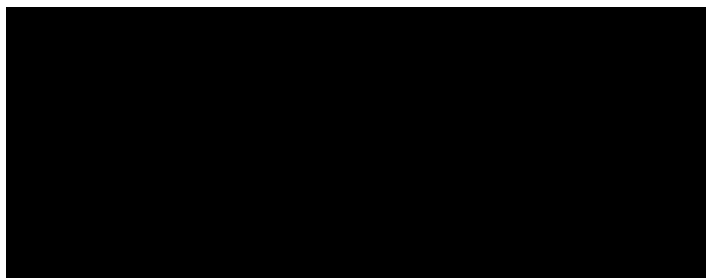
I would like to take a look but won't have time until after 3:30.
R/
Angela

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Date: December 31, 2019 at 10:50:55
AM EST
To: "marcia.adams@faa.gov"
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Subject: Drone RFI in Colorado

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Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 3:48 PM

To: Feddersen, Brett (FAA) <Brett.Feddersen@faa.gov>; Adams, Marcia (FAA) <marcia.adams@faa.gov>; Newman, Philip (FAA) <Philip.Newman@faa.gov>

Cc: Manno, Claudio (FAA) <Claudio.Manno@faa.gov>; Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA) <Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov>; Papier, Leesa J (FAA) <leesa.j.papier@faa.gov>; Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>; Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>; Jones, Tammy L (FAA) <tammy.l.jones@faa.gov>; Amend, Erik (FAA) <Erik.Amend@faa.gov>; Brooks, Deandra (FAA) <deandra.brooks@faa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica A (FAA) <Jessica.A.Orquina@faa.gov>; Howard, Katherine (FAA) <katherine.howard@faa.gov>; Gore, Scott (FAA) <Scott.Gore@faa.gov>; Langdon, Brian (FAA) <brian.langdon@faa.gov>; Roberson, Jennifer (FAA) <jennifer.roberson@faa.gov>

Subject: RE: Drone RFI in Colorado

+Phil Newman

Joshua Holtzman
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Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2020 3:38 PM

To: Adams, Marcia (FAA) <marcia.adams@faa.gov>

Cc: Manno, Claudio (FAA) <Claudio.Manno@faa.gov>; Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>; Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA) <Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov>; Papier, Leesa J (FAA) <leesa.j.papier@faa.gov>; Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>; Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>; Jones, Tammy L (FAA) <tammy.l.jones@faa.gov>; Amend, Erik (FAA) <Erik.Amend@faa.gov>; Brooks, Deandra (FAA) <deandra.brooks@faa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica A (FAA) <Jessica.A.Orquina@faa.gov>; Howard, Katherine (FAA) <katherine.howard@faa.gov>; Gore, Scott (FAA) <Scott.Gore@faa.gov>; Langdon, Brian (FAA) <brian.langdon@faa.gov>; Roberson, Jennifer (FAA) <jennifer.roberson@faa.gov>

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Marcia –




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Best, Brett

BRETT J. FEDDERSEN | Acting Director for National Security Programs and Incident Response
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA)" <Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov>
Date: January 2, 2020 at 1:47:05 PM EST
To: "Newman, Philip (FAA)" <Philip.Newman@faa.gov>, "Holtzman, Joshua (FAA)" <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>, "Manno, Claudio (FAA)" <Claudio.Manno@faa.gov>
Cc: "Adams, Marcia (FAA)" <>, "
Subject: Re: Drone RFI in Colorado

+ASH for review

I would like to take a look but won't have time until after 3:30.
R/
Angela

Angela H. Stubblefield
Chief of Staff
FAA
Work: 202-267-7576
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Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 2, 2020, at 1:43 PM, Newman, Philip (FAA) <Philip.Newman@faa.gov> wrote:

All –

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Phil

From: Adams, Marcia (FAA) <marcia.adams@faa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:15 AM

To: Newman, Philip (FAA) <Philip.Newman@faa.gov>; Gore, Scott (FAA) <Scott.Gore@faa.gov>; Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>; Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>; Jones, Tammy L (FAA) <tammy.l.jones@faa.gov>

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On Dec 31, 2019, at 12:47 PM, Adams, Marcia (FAA) <marcia.adams@faa.gov> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Squatrino, Robin A CIV NORAD-USNC SPC STF (US)" <robin.a.squatrino.civ@mail.mil>
Date: December 31, 2019 at 10:50:55 AM EST
To: "marcia.adams@faa.gov" <marcia.adams@faa.gov>
Subject: Drone RFI in Colorado

Hi Marcia,

Establishing contact from NORAD and
USNORTHCOM Legislative Affairs.

Please have someone call Curtis Swager in Sen
Gardner's Office at 202-768-5585

Thank you!

Robin

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Adams, Marcia \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#); [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#); [Jones, Tammy L \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Drone RFI in Colorado
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 8:29:32 AM

Roger. Please refer any inquiries about this issue to me. Thanks.

Ian Gregor
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On Jan 2, 2020, at 8:25 AM, Adams, Marcia (FAA) <marcia.adams@faa.gov> wrote:

Ok, let me see what you said and Tammy or I will call if we have questions.

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It's in the press update that I just sent out.

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Subject: RE: Drone RFI in Colorado

Thanks, Ian fill us in on what's you've either been saying or sharing with reporters, please.

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Subject: RE: Drone RFI in Colorado

Looping in Ian who's been handling a bunch of inquiries on this topic.

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Subject: Re: Drone RFI in Colorado
Date: Monday, January 13, 2020 1:22:47 PM

Hi -

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On Jan 13, 2020, at 1:14 PM, Newman, Philip (FAA) <Philip.Newman@faa.gov> wrote:

All –

Just checking with this group to see if there is any new updates on CO/NE drones? I've received requests from Senator Gardner, Senator Fischer, and Senate Commerce Committee.

Thank you!

Phil

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Newman, Philip (FAA) <Philip.Newman@faa.gov>
Cc: Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA) <Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov>; Crozier, Bill (FAA) <Bill.Crozier@faa.gov>; Amend, Erik (FAA) <Erik.Amend@faa.gov>; Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>; Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>; Manno, Claudio (FAA) <Claudio.Manno@faa.gov>; Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>; Brooks, Deandra (FAA) <deandra.brooks@faa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica A (FAA) <Jessica.A.Orquina@faa.gov>; Howard, Katherine (FAA) <katherine.howard@faa.gov>; Gore, Scott (FAA)

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Subject: Re: Drone RFI in Colorado

All -

FYSA, someone from Sen. Gardner's office just showed up to the Colorado drone meeting. Her name is Darlene Carpio.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 7:16 AM, Newman, Philip (FAA) <Philip.Newman@faa.gov> wrote:

Good morning all –

Beyond this statement, is there any new information on this situation that we can let the Hill know about? We've already received our first inquiry this morning and I believe there are more to follow.

Thanks!

Phil

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 7:22 AM

To: Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA) <Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov>

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Linsenmeyer, John (FAA) <John.Linsenmeyer@faa.gov>; Domingo, Rick
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Subject: Re: Drone RFI in Colorado

Thanks Angela.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 5:07 AM, Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA)
<Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov> wrote:

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Thanks!

R/
Angela

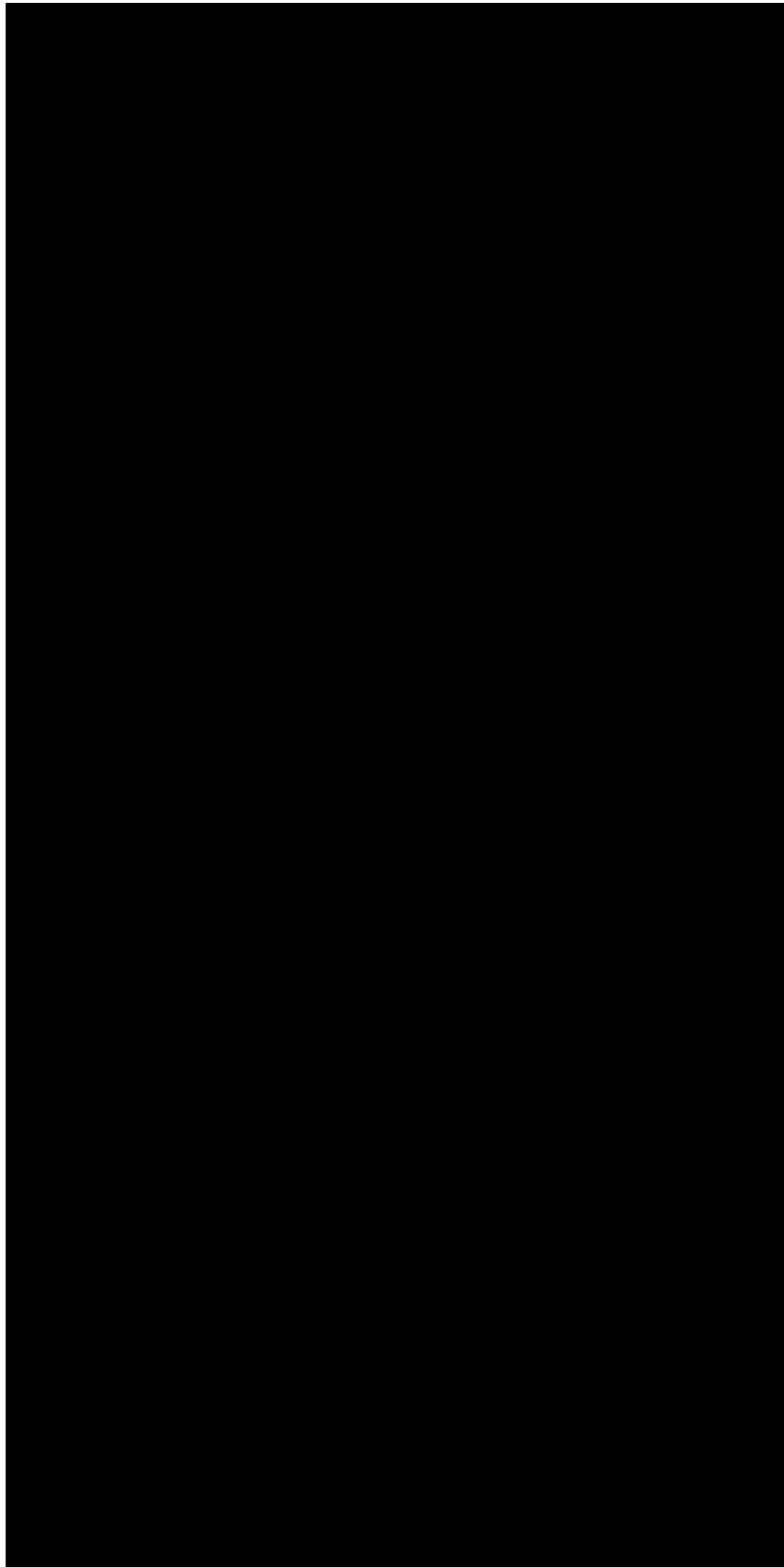
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On Jan 5, 2020, at 10:01 PM, Gregor, Ian (FAA)
<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Angela -

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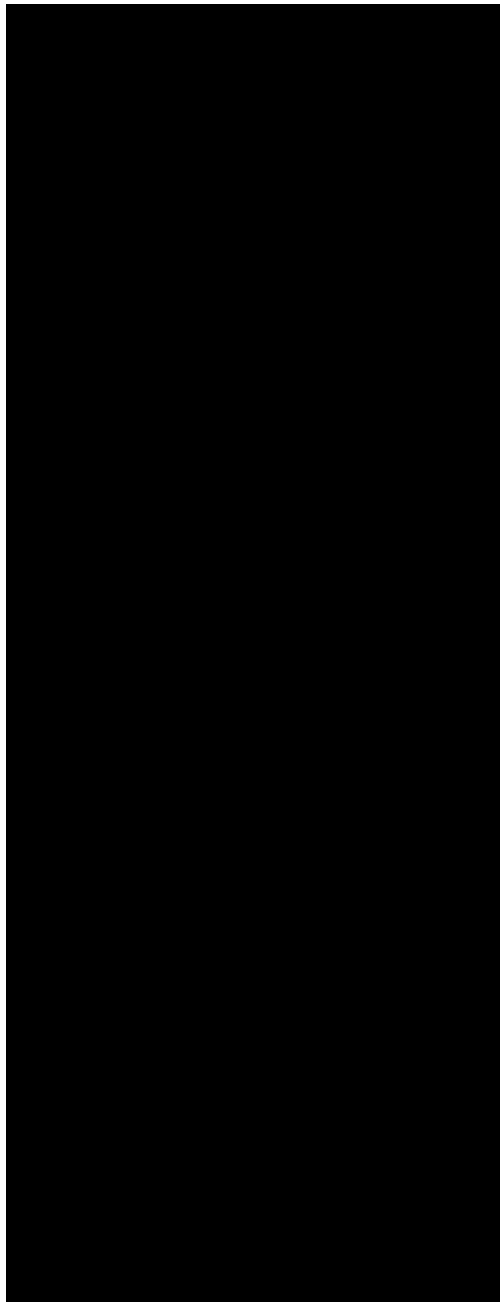
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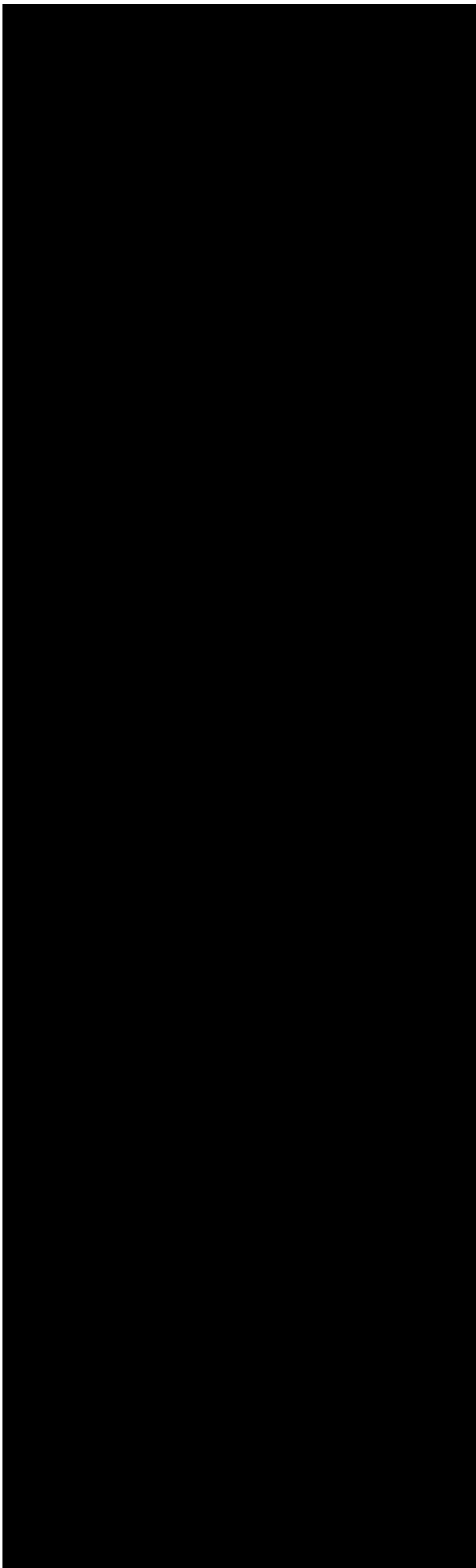
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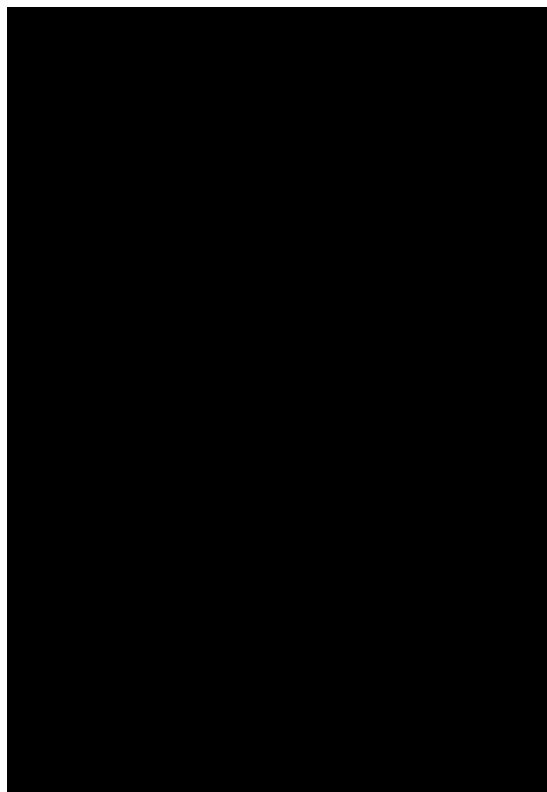
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On Jan 4, 2020, at 9:50 AM, Stubblefield,
Angela H (FAA)

<Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov> wrote:







From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Linsenmeyer, John \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Cunningham, Marcus \(FAA\)](#); [Bauer, John \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Drone sighting statement
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 9:57:20 AM

Hi John -

Looping in John Bauer from the Denver ADO.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 10:50 AM, Linsenmeyer, John (FAA) <John.Linsenmeyer@faa.gov> wrote:

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John Linsenmeyer
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From: Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Linsenmeyer, John (FAA) <John.Linsenmeyer@faa.gov>
Cc: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>; Manzelli, Brianna (FAA)

<Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>

Subject: RE: Drone sighting statement

[REDACTED]

From: Linsenmeyer, John (FAA) <John.Linsenmeyer@faa.gov>

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:09 AM

To: Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>

Cc: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>; Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>

Subject: RE: Drone sighting statement

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From: Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>

Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 10:55 AM

To: Linsenmeyer, John (FAA) <John.Linsenmeyer@faa.gov>

Cc: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>; Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>

Subject: Drone sighting statement

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Jeannie Shiffer
Deputy Assistant Administrator | FAA Communications
O: 202-267-8859 | C: [REDACTED]

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Tencer, Emily](#)
Subject: Re: Drone sightings -- Eastern Nebraska?
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 8:37:54 AM

People would be reporting these to local law enforcement, so that's who you should contact.

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On Jan 7, 2020, at 8:18 AM, Tencer, Emily <Emily.Tencer@hearst.com> wrote:

Good Morning Ian!

I was wondering if it was possible to receive some stats/numbers. We're getting calls from viewers claiming they saw drones over here in Omaha and eastern Nebraska.

- How many drone sightings have been reported in Eastern Nebraska?
- Any last night? How many?
- How many drone sightings reported total?

Thanks so much!

Emily Tencer
Reporter
KETV Newswatch 7
402-889-8157

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Lloyd, Michael S \(FAA\)](#); [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Drone Sightings in NE Colorado
Date: Monday, December 30, 2019 3:02:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Got it, thanks.

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From: Lloyd, Michael S (FAA) <Michael.S.Lloyd@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Cc: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Drone Sightings in NE Colorado

Mr. Kenitzer/Mr. Gregor,

My Frontline Manager recommended I reach out to you.
The Denver FSDO has been receiving reports of large drones flying in formation after dark in North East Colorado, and Western Nebraska. These reports have made national headlines and generated considerable public interest. The local NBC news affiliate called seeking information for a follow-up news story about the drones. At this time the Denver FSDO is still in the investigation and information seeking stage. The POC for NBC Denver is Alison Silva at [REDACTED].

Michael Lloyd
Aviation Safety
Aviation Safety Technician
Denver FSDO, ANM-FSDO-03
Office: 303.342.1114



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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#); [LePage, Allison \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Drone Statement
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:53:35 AM

Allison -

Please let me review any tightened version. Thanks!

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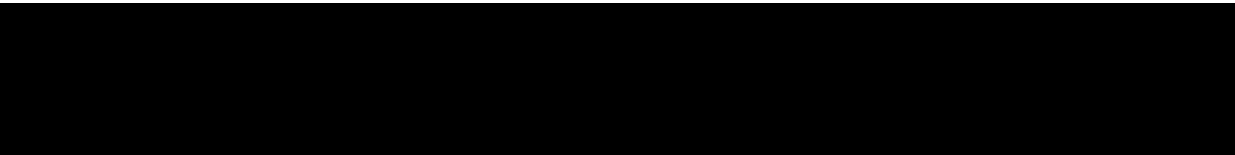
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On Jan 6, 2020, at 12:46 PM, Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov> wrote:

+ Allison. Here's the revised statement. You may need to tighten it up for social:

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From: Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 2:14 PM


To: Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>; Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: FW: Drone Statement



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From: Newman, Philip (FAA) <Philip.Newman@faa.gov>

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:57 PM

To: Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>

Subject: RE: Drone Statement






From: Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:54 PM

To: Newman, Philip (FAA) <Philip.Newman@faa.gov>

Subject: Drone Statement

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Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:52 PM

To: Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>; Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>; LePage, Allison (FAA) <allison.lepage@faa.gov>

Subject: Do we want to post this updated statement on the website and social media?





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To: [Trinidad, Karen](#)
Cc: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Drone Statement
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:22:43 PM

Karen -

FAA Statement (attributable to the FAA)

We take every drone-sighting report seriously. Multiple FAA divisions are working closely with federal, state and local stakeholders to try to determine whether the reported sightings in Colorado and Nebraska are drones and, if so, who is operating them and for what reason. The purpose of today's meeting was for the various agencies to share information and to discuss how we can most effectively collaborate in our efforts.

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- We are in contact with federal law enforcement and national security partners to discuss potential ways they can assist in identifying who may be operating these aircraft.

We will continue to collaborate closely with our safety and security partners at the federal, state and local levels on our identification efforts.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 2:22 PM, Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov> wrote:

Looping in my colleague Ian Gregor who is handling this.

Thanks.

From: Trinidad, Karen <KarenTrinidad@iheartmedia.com>

Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 1:21 PM

To: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>

Subject: Drone Statement

Hi-

Could you please call me at the KOA Radio Newsroom in Denver about the FAA's statement regarding the Drone sightings in Eastern Colorado. Could you please give me a call to [REDACTED]? I just need five minutes of your time for a recorded telephone interview.

Thank you,

Karen Trinidad

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Chief Tyson Kerr](#); [Bumberger, Michael \(FAA\)](#); [Chief Derek Bos](#); [Sheriff Todd Combs](#); [Latisha Connelly](#); lefiebreg@bouldercolorado.gov; [Ogden, Dale \(FAA\)](#); abishup@bouldercounty.org; cwitte@yumacolo.org; sdecoste@deuelcountysheriff.org; [Sgt. Tim Arnold](#); brian.eads@nebraska.gov; jmiller@perkinscoso.org; [Sheriff Harry Gillway](#); [REDACTED]; [Chief Kevin White](#); darin.e.huss.mil@mail.mil; [Sheriff Brett Powell](#)
Subject: RE: Drone Working Group
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 12:49:00 PM

All –

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Best,

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From: David Martin <dmartin@co.morgan.co.us>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 7:04 AM
To: Chief Tyson Kerr <tyson@sterlingcolo.com>; Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>; Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov>; Chief Derek Bos <dbos@brushpolice.org>; Sheriff Todd Combs <tcombs@yumacountysheriff.net>; Latisha Connelly <latisha.connelly@nebraska.gov>; lefiebre@bouldercolorado.gov; Ogden, Dale (FAA) <Dale.Ogden@faa.gov>; abishup@bouldercounty.org; cwitte@yumacolo.org; sdecoste@deuelcountysheriff.org; Sgt. Tim Arnold <tim.arnold@nebraska.gov>; brian.eads@nebraska.gov; jmiller@perkinscoso.org; Sheriff Harry Gillway <harry.gillway@kimballsheriff.com>; [REDACTED]; Chief Kevin White <kwhite@cityofwray.org>; darin.e.huss.mil@mail.mil; Sheriff Brett Powell <bpowell@logancosheriff.com>
Subject: Drone Working Group

Good Morning,

If you have received this email, it is because I have your name listed as participating in this drone investigation group. At this point, I am just confirming you are participating.

I will compile a contact sheet and email to you early next week.

--

Sheriff Dave Martin,

Morgan County Sheriff's Office
801 E Beaver Avenue
Fort Morgan, Colorado 80701

(Office) 970 542-3448
(Fax) 970 542-3453

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Drones
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:52:18 PM

Got it. BTW, I rebooked on an earlier flight and should be departing in about 45 minutes.

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> From: St. Peter, Chris <StPeterC@cbsnews.com>
> Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 1:48 PM
> To: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
> Subject: Drones
>
> Hi what states have there been sightings reported? Thanks

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Editor Laura Vroman](#)
Subject: RE: Drones in Nebraska\South Dakota
Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 2:29:00 PM

Hi Laura –

I don't have any updates, but my understanding is reports in Colorado have declined. For information on sighting reports in Nebraska, please contact the Nebraska Information Analysis Center. I don't know which state agency to contact in South Dakota, but I'm not aware of any reports from that state of multiple-drone flights.

The FAA has not received any information that has enabled us to identify individuals or agencies that may have been operating clusters of drones that people reported seeing in December and early January.

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From: Editor Laura Vroman <editor@valentineneews.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Drones in Nebraska\South Dakota

Hi Ian,

I'm the editor of the Valentine Midland News in Valentine, NE, inquiring about drones.

We've had several sightings in our area, and the Nebraska State Patrol suggested I contact you to see if any determination or conclusion has been arrived at about the drones in the Midwest. I understand sightings began this past December in Colorado, and have grown to include Nebraska; however, they've dropped off in the past week or so?

Have there been sightings in South Dakota? We're nine miles from their border.

Any information you have that could help our residents who feel this is rather "creepy" would be welcomed, and helpful.

I have already published that people aren't allowed to shoot them down.

Happy Day!
Laura Vroman
Editor
Valentine Midland News
1-800-658-4215
We're central time if that helps.

Or you can email back if you prefer.

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Li, David \(NBCUniversal\)](#)
Subject: RE: drones over Colorado
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 12:01:00 PM

Hi -

Attributable to the FAA or an FAA spokesman:

Multiple FAA divisions and government agencies are investigating these reports. We do not comment on the details of open investigations.

Also, please note we recently announced a proposed rule for remotely identifying drones: https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=24534

Best,

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From: Li, David (NBCUniversal) <David.Li@nbcuni.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: FW: drones over Colorado

Hey Ian ... any updates on this issue?

From: Li, David (NBCUniversal)
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Allen.Kenitzer@FAA.gov
Subject: drones over Colorado

Hello Allen this is David K. Li at NBCNews.com

Just checking into the situation with all the drones over northeast Colorado.

Have there been any sightings over the past 24 hours? Or any close to identifying the source of all of this activity?

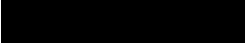
Thanks

David



From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Breitenfeldt, Rick \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Bergen, Kathleen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Drones over Nebraska
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:44:38 AM
Attachments: [IMG_6241.png](#)

Wow. Can you get the photog's contact info? I'd like to ask him to pass it on to local law enforcement.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 12:40 PM, Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov> wrote:

Photo from my brother-in-law from central Nebraska last night. Taken by a friend of his.

From: Rick Breitenfeldt <rick.breitenfeldt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov>
Subject: IMG_6241.png

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Shelly Bradbury](#)
Cc: [Breitenfeldt, Rick \(FAA\)](#); [Bergen, Kathleen \(FAA\)](#); [Peters, Jim \(FAA\)](#); [Salac, Arlene \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Drones update
Date: Monday, December 30, 2019 2:57:00 PM

It has been in the works for well over a year.

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From: Shelly Bradbury <sbradbury@denverpost.com>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 2:57 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov>; Bergen, Kathleen (FAA) <Kathleen.Bergen@faa.gov>; Peters, Jim (FAA) <Jim.Peters@faa.gov>; Salac, Arlene (FAA) <Arlene.Salac@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Drones update

Thank you, that's helpful. Was that proposal at all influenced by the situation with the drones out here, or has it been in the works for some time?

~Shelly

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From: Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov>

Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 2:47 PM

To: Shelly Bradbury <sbradbury@denverpost.com>

Cc: Bergen, Kathleen (FAA) <Kathleen.Bergen@faa.gov>; Peters, Jim (FAA) <Jim.Peters@faa.gov>; Salac, Arlene (FAA) <Arlene.Salac@faa.gov>; Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Re: Drones update

Shelley,

Nothing new to report.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 30, 2019, at 5:40 PM, Shelly Bradbury <sbradbury@denverpost.com> wrote:

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> Hey everyone,

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> ~Shelly

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> Shelly Bradbury

> Breaking News Reporter / Denver Post

> o. 303-954-1785

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To: [Shelly Bradbury](#)
Cc: [Breitenfeldt, Rick \(FAA\)](#); [Bergen, Kathleen \(FAA\)](#); [Peters, Jim \(FAA\)](#); [Salac, Arlene \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Drones update
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 2:36:00 PM

No updates.

Attributable to the FAA or an FAA spokesman:

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From: Shelly Bradbury <sbradbury@denverpost.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov>; Bergen, Kathleen (FAA) <Kathleen.Bergen@faa.gov>; Peters, Jim (FAA) <Jim.Peters@faa.gov>; Salac, Arlene (FAA) <Arlene.Salac@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Drones update

Good afternoon -- it's my once every couple of days check in to see if you all have any updates to share on the drone situation?

~Shelly

On Mon, Dec 30, 2019 at 4:02 PM Shelly Bradbury <sbradbury@denverpost.com> wrote:

Got it, thanks.

~Shelly

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Sandell, Clayton](#)
Cc: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Drones!
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 9:51:01 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Hi -

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On Jan 2, 2020, at 9:48 AM, Sandell, Clayton <Clayton.Sandell@abc.com> wrote:

Hi Gentlemen,

Happy New Year!

I'd love to get your latest statement on the investigation into these mysterious drones in Colorado and Nebraska. Are there any updates or leads that have shed any light on what is going on and who is flying them?

Thanks!


Clayton Sandell
Correspondent, ABC News
Twitter: @Clayton_Sandell
Instagram: @claytonsandellabc

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From: Sandell, Clayton
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 3:17 PM
To: ian.gregor@faa.gov
Subject: Drones!

Hi Ian,

Happy New Year. Can you please send me your statement on what the FAA is doing to investigate the mysterious drones here in Colorado and Nebraska? What are the next steps? Thank you so much!

Clayton Sandell
Correspondent, ABC News
Twitter: @Clayton_Sandell
Instagram: claytonsandellabc
 mobile

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Woodyard, Chris](#)
Subject: Re: Drones
Date: Monday, February 10, 2020 3:28:27 PM

Chris -

The public comment period on the remote ID rule ends in March (March 2, I think.) We don't provide incremental information on comments or commenters.

We have not received any information that enabled us to determine what exactly it was that people reported seeing in parts of Colorado and Nebraska in late December and early January, and, if they were drones, who was flying them.

We don't have a database of drone-related flight disruptions. The Colorado and Nebraska Information Analysis Centers might have additional info.

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On Feb 10, 2020, at 3:12 PM, Woodyard, Chris <cwoodyard@usatoday.com> wrote:

Ian, what I've got so far on remote ID:

--There are over 11,000 public comments to the proposed remote ID rules. Is there any way to see comments so far from major associations and organizations? Even when I run the keyword "association" in the index, it only comes up with names of individuals.

--Was there ever a determination of the source of the Colorado and Nebraska drone swarms? That's an FAA matter, right? <https://www.businessinsider.com/giant-drone-swarm-mystery-in-colorado-nebraska-skies-2019-12>

--Any way to get a list of all airport flight operation disruptions due to drones being flown in the area?

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 4:57 PM

To: Woodyard, Chris <cwoodyard@usatoday.com>

Subject: RE: Drones

Sure. It's easiest for me to respond to written questions.

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From: Woodyard, Chris <cwoodyard@usatoday.com>

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 1:43 PM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: RE: Drones

Yep, that.

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 4:27 PM

To: Woodyard, Chris <cwoodyard@usatoday.com>

Subject: Re: Drones

You mean the Remote ID rule?

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On Feb 10, 2020, at 1:25 PM, Woodyard, Chris <cwoodyard@usatoday.com> wrote:

Ian....Are you the best person to be talking with about drones or do you have another communications manager who is running point on this? You've been superb, but just wanted to make sure I wasn't taking you out of your comfort zone when you may have an in-house expert. Need to talk to someone about the proposed regulations.

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <lan.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Woodyard, Chris <cwoodyard@usatoday.com>
Subject: RE: Drones

Chris –

I forgot NTSB is looking into this incident so you need to contact them. 202-314-6100.

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From: Woodyard, Chris <cwoodyard@usatoday.com>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <lan.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Drones

Ian...

I am getting back to my drone story.

Do you know if it was ever determined whether KABC's news chopper here in L.A. ever actually struck a drone, as was reported a couple of months ago, or how I'd find out?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-05/abcs-air7-hd-helicopter-struck-by-drone>

Chris Woodyard

Bureau Chief, Los Angeles

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Twitter: @ChrisWoodyard

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: jacob.weston@KFDI.com
Cc: [Cory, Elizabeth \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Drones
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 5:47:54 AM

Jacob -

FAA Statement (attributable to the FAA)

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On Jan 7, 2020, at 5:16 AM, Cory, Elizabeth (FAA) <Elizabeth.Cory@faa.gov> wrote:

Jacob, my colleague Ian Gregor (copied on this message) has the latest information. Stand by for his response.

Elizabeth Isham Cory
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From: jacob.weston@KFDD.com <jacob.weston@KFDD.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2020 6:04 AM
To: Cory, Elizabeth (FAA) <Elizabeth.Cory@faa.gov>
Subject: Message from www.faa.gov: Central Region inquiry

This email was sent through the Federal Aviation Administration's public website.
You have been contacted via an email link on the following page:
www.faa.gov/news/contact_information/

Message:

Regarding the sighting of mystery drones in Colorado and Nebraska, I've also seen reports of drones in northwest Kansas. I haven't seen widespread reports though and I'm trying confirm if there have in fact been sightings tied to the ones in Colorado and Nebraska.

I appreciate any info you can share.
-Jacob Weston, KFDD News, Wichita, KS

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: drones
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:01:21 PM

You bet. BTW, I'm going to be on ABC, CBS and NBC national news tonight. They all staked out the meeting, along with local CBS and NBC and Colorado public radio.

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Tnx

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Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Cc: Lori Jane Gliha <LoriJane.Gliha@kdvr.com>
Subject: Re: drones

Lori Jane -

I just responded to you in a separate email.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 12:55 PM, Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov> wrote:

Looping in Ian Gregor, who is in Colorado and can respond to your questions.

Thanks.

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To: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Subject: FW: drones

Hi,
I'm an investigative reporter in Denver, CO for FOX31.
I'm sending this to you too since Ian Gregor's out of the office email suggested this.
Not sure if Tammy is in today, but hopefully someone can answer the below questions today.
Thanks!

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Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Jones, Tammy L (FAA) <tammy.l.jones@faa.gov>
Cc: Adams, Marcia (FAA) <marcia.adams@faa.gov>; ian.gregor@faa.gov
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I'm specifically looking for this data in Colorado.

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Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 10:56:56 AM
To: Jones, Tammy L (FAA) <tammy.l.jones@faa.gov>
Cc: Adams, Marcia (FAA) <marcia.adams@faa.gov>
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Great! Thanks! Working on this today!

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Lori Jane Gliha](#)
Cc: [Jones, Tammy L \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: DRONES
Date: Monday, January 20, 2020 1:17:54 PM

We're still working with federal, state and local agencies but I don't have any updates. The Colorado Department of Public Safety put out some new information last week.

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On Jan 20, 2020, at 12:46 PM, Lori Jane Gliha <LoriJane.Gliha@kdvr.com> wrote:

Hi,

I wanted to follow up on all the questions I've had related to Drone sightings in northeastern Colorado over the course of the past several weeks.

Are you able to tell me whether the FAA is still investigating?

If so, what is the status of the investigation?

If the FAA is done investigating, what was the outcome of the investigation?

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lori Jane Gliha


From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Lori Jane Gliha](#)
Subject: Re: drones
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:15:00 PM

I'm not going to speculate on anything related to do with this issue because we don't have any concrete evidence at this time.

A list of Part 107 waivers is on the FAA website

here: https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/part_107_waivers/waivers_issued/

You can search which regulation was waived by looking up the citation listed under "waivered regulation." Here's the link where you can look that up: <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=718838a7666532b0931b2d4a07a76124&mc=true&node=pt14.2.107&rgn=div5>

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 1:10 PM, Lori Jane Gliha <LoriJane.Gliha@kdvr.com> wrote:

Awesome.

Thanks! I appreciate the help.

Curious – do you guys think these drones are not being operated legally?

Seems like it if were being done legally, the list of people with waivers for both flying at night and in multiples would be useful, but I didn't see many people with both of those who are in Colorado.

Meanwhile, Tammy mentioned you might be able to help with this question too:

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To: Lori Jane Gliha <LoriJane.Gliha@kdvr.com>
Subject: Re: drones

Yes. It was at the golf course in Brush. A total of 77 people from multiple local, state and federal agencies attended.

I'm adding Ft. Morgan Sheriff Dave Martin for additional info on the participants.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 1:01 PM, Lori Jane Gliha <LoriJane.Gliha@kdvr.com> wrote:

Hi Ian,

Thanks!

Did FAA participate in today's meeting with sheriffs?

If so, where was it and who was involved?

Thanks!

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Here's our statement on today's meeting in Colorado. Please note the FAA did not form the task force. The Ft. Morgan sheriff, Dave Martin, is the lead for the task force. His email address is dmartin@co.morgan.co.us.

FAA Statement (attributable to the FAA)

We take every drone-sighting report seriously. Multiple FAA divisions are working closely with federal, state and local stakeholders to try to determine whether the reported sightings in Colorado and Nebraska are drones and, if so, who is operating them and for what reason. The purpose of today's meeting was for the various agencies to share information and to discuss how we can most effectively collaborate in our efforts.

To date, the FAA has undertaken a number of actions:

- We have contacted UAS test sites, drone companies, and companies that have received authorization to operate drones in these areas. To date, we have not been able to determine that any of these operators were the source of the reported drone flights.
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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Woodyard, Chris](#)
Subject: Re: Drones
Date: Monday, February 10, 2020 3:47:21 PM

Not that I'm aware of. But I'll check.

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On Feb 10, 2020, at 3:32 PM, Woodyard, Chris <cwoodyard@usatoday.com> wrote:

Thank you. Confused on one point: I see all the comments and commenters here:

[https://www.regulations.gov/docketBrowser?
rpp=50&so=DESC&sb=postedDate&po=50&s=association&dct=PS&D=FAA-2019-1100](https://www.regulations.gov/docketBrowser?rpp=50&so=DESC&sb=postedDate&po=50&s=association&dct=PS&D=FAA-2019-1100) .

Just thought there might be a way to separate out the formal comments from organizations.

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Woodyard, Chris <cwoodyard@usatoday.com>
Subject: Re: Drones

Chris -

The public comment period on the remote ID rule ends in March (March 2, I think.) We don't provide incremental information on comments or commenters.

We have not received any information that enabled us to determine what exactly it was that people reported seeing in parts of Colorado and Nebraska in late December and early January, and, if they were drones, who was flying them.

We don't have a database of drone-related flight disruptions. The Colorado and Nebraska Information Analysis Centers might have additional info.

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On Feb 10, 2020, at 3:12 PM, Woodyard, Chris <cwoodyard@usatoday.com> wrote:

Ian, what I've got so far on remote ID:

--There are over 11,000 public comments to the proposed remote ID rules. Is there any way to see comments so far from major associations and organizations? Even when I run the keyword "association" in the index, it only comes up with names of individuals.

--Was there ever a determination of the source of the Colorado and Nebraska drone swarms? That's an FAA matter, right?

<https://www.businessinsider.com/giant-drone-swarm-mystery-in-colorado-nebraska-skies-2019-12>

--Any way to get a list of all airport flight operation disruptions due to drones being flown in the area?

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 4:57 PM

To: Woodyard, Chris <cwoodyard@usatoday.com>

Subject: RE: Drones

Sure. It's easiest for me to respond to written questions.

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Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: Drones

Yep, that.

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Woodyard, Chris <cwoodyard@usatoday.com>
Subject: Re: Drones

You mean the Remote ID rule?

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On Feb 10, 2020, at 1:25 PM, Woodyard, Chris
<cwoodyard@usatoday.com> wrote:

Ian....Are you the best person to be talking with about drones or do you have another communications manager who is running point on this? You've been superb, but just wanted to make sure I wasn't taking you out of your comfort zone when you may have an in-house expert. Need to talk to someone about the proposed regulations.

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Woodyard, Chris <cwoodyard@usatoday.com>
Subject: RE: Drones

Chris –

I forgot NTSB is looking into this incident so you need to contact them. 202-314-6100.

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To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Drones

Ian...

I am getting back to my drone story.

Do you know if it was ever determined whether KABC's news
chopper here in L.A. ever actually struck a drone, as was
reported a couple of months ago, or how I'd find out?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-05/abcs-air7-hd-helicopter-struck-by-drone>

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Bumberger, Michael \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Drone-sightings
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 10:11:00 AM

Thanks.

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Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: Drone-sightings

Ian,

Manny is enroute to New Orleans for the National Championship Football Game. I will reach out to the CIAC to see if they have a POC.

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From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2020 9:47 AM
To: Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov>; Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>
Cc: Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>; LePage, Allison (FAA) <allison.lepage@faa.gov>; Grisham, Shawn (FAA) <shawn.grisham@faa.gov>; Martinez, Manuel Jr (FAA) <Manuel.Martinez-Jr@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: Drone-sightings

Thanks Mike.

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Grisham, Shawn (FAA) <shawn.grisham@faa.gov>; Martinez, Manuel Jr (FAA) <Manuel.Martinez-Jr@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: Drone-sightings

I do not. We need to defer to Central on this one. Included Shawn and Manny

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Subject: Drone-sightings

Josh/Mike -

We are referring residents who contact AOC on social media about drone-sightings in Colorado and Nebraska to the CIAC and NIAC, respectively. However, we anticipate we're going to start getting inquiries from other states, including Illinois and Kansas. Do you have contact info for their IACs that you could send us?

Thanks.

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [LePage, Allison \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#); [Meeks, Regina L \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Drone-sightings
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 11:40:00 AM

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From: LePage, Allison (FAA) <allison.lepage@faa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 11:12 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>; Meeks, Regina L (FAA) <regina.l.meeks@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: Drone-sightings

+ [Regina \(POC for ASH\)](#)

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Allison LePage
Social Media | Digital Communications Manager
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Federal Aviation Administration
[REDACTED] cell
202-267-9286 desk
Need help? Email SocialMedia@faa.gov J

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <lan.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Martinez, Manuel Jr (FAA) <Manuel.Martinez-Jr@faa.gov>
Cc: Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov>; Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>; Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>; LePage, Allison (FAA) <allison.lepage@faa.gov>; Grisham, Shawn (FAA) <shawn.grisham@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Drone-sightings

Manny -


Thank you very much!

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On Jan 9, 2020, at 10:37 AM, Martinez, Manuel Jr (FAA) <Manuel.Martinez-Jr@faa.gov> wrote:

Greetings Greg-






Regards,

Manny Martinez Jr.
Special Agent
816-365-3820

On Jan 9, 2020, at 11:47 AM, Gregor, Ian (FAA)
<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Mike.

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Allison (FAA) <allison.lepage@faa.gov>

Subject: Drone-sightings

Josh/Mike -

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Thanks.

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Executive Summary -- NPRM on Remote Identification of UAS -- Final.pdf
Date: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:38:41 PM

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On Jan 5, 2020, at 4:17 PM, Gregor, Ian (FAA)
<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

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Gregor, Ian (FAA)
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On Jan 5, 2020, at 10:18 AM,
Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA)
<Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>
wrote:



<Executive
Summary -- NPRM
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UAS -- Final.pdf>

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C: [REDACTED]

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Cc: [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Executive Summary -- NPRM on Remote Identification of UAS -- Final.pdf
Date: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:12:10 PM

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Corey H. Jones](#)
Subject: RE: FAA press inquiry -- Fwd: RELEASE: Gardner Statement on Heavy Drone Activity in Eastern Colorado
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 10:50:00 AM

Attributable to the FAA:

Multiple FAA divisions and government agencies are investigating these reports. We do not comment on the details of open investigations.

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From: Corey H. Jones <cjones@cprmail.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 10:46 AM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Re: FAA press inquiry -- Fwd: RELEASE: Gardner Statement on Heavy Drone Activity in Eastern Colorado

Just want to double check: Does the FAA have any indication that these mystery flights are illegal in any way?

On Thu, Jan 2, 2020 at 11:31 AM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

You're very welcome.

Ian Gregor

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On Jan 2, 2020, at 10:21 AM, Corey H. Jones <cjones@cprmail.org> wrote:

Thanks!

On Thu, Jan 2, 2020 at 11:16 AM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Here are links to information about drone operating rules:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/
https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/

If you meet the eight statutory conditions in the link below, you can operate as a recreational flier. If you do not meeting these conditions, you must operate under [Part 107](#).

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/05/17/2019-10169/exception-for-limited-recreational-operations-of-unmanned-aircraft>

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On Jan 2, 2020, at 10:15 AM, Corey H. Jones <cjones@cprmail.org> wrote:

Hey Ian,

I wonder if y'all can speak on record to whether these drone flights are legal and what regulations these type of unmanned aircraft typically have to follow?

Corey

On Tue, Dec 31, 2019 at 1:33 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

You need to ask the Senator's office!

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From: Corey H. Jones <cjones@cprmail.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:30 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: FAA press inquiry -- Fwd: RELEASE: Gardner
Statement on Heavy Drone Activity in Eastern Colorado

Thanks, Ian. Yes I'll mention the new proposal in our story.
One quick clarification: Does Senator Gardner's
announcement refer to a new phase of the investigation at all
(as of today or yesterday) ... or efforts that were already
ongoing?
Appreciate the confirm.

On Tue, Dec 31, 2019 at 1:21 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA)
<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

It's also worth noting that we just announced a proposed rule
for remotely identifying drones:
[https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?
newsId=24534](https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=24534)

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From: Gregor, Ian (FAA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:16 PM
To: Corey H. Jones <cjones@cprmail.org>
Subject: RE: FAA press inquiry -- Fwd: RELEASE: Gardner
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From: Corey H. Jones <cjones@cprmail.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 11:50 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: FAA press inquiry -- Fwd: RELEASE: Gardner Statement on Heavy Drone Activity in Eastern Colorado

Hey Ian,
Forwarding this request your way too, after getting Allen's out of office reply.
Thanks,
Corey

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Corey H. Jones** <cjones@cprmail.org>
Date: Tue, Dec 31, 2019 at 12:47 PM
Subject: FAA press inquiry -- Fwd: RELEASE: Gardner Statement on Heavy Drone Activity in Eastern Colorado
To: <pressoffice@dot.gov>, <allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>

Hey FAA press team,

I'm looking for clarification on what the FAA's investigation into Colorado's drones entails. Is there anyone I can talk to today?

Thanks,
Corey

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Brown, Joey (Gardner)**
<Joey_Brown@gardner.senate.gov>
Date: Tue, Dec 31, 2019 at 11:36 AM
Subject: RELEASE: Gardner Statement on Heavy Drone Activity in Eastern Colorado

To: Brown, Joey (Gardner)
<Joey_Brown@gardner.senate.gov>

<image002.png>

For Immediate Release
Tuesday, December 31, 2019
Contact: Annalyse Keller, 202-224-0355

Gardner Statement on Heavy Drone Activity in Eastern Colorado

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO), a member of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Aviation and Space, released the following statement regarding the heavy drone activity in Eastern Colorado:

“I’ve been in contact with the FAA and I’m encouraged that they’ve opened a full investigation to learn the source and purpose of the drones. I will continue to closely monitor the situation,” **said Senator Gardner.**

Background:

- In December, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) released a [proposed rule](#) aimed at requiring drone users to implement a Remote Identification (Remote ID) system, which allows drones to be tracked and identified.
- Senator Gardner [supported](#) Remote ID requirements in the FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016, which prompted the Federal Aviation Administration to make this new proposed rule.

###

Cory Gardner is a member of the U.S. Senate serving Colorado. He sits on the Energy & Natural Resources Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, the Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee, and is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy.

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Lenfert, Winsome A \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Newman, Philip \(FAA\)](#); [Langdon, Brian \(FAA\)](#); [Gore, Scott \(FAA\)](#); [Dermody, John \(FAA\)](#); [Hiatt, Patricia \(FAA\)](#); [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#); [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 3:37:48 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Will do, thanks Winsome.

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On Jan 2, 2020, at 3:29 PM, Lenfert, Winsome A (FAA) <winsome.a.lenfert@faa.gov> wrote:

The only thing more we can add is that we have reached out to all airports in the area with direction on who to contact in case these events occur near an airport. You can refer them to John Dermody or Patricia Hiatt.

Winsome

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Newman, Philip (FAA) <Philip.Newman@faa.gov>; Langdon, Brian (FAA) <brian.langdon@faa.gov>; Gore, Scott (FAA) <Scott.Gore@faa.gov>; Lenfert, Winsome A (FAA) <winsome.a.lenfert@faa.gov>
Cc: Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>; Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>
Subject: FW: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado

Hi –

ACI-NA also is looking for information about the Colorado drone issue. ASH referred him to me. I provided him with what I have been sending to media.

Would AGI provide anything more? Or should we connect him with ARP?

Thanks.

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From: Christopher Bidwell <CBidwell@airportscouncil.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 2:35 PM

To: White, Peter J (FAA) <Peter.J.White@faa.gov>

Cc: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: RE: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado

Peter,

Thanks for the follow up.

Any additional information you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Chris

Christopher R. Bidwell

Senior Vice President, Security
Airports Council International – North America
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ACI-NA recently switched web domains from aci-na.org to airportscouncil.org. Please be sure to update my contact information to reflect my new email address – cbidwell@airportscouncil.org

From: White, Peter J (FAA) <Peter.J.White@faa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 4:00 PM

To: Christopher Bidwell <CBidwell@airportscouncil.org>

Cc: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: RE: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado

Hi Chris,

I wanted to connect you with Ian Gregor from our comms office (copied), who could be of help. As far as I'm aware, the information contained in your link below is all we have at this time, but I defer to Ian.

Thanks!

Peter

Peter J. White

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Security Division (AXE-U00)

Office of National Security Programs & Incident Response

Federal Aviation Administration

Office: 202-267-4007

Cell: [REDACTED]

SIPR: peter.white@faa.sgov.gov

JWICS: pwhite@faa.ic.gov

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From: "Anderson, John A (FAA)" <John.A.Anderson@faa.gov>
Date: January 2, 2020 at 10:51:01 AM EST
To: Christopher Bidwell <CBidwell@airportscouncil.org>
Cc: "Hasenecz, Scotty W" <Scotty.Hasenecz@tsa.dhs.gov>, "Patch, John" <John.Patch@tsa.dhs.gov>, "McDonald, Mark CTR (FAA)" <Mark.CTR.McDonald@faa.gov>, "Clark, Joey CTR (FAA)" <Joey.CTR.Clark@faa.gov>, "Papier, Leesa J (FAA)" <leesa.j.papier@faa.gov>, "Soltys, Elizabeth (FAA)" <elizabeth.soltys@faa.gov>, "Gibbs, Meredith (FAA)" <Meredith.Gibbs@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado

Chris,

Let me turn you to our UAS team (on cc line).

John

From: Patch, John <John.Patch@tsa.dhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Christopher Bidwell <CBidwell@airportscouncil.org>; Anderson, John A (FAA) <John.A.Anderson@faa.gov>
Cc: Hasenecz, Scotty W <Scotty.Hasenecz@tsa.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado

Chris, ADIAC has no other reporting from any agency at any classification other than the press you cite.

We'll emphasize it at the 1000 WEBEX and with ADIAC-supporting agencies and pass any products/replies.

Best, john

John Patch

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From: Christopher Bidwell <CBidwell@airportsCouncil.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 8:13 AM

To: Patch, John <John.Patch@tsa.dhs.gov>; John Anderson
(john.a.anderson@faa.gov) <john.a.anderson@faa.gov>

Subject: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado

Gentlemen,

Happy New Year!

Does the ADIAC or FAA have any additional information about the flights of UAS over Colorado and Nebraska?

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Thanks for any additional information you can provide.

Regards,

Chris

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Christopher Bidwell](#)
Cc: [White, Peter J \(FAA\)](#); [Dermody, John \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 9:24:43 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Chris -

You also can contact John Dermody from our airports division, whom I cc'd on this email.

Best,

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From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 5:38 PM

To: Christopher Bidwell <CBidwell@airportscouncil.org>; White, Peter J (FAA) <Peter.J.White@faa.gov>

Subject: RE: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado

Chris –

This is all we're providing at this time.

Attributable to the FAA or an FAA spokesman:

Multiple FAA divisions and government agencies are investigating these reports. We do not comment on the details of open investigations.

Also, please note we recently announced a proposed rule for remotely identifying drones: https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=24534

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Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 2:35 PM

To: White, Peter J (FAA) <Peter.J.White@faa.gov>

Cc: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: RE: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado

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Cc: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: RE: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado

Hi Chris,

I wanted to connect you with Ian Gregor from our comms office (copied), who could be of help. As far as I'm aware, the information contained in your link below is all we have at this time, but I defer to Ian.

Thanks!

Peter

Peter J. White

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Anderson, John A (FAA)" <John.A.Anderson@faa.gov>

Date: January 2, 2020 at 10:51:01 AM EST

To: Christopher Bidwell <CBidwell@airportscouncil.org>

Cc: "Hasenecz, Scotty W" <Scotty.Hasenecz@tsa.dhs.gov>, "Patch, John" <John.Patch@tsa.dhs.gov>, "McDonald, Mark CTR (FAA)" <Mark.CTR.McDonald@faa.gov>, "Clark, Joey CTR (FAA)" <Joey.CTR.Clark@faa.gov>, "Papier, Leesa J (FAA)" <leesa.j.papier@faa.gov>, "Soltys, Elizabeth (FAA)" <elizabeth.soltys@faa.gov>, "Gibbs, Meredith (FAA)" <Meredith.Gibbs@faa.gov>

Subject: RE: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado

Chris,

Let me turn you to our UAS team (on cc line).

John

From: Patch, John <John.Patch@tsa.dhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Christopher Bidwell <CBidwell@airportscouncil.org>; Anderson, John A (FAA) <John.A.Anderson@faa.gov>
Cc: Hasenecz, Scotty W <Scotty.Hasenecz@tsa.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado

Chris, ADIAC has no other reporting from any agency at any classification other than the press you cite.

We'll emphasize it at the 1000 WEBEX and with ADIAC-supporting agencies and pass any products/replies.

Best, john

John Patch

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Eastman, Kathryn](#)
Subject: Re: FAA Statement
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:03:41 PM

I do not. Sheriff Martin is the lead of the task force. His email is dmartin@co.morgan.co.us

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 1:00 PM, Eastman, Kathryn <katie.eastman@9news.com> wrote:

Thank you, Ian. Do you have a list of the 10-15 agencies on the task force?

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Eastman, Kathryn <katie.eastman@9news.com>
Subject: FAA Statement

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FAA Statement (attributable to the FAA)

We take every drone-sighting report seriously. Multiple FAA divisions are working closely with federal, state and local stakeholders to try to determine whether the reported sightings in Colorado and Nebraska are drones and, if so, who is operating them and for what reason. The purpose of today's meeting was for the various agencies to share information and to discuss how we can most effectively collaborate in our efforts.

To date, the FAA has undertaken a number of actions:

- We have contacted UAS test sites, drone companies, and companies that have received authorization to operate drones in these areas. To

date, we have not been able to determine that any of these operators were the source of the reported drone flights.

- We have contacted General Aviation (GA) airports in the affected counties to ensure they are aware of the sightings; to ask the pilots using their airports to be cautious and to report sightings; and to report any people they see operating drones on the ground.

- We are in contact with federal law enforcement and national security partners to discuss potential ways they can assist in identifying who may be operating these aircraft.

We will continue to collaborate closely with our safety and security partners at the federal, state and local levels on our identification efforts.

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To: [Michael deYoanna](#)
Cc: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Flight for Life statement?
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 2:20:00 PM

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Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 2:13 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
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I'm writing for a statement about the near-miss of a drone in Colorado with a Flight for Life helicopter.

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Cc: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Flight for Life statement?
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 2:37:00 PM

To be clear, I said it's inaccurate to generally refer to pilot drone-sighting reports as "close calls."

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Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 2:25 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: Flight for Life statement?

Hi Allen,
Was a specific report filed?
I'm seeing that it's technically not considered a close call.
-Michael

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Michael deYoanna <michael@kunc.org>
Cc: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: ["David Martin"](#)
Subject: RE: FW: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 3:00:00 PM

USA Today just posted a story focusing on the Phillips County sheriff's FB post. The story says the Task Force suspects a command vehicle in the area is controlling the drones:
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/01/07/nebraska-colorado-drones-authorities-look-command-vehicle/2835159001/>

I think either you or I need to dispute that the TF is in fact taking that approach. Please call if you can. Thanks.

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From: Gregor, Ian (FAA)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:46 PM
To: David Martin <dmartin@co.morgan.co.us>
Subject: RE: FW: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

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Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

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To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
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Subject: Re: FW: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

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Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 12:57 PM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: FW: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

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-----Original Message-----

From: jbote@usatoday.com <jbote@usatoday.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2020 11:59 AM

To: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>

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Subject: Re: FW: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

I have spoken with Sheriff Tom Elliot. He is going to take care of this. He regrets is message and told me that his message was regarding information reported in Phillips County.

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 4:43 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

The USA Today reporter is Joshua Bote: [REDACTED]; jobote@usatoday.com

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Hammel, Paul](#)
Subject: Re: Have drone sightings tailed off?
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2020 9:15:41 AM

Please ask the Nebraska and Colorado Information Analysis Centers. The Colorado Department of Public Safety put out some updated information Monday.

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On Jan 16, 2020, at 9:08 AM, Hammel, Paul <Paul.Hammel@owh.com> wrote:

Or are sightings still coming in?

And I notice that the Colo. Dept of Public Safety has backed off on its work. Are other agencies doing the same??

Looking to do an update this weekend, so looking for the latest info.

Do you know if any of these sightings have been of SpaceX's "Starlink" satellites rather than drones?

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From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) [<mailto:Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 3:22 PM
To: Hammel, Paul
Subject: Re: what's the latest on the drone sightings?

It is a federal crime to shoot at any aircraft.

FAA Statement (attributable to the FAA)

We take every drone-sighting report seriously. Multiple FAA divisions are working closely with federal, state and local stakeholders to try to determine whether the reported sightings in Colorado and Nebraska are drones and, if so, who is operating them and for what reason. The purpose of today's meeting was for the various agencies to share information and to discuss how we can most effectively collaborate in our efforts.

To date, the FAA has undertaken a number of actions:

- We have contacted UAS test sites, drone companies, and companies that have received authorization to operate drones in these areas. To date, we have not been able to determine that any of these operators were the source of the reported drone flights.
- We have contacted General Aviation (GA) airports in the affected counties to ensure they are aware of the sightings; to ask the pilots using their airports to be cautious and to report sightings; and to report any people they see operating drones on the ground.
- We are in contact with federal law enforcement and national security partners to discuss potential ways they can assist in identifying who may be operating these aircraft.

We will continue to collaborate closely with our safety and security partners at the federal, state and local levels on our identification efforts.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 2:17 PM, Hammel, Paul <Paul.Hammel@owh.com> wrote:

Now we're getting reports in central Nebraska?
Any explanation for these reports moving eastward?
Are they still getting reports in Colo?
Any news from today's meeting in Weld County?
Can't people shoot these down if they're bothering them, or invading
their privacy??
Help me out ...

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Casey Harlow](#)
Subject: RE: HPR Phone Interview Request Re: Kauai Helicopter Pilot Certification
Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:17:00 PM

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To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: HPR Phone Interview Request Re: Kauai Helicopter Pilot Certification

Aloha Ian,

My name is Casey Harlow, and I work in the news department at Hawai'i Public Radio. I'm reaching out about the Kauai helicopter crash, and I just want to confirm several things. I saw a report that FAA records show the pilot was not certified to fly using instruments. Is that correct?

Also, would it be possible to arrange a recorded phone interview with someone today to discuss what that means, walk me through pilot certifications, and if there are certain punitive actions for companies or pilots that fly without the proper certifications.

The interview will be used for a sound bite that ranges between 15 and 30 seconds. I will take out all the "uhs" and "ums" afterwards.

You can reach me directly at 808-792-8255 or you can reply to this email. I have a deadline of 5 PM (Hawai'i time) today. Let me know if this is possible.

I hope you're doing well this holiday season, and wish you a happy new year. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mahalo,
Casey



Casey Harlow

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To: [Tinsley, Erica](#)
Cc: [Staeger, Steve](#); [Sylte, Allison](#)
Subject: RE: Inquiry from 9NEWS in Denver
Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 11:13:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Thank you!

Erica Tinsley

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Thanks so much!

-Allison Sylte

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I don't have any knowledge about the type of operation that allegedly took place, sorry.

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-Allison

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Allison –

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On Dec 30, 2019, at 1:05 PM, Sylte, Allison
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Thanks again!

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To: Sylte, Allison <allison.sylte@9news.com>
Cc: Peters, Jim (FAA) <Jim.Peters@faa.gov>; Salac, Arlene (FAA) <Arlene.Salac@faa.gov>; Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>; Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov>
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concerning to see multiple drones flying over your home! Is there any investigation underway?

Thank you so much for all you do! You can reach me at [REDACTED]

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
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Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 11:44:20 AM

You're very welcome.

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Happy New Year!

-Allison

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On Dec 31, 2019, at 11:26 AM, Sylte, Allison <allison.sylte@9news.com> wrote:

We've been reporting what the Phillips County Sheriff's Office has said -- that the drones aren't believed to be malicious. Would making a statement like that be inaccurate? Or is it more accurate to say, since there's an investigation, foul play can't be ruled out? I just want to make sure we're passing along the right information.

Thanks for your help!

-Allison

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Stone, Alexandra](#)
Subject: RE: KETV inquiry drones
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 12:52:00 PM

That is absolutely incorrect. People should report drone sightings to the state Information Analysis Centers.

We are not providing incremental updates on our activities, but we will let the public know about any important developments.

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From: Stone, Alexandra <alstone@hearst.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: KETV inquiry drones

Ian,
Local law enforcement entities have all directed us to contact the FAA and told us citizens should be making reports to the FAA as well. Is this correct?

Is the FAA aware of any unauthorized flights in the states of Nebraska or Iowa this week?

Is there any new information on reports of groups of drones flying in Nebraska and Iowa?

Thank you!

Alexandra

-----Original Message-----

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Stone, Alexandra <alstone@hearst.com>
Subject: Re: KETV inquiry drones

Please contact local law enforcement for information on any new reports.

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> Ian,

> Hello- this is Alexandra with KETV in Omaha, NE.

>

> I'm reaching out to see if the FAA has any new information on drone sightings in the region? We now have reports of sightings from a number of counties in the eastern part of the state.

>

> I am on deadline for 10 PM tonight. Feel free to reach me via email or on my cell [REDACTED]

>

> Thanks!

>

> Alexandra

>

> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Ewing, Jon](#)
Subject: RE: kmgh media inquiry
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:44:00 AM

Please contact the Colorado Information Analysis Center.

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Communications Manager
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From: Ewing, Jon <Jon.Ewing@TheDenverChannel.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: kmgh media inquiry

Hey Ian,

Sorry to keep bugging you, but we're hearing that there have been no official spottings of drones in a while. Can you say when the last time you saw something was?

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Ewing, Jon <Jon.Ewing@TheDenverChannel.com>
Subject: RE: kmgh media inquiry

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Crap, forgot to send you the response. Attributable to a working group member or someone who was present at the meeting:

The working group was never looking for a “command vehicle” as described in a recent social media post.

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From: Ewing, Jon <Jon.Ewing@TheDenverChannel.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 12:29 PM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Re: kmgh media inquiry

Hey Ian,

When you get the chance can you call me back. I just have one more question.

Thanks!

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 12:21 PM

To: Ewing, Jon <Jon.Ewing@TheDenverChannel.com>

Subject: Re: kmgh media inquiry

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

What's your number?

Ian Gregor

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On Jan 8, 2020, at 11:13 AM, Ewing, Jon <Jon.Ewing@thedenverchannel.com> wrote:

Hey Ian,

Jon with Denver7 here.

Not sure who the spokesperson is for the drone task force (or DTF as we are calling it here), but is the reason Phillips County is now saying to disregard the whole camper van, command station thing because...there was never any reason to believe that was actually a possibility?

Thanks!

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Kafanov, Lucy](#)
Cc: [Harlan, Jeremy](#)
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry - mysterious drones over Colorado
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 9:59:00 AM

Yes, we are working closely with local law enforcement.

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From: Kafanov, Lucy <Lucy.Kafanov@turner.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: Harlan, Jeremy <Jeremy.Harlan@turner.com>
Subject: Re: Media inquiry - mysterious drones over Colorado

And are you able to confirm whether the FAA is in contact with local law enforcement on this issue?

Lucy Kafanov
CNN Correspondent
lucy.kafanov@turner.com
(720) 717-1547
[@lucykafanov](#)

From: "Gregor, Ian (FAA)" <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 10:24 AM
To: "Kafanov, Lucy" <Lucy.Kafanov@turner.com>
Cc: "Harlan, Jeremy" <Jeremy.Harlan@turner.com>
Subject: Re: Media inquiry - mysterious drones over Colorado

Hi -

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Attributable to the FAA or an FAA spokesman:

Multiple FAA divisions and government agencies are investigating these reports. We do not comment on the details of open investigations.

Also, please note we recently announced a proposed rule for remotely identifying drones: https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=24534

Best,

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On Jan 2, 2020, at 9:20 AM, Kafanov, Lucy <Lucy.Kafanov@turner.com> wrote:

Dear Ian,

I'm a correspondent with CNN in Denver and we are working on a video spot about the mysterious drones. I know you've spoken to our colleagues for a digital piece about this issue but was wondering if there's a statement or something that you might have that we could make a graphic of quote from saying that the FAA is aware and investigating. Anything you might have would be much appreciated!

Thank you,

Lucy

Sent from a thing that has no buttons.

Lucy Kafanov
CNN Correspondent
M: [REDACTED]
lucy.kafanov@turner.com

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Miller, Blair](#)
Subject: RE: Media request -- Colorado drone investigation?
Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 11:04:00 AM
Attachments: [image028.png](#)
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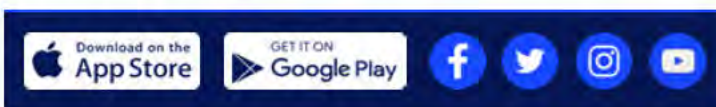
From: Miller, Blair <Blair.Miller@TheDenverChannel.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Media request -- Colorado drone investigation?

Great, yeah I saw the proposed rule stuff and just wanted to see if there was anything else out there. This is perfect though – interested to see the outcome! It's the talk of the state ha. Thanks again and happy new year!



Blair Miller
Digital Executive Producer

o: [303.832.0281](tel:303.832.0281) • **c:** [REDACTED]
e: Blair.Miller@TheDenverChannel.com



From: "Gregor, Ian (FAA)" <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 12:00 PM

To: "Miller, Blair" <Blair.Miller@TheDenverChannel.com>

Subject: RE: Media request -- Colorado drone investigation?

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Blair –

We're in close contact with local law enforcement and are determining what potential next steps could be.

We just announced a proposed rule for remotely identifying drones:

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From: Miller, Blair <Blair.Miller@TheDenverChannel.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 10:48 AM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Media request -- Colorado drone investigation?

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Howard, Katherine \(FAA\)](#); [Langdon, Brian \(FAA\)](#); [Giacini, Andrew F \(FAA\)](#); [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#); [Alsop, Kristen C \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Media request -- Colorado drone investigation?
Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 11:14:00 AM

Roger.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 11:14 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: Howard, Katherine (FAA) <katherine.howard@faa.gov>; Langdon, Brian (FAA) <brian.langdon@faa.gov>; Giacini, Andrew F (FAA) <Andrew.F.Giacini@faa.gov>; Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>; Alsop, Kristen C (FAA) <Kristen.C.Alsop@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Media request -- Colorado drone investigation?

Thanks Ian.

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Brianna Manzelli
Assistant Administrator | FAA Communications
O: [\(202\) 267-3454](tel:2022673454) | C: [REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 31, 2019, at 2:08 PM, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

FYSA, this Colorado drone thing won't go away.

In response to Sen. Gardner's statement, I am telling news media that "multiple FAA divisions and government agencies are investigating" and leaving it at that. The fact is

that as of now, we don't have any concrete information to work off. But two Colorado FSDOs, ATO and ASH are all looking into it.

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Jeffrey James Wise](#); [Breitenfeldt, Rick \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Bergen, Kathleen \(FAA\)](#); [Salac, Arlene \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: media request: New York magazine
Date: Friday, January 3, 2020 9:10:00 AM

You can search which regulation was waived by looking up the citation listed under "waivered regulation." Here's the link where you can look that up: <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=718838a7666532b0931b2d4a07a76124&mc=true&node=pt14.2.107&rgn=div5>

Individual waivers may have location and time restrictions applied to them. You can click on the name of the person who obtained the waiver to see if there are any such restrictions.

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From: Jeffrey James Wise <jeff@jeffwise.net>
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov>
Cc: Bergen, Kathleen (FAA) <Kathleen.Bergen@faa.gov>; Salac, Arlene (FAA) <Arlene.Salac@faa.gov>; Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: media request: New York magazine

Thank you!

> On Jan 3, 2020, at 12:00 PM, Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov> wrote:

>

> We will get back to you shortly

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jeffrey James Wise <jeff@jeffwise.net>

> Sent: Friday, January 03, 2020 11:57 AM

> To: Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov>

> Subject: media request: New York magazine

>

> Hi Rick,

> I'm working on a story for New York about the mysterious swarms of UAVs recently spotted in Nebraska and Colorado. Had a quick question for you:

> Looking through the list of Part 107 waivers, it seems that waivers are not restricted geographically, so if someone got an exemption to operate at night, they could do that anywhere, correct?

> Also, the database doesn't look searchable to me... is there a way to filter down to waivers that include, say, both flying at night and operating beyond visual range?

> Thanks very much.

> Best,

> Jeff

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To: [Breitenfeldt, Rick \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Jeffrey James Wise](#); [Bergen, Kathleen \(FAA\)](#); [Salac, Arlene \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: media request: New York magazine
Date: Friday, January 3, 2020 9:04:37 AM

I've got this, thanks.

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> Thanks very much.

> Best,

> Jeff

> 212 222 1686

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Jeffrey James Wise](#)
Subject: RE: media request: New York magazine
Date: Friday, January 3, 2020 8:41:00 AM

On background: In civilian airspace, military agencies must operate under a Certificate of Authorization or under Part 107. If they're operating in restricted military airspace, they don't need that authorization.

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> Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 8:16 AM
> To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
> Subject: Re: media request: New York magazine
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>> Great, thank you.
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>> From: Jeffrey James Wise <jeff@jeffwise.net>
>> Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 2:49 PM
>> To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
>> Subject: Re: media request: New York magazine
>>
>> Ian,
>> Sure, I appreciate you guys must really be in the weeds right now! Yes, let's loop back to this next week.
>> Jeff
>>
>>> On Mar 14, 2019, at 4:51 PM, <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:
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>>> Jeff -
>>>
>>> I think that's the core message in our fact sheet - that we work to identify problems early on, implement any necessary mitigations and ensure those mitigations are effective.
>>>
>>> As you can imagine, we're a little under water with the whole Boeing 737 MAX thing and really don't have the bandwidth to address other issues this week. Any chance you could hold off until next week?
>>>
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>>> Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 1:48 PM

>>> To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

>>> Subject: Re: media request: New York magazine

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>>> Hi Ian,

>>> Thanks, this is helpful. I was hoping I could speak to someone about collecting data from aircraft in service with an eye to identifying potential problem areas going forward—prognostic safety versus forensic safety, as it's been termed.

>>> Thanks,

>>> Jeff

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>>>> On Mar 14, 2019, at 4:29 PM, <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

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>>>> Jeff -

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>>>> FOQA is one of many sources that feed our safety oversight system. Please see this fact sheet for detailed information on FOQA and other databases and programs: https://www.faa.gov/news/fact_sheets/news_story.cfm?newsId=22975

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>>>> Best,

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>>>> From: Jeffrey James Wise <jeff@jeffwise.net>

>>>> Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 1:15 PM

>>>> To: 9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice (FAA) <PressOffice@faa.gov>

>>>> Subject: media request: New York magazine

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>>>> Hi,

>>>> I'm working on a story for New York about FOQA (Flight Operations Quality Assurance) and how it can help prevent aircraft accidents from occurring in the future. A few years back when I was working on an article for Popular Mechanics I spoke with Jay Pardee about it, I was wondering if I might be able to talk to someone tomorrow.

>>>> Thanks very much.

>>>> Best,

>>>> Jeff Wise

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Jeffrey James Wise](#)
Subject: RE: media request: New York magazine
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:29:00 PM

I think this list should be up to date, but will check.

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Subject: Re: media request: New York magazine

Ian,

I appreciate your extreme patience regarding all my questions.

With regard to COAs, I was able to find this page that lists some that have been made available to the public:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/public_records/foia_responses/

Unfortunately the one for the Air Force doesn't seem to be working.

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>>>> On Mar 14, 2019, at 4:51 PM, <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:
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>>>> Jeff -
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>>>> I think that's the core message in our fact sheet - that we work to identify problems early on, implement any necessary mitigations and ensure those mitigations are effective.
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>>>> As you can imagine, we're a little under water with the whole Boeing 737 MAX thing and really don't have the bandwidth to address other issues this week. Any chance you could hold off until next week?
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>>>> Ian Gregor
>>>> Communications Manager
>>>> FAA Pacific Division
>>>> (424) 405-7007 (o)
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>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>> From: Jeffrey James Wise <jeff@jeffwise.net>
>>>> Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 1:48 PM
>>>> To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
>>>> Subject: Re: media request: New York magazine
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>>>> Hi Ian,
>>>> Thanks, this is helpful. I was hoping I could speak to someone about collecting data from aircraft in service with an eye to identifying potential problem areas going forward—prognostic safety versus forensic safety, as it's been termed.
>>>> Thanks,
>>>> Jeff
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>>>>> On Mar 14, 2019, at 4:29 PM, <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:
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>>>>> Jeff -
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>>>>> FOQA is one of many sources that feed our safety oversight system. Please see this fact sheet for detailed

information on FOQA and other databases and programs: https://www.faa.gov/news/fact_sheets/news_story.cfm?newsId=22975

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>>>>> Best,

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>>>>> To: 9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice (FAA) <PressOffice@faa.gov>

>>>>> Subject: media request: New York magazine

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>>>>> Thanks very much.

>>>>> Best,

>>>>> Jeff Wise

>>>>> 212 222 1686

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Jeffrey James Wise](#)
Subject: Re: media request: New York magazine
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:35:59 AM

No. But many agencies are choosing to operate under Part 107.

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> On Jan 9, 2020, at 9:32 AM, Jeffrey James Wise <jeff@jeffwise.net> wrote:
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> Hi Ian,
> I know you've already put the inquiries through and don't mean to pester you, but wanted to ask a more focused question. Having looked through a bunch of these, it seems that the most recent ones expired by 2015. So I guess the simplest question would just be, has the FAA abandoned the COA system?
> Jeff
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>> On Jan 8, 2020, at 3:25 PM, Jeffrey James Wise <jeff@jeffwise.net> wrote:
>>
>> muchos gracias
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>>> On Jan 8, 2020, at 3:22 PM, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:
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>>> I'm checking on that.
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>>>> On Jan 8, 2020, at 12:21 PM, Jeffrey James Wise <jeff@jeffwise.net> wrote:
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>>>> Thank you Ian. Any suggestion about the Air Force COA file?
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>>>>> On Jan 8, 2020, at 3:16 PM, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:
>>>>>

>>>>> Hi -
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>>>>> You have to search each COA. I'm trying to determine whether the list is current, and will check on the AF COA.
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>>>>> Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 12:15 PM
>>>>> To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
>>>>> Subject: Re: media request: New York magazine
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>>>>> Hi Ian,
>>>>> Wanted to follow up with you about all this. Having taken a look at part 107 waivers and come up empty, I'm wondering if whoever's flying the Colorado drone swarms might be operating under a COA. But wanted to know:
>>>>> — are there COAs that exist but aren't published?
>>>>> — is there a way to search COAs? It seems like the only way to look at them is to unzip each file and open each subfile one by one.
>>>>> — when I click on the U.S. Air Force file (2389.7 MB) I get the message "An error occurred while processing your request."
>>>>> Thanks,
>>>>> Jeff
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>>>>>> On Jan 7, 2020, at 5:37 PM, Jeffrey James Wise <jeff@jeffwise.net> wrote:
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>>>>>> Thanks!
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>>>>>>> Based on downloading some of those zips, it looks like you'd have to go through each one to see where it's located, and there are probably hundreds.
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>>>>>>> On Jan 7, 2020, at 5:30 PM, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:
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>>>>>>> I think this list should be up to date, but will check.
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>>>>>> Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:25 PM

>>>>>> To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

>>>>>> Subject: Re: media request: New York magazine

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>>>>>> Ian,

>>>>>> I appreciate your extreme patience regarding all my questions.

>>>>>> With regard to COAs, I was able to find this page that lists some that have been made available to the public:

>>>>>> https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/public_records/foia_responses/

>>>>>> Unfortunately the one for the Air Force doesn't seem to be working.

>>>>>> Do you know if it's possible to get a list of COAs that have been issued in Colorado and Nebraska?

>>>>>> Thanks,

>>>>>> Jeff

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>>>>>> On Jan 3, 2020, at 11:41 AM, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

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>>>>>> On background: In civilian airspace, military agencies must operate under a Certificate of Authorization or under Part 107. If they're operating in restricted military airspace, they don't need that authorization.

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>>>>>> Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 8:37 AM

>>>>>> To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

>>>>>> Subject: Re: media request: New York magazine

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>>>>>> Thank you so much!

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>>>>>> Also, is it correct to say that military aircraft do not have to comply with FAA regulations? And as such do not have to notify the FAA or other civil authorities about their UAV activities?

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>>>>>> On Jan 3, 2020, at 11:34 AM, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

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>>>>>> Attributable to the FAA or an FAA spokesman:

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>>>>>> Multiple FAA divisions and government agencies are investigating these reports. We do not comment on the details of open investigations.

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>>>>>> Also, please note we recently announced a proposed rule for remotely identifying drones:

>>>>>> https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=24534

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>>>>>> A list of Part 107 waivers is on the FAA website here:

>>>>>> https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/part_107_waivers/waivers_issued/

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>>>>>>>> Subject: Re: media request: New York magazine

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>>>>>>>> Hi Ian,
>>>>>>>> I'm working on another story for New York, this time about the mysterious drone formations recently reported over Colorado and Nebraska. Basically wanted to ask:

>>>>>>>> — Has the FAA learned anything about who's operating these flights and why?

>>>>>>>> — Has the FAA issued any part 107 waivers for nighttime flight, or out-of-line-of-sight operation, within this area during the last four weeks?

>>>>>>>> Thanks very much!

>>>>>>>> Best,

>>>>>>>> Jeff

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>>>>>>>> On Mar 14, 2019, at 5:51 PM, Ian.Gregor@faa.gov wrote:

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>>>>>>>> Great, thank you.

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>>>>>>>> Ian,

>>>>>>>> Sure, I appreciate you guys must really be in the weeds right now! Yes, let's loop back to this next week.

>>>>>>>> Jeff

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Bote, Joshua](#)
Subject: RE: Message from <http://www.faa.gov> Northwest Mountain Region inquiry
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:28 00 PM

Just called you and got voicemail. Please call at your convenience.

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From: Bote, Joshua <JBote@usatoday.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:13 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <lan.Gregor@faa.gov>
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Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Subject: Message from www.faa.gov Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

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I understand from a statement from the Yuma County Sheriff's Office that agencies believe that a vehicle of some sort is controlling the unmanned drones. Could I get an explanation as to why?

Also, if there are any updates this week about the drones, please let me know. Thanks.

Joshua

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Bote, Joshua](#)
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Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:57 00 PM

If I refuse to confirm, it actually sounds like I'm lending credence to the claim. So I would rather not do that.

I'm trying to get hold of the task force lead to see how he wants to proceed. He's at a conference but we exchanged emails earlier today.

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To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Message from <http://www.faa.gov> Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

Hey Ian,

Spoke to my editor--was wondering if you'd be able to say something (still on background, but attributed to the FAA) to the effect of "not confirming whether agencies will be searching for a command vehicle" ... not denying it outright, but just to add a little bit of context/doubt to the story.

Lemme know.
Joshua

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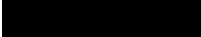
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To: [Carey, Bill](#)
Subject: Re: Message from www.faa.gov: Email FAA HQ Public Affairs
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:54:34 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

You're very welcome.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 11:52 AM, Carey, Bill <Bill.Carey@informa.com> wrote:

Received, thank you.

Bill Carey

Senior Editor

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Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 at 1:49 PM

To: "Carey, Bill" <Bill.Carey@informa.com>

Cc: "9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice (FAA)" <9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice@faa.gov>

Subject: Re: Message from www.faa.gov: Email FAA HQ Public Affairs

FAA Statement (attributable to the FAA)

We take every drone-sighting report seriously. Multiple FAA divisions are working closely with federal, state and local stakeholders to try to determine whether the reported sightings in Colorado and Nebraska are drones and, if so, who is operating them and for what reason. The purpose of today's meeting was for the various agencies to share information and to discuss how we can most effectively collaborate in our efforts.

To date, the FAA has undertaken a number of actions:

- We have contacted UAS test sites, drone companies, and companies that have received authorization to operate drones in these areas. To date, we have not been able to determine that any of these operators were the source of the reported drone flights.
- We have contacted General Aviation (GA) airports in the affected counties to ensure they are aware of the sightings; to ask the pilots using their airports to be cautious and to report sightings; and to report any people they see operating drones on the ground.
- We are in contact with federal law enforcement and national security partners to discuss potential ways they can assist in identifying who may be operating these aircraft.

We will continue to collaborate closely with our safety and security partners at the federal, state and local levels on our identification efforts.

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Message:

The FAA announced on 3 January that it is investigating drone sightings in Colorado and Nebraska. Could the FAA provide an update or any further information? Have commercial waivers (such as for UAS operations at night) been ruled out as an explanation?

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: igomez@npr.org; [9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Message from www.faa.gov: Email FAA HQ Public Affairs
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 8:07:00 AM

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Best,

Ian Gregor
Communications Manager
FAA Pacific Division
(424) 405-7007 (o)
[REDACTED] (c)

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From: igomez@npr.org <igomez@npr.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 7:20 AM
To: 9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice (FAA) <9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice@faa.gov>
Subject: Message from www.faa.gov: Email FAA HQ Public Affairs

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Message:

Hello,

My name is Isabella Gomez Sarmiento. I'm a reporter with National Public Radio working on a short piece about the drone sightings in Nebraska and Colorado. I'm reaching out to see if it would be possible to set up a quick phone call with an FAA spokesperson to ask about the agency's investigation into the matter as well as the proposed tracking regulations. My email is igomez@npr.org and phone number is +1 (404) 270-0107.

Thanks so much,

Isabella Gomez Sarmiento

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: bill.carey@aviationweek.com
Cc: [9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Message from www.faa.gov: Email FAA HQ Public Affairs
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:49:50 AM

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- We are in contact with federal law enforcement and national security partners to discuss potential ways they can assist in identifying who may be operating these aircraft.

We will continue to collaborate closely with our safety and security partners at the federal, state and local levels on our identification efforts.

Ian Gregor
Public Affairs Manager
FAA Pacific Division
(424) 405-7007 (office)
[REDACTED] (cell)

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Message:

The FAA announced on 3 January that it is investigating drone sightings in Colorado and Nebraska. Could the FAA provide an update or any further information? Have commercial waivers (such as for UAS operations at night) been ruled out as an explanation?

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: max.matza@bbc.co.uk
Cc: [9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Message from www.faa.gov: Email FAA HQ Public Affairs
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 9:05:34 AM

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Message:

Hello-

Does the FAA have a statement on the unexplained drones seen flying at night in rural Colorado and Nebraska?

Has anything been yet ruled out? What is planned to get to the bottom of this? Is there an FAA investigation?

Thanks for your help,

Max Matza

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: paul@globalgarageinc.com
Cc: [9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Message from www.faa.gov: Email FAA HQ Public Affairs
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2020 9:06:29 AM

Hi -

I'll get you information on who you can send this to.

Best,

Ian Gregor
Public Affairs Manager
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Message:

Good morning,

I captured some video last week (Jan 7) of the "mystery drones" that have been seen lately flying at night around eastern Colorado.

However, these are above Monument, CO
These traversed an area from Black Forest, over Colorado Springs, through Monument, into Larkspur.

The drones appear to be a fixed wing style, with steady red and blue lights. They have flashing white lights.

They appear to fly a grid pattern several hundred feet in the air (you can hear the motors), but then "return to base" at a much higher altitude .. a couple thousand feet. The motors can no longer be heard.

<https://youtu.be/fazKHlm7Bnc>
<https://youtu.be/d3UJWrGRChU>

Thanks!
email if you have any questions!

- Paul Leonard

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: goodmanm@cbsnews.com
Cc: [9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Message from www.faa.gov: Email FAA HQ Public Affairs
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 10:08:00 AM

Also, here are links to information about drone operating rules:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/
https://www.faa.gov/uas/commercial_operators/

If you meet the eight statutory conditions in the link below, you can operate as a recreational flier. If you do not meeting these conditions, you must operate under [Part 107](#).

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/05/17/2019-10169/exception-for-limited-recreational-operations-of-unmanned-aircraft>

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Please contact local law enforcement for information on the number of reports

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Message:

Good morning,

I am an associate producer at CBS News, working on the national side.

I know you have been inundated with requests for information on the mysterious drone sightings, but I just had a couple inquiries as we are planning on doing a short segment on it.

- 1) How many sightings have there been? When did it first start?
- 2) Is there any indication yet of where they are coming from/who is operating?
- 3) Is anything they are doing considered illegal according to FAA drone regulations?
- 4) Does the department have any videos of photos of sightings?
- 5) Is there an official statement, or should I reach out to a regional office?

Thanks,

Max

Max Goodman
CBS This Morning | (212) 975-2515 (O) | [REDACTED]
* goodmanM@cbsnews.com

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Bumberger, Michael \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 1:27:00 PM

Yup. I'm on a telcon but will call you when I'm done.

Ian Gregor
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From: Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

Can you give me a call when you can [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2020 1:10 PM
To: dmartin@co.morgan.co.us; Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov>
Subject: FW: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

Gents -

Please see the media inquiry below. I have no idea if the sheriff is indeed saying such things, but if he is, it certainly is not helpful for him to be speculating.

(BTW, I am not going to offer any speculation or comment on what the Yuma County Sheriff is supposedly saying.)

Ian Gregor
Communications Manager
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From: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 12:57 PM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: FW: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

Do you want to take this?

-----Original Message-----

From: jbote@usatoday.com <jbote@usatoday.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Subject: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

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Message:

Hi Allen,

I'm a reporter with USA TODAY. I was hoping I could get some questions answered regarding the mysterious drones in the Colorado/Nebraska area.

I understand from a statement from the Yuma County Sheriff's Office that agencies believe that a vehicle of some sort is controlling the unmanned drones. Could I get an explanation as to why?

Also, if there are any updates this week about the drones, please let me know. Thanks.

Joshua

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Serena Borgman](#)
Subject: RE: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 10:55:00 AM

Tomorrow is fine. Any time after 10 a.m. Pacific Time works for me.

Ian Gregor
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From: Serena Borgman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

Not yelling now...all is calm.

Ok, wondering if we can do the facetime tomorrow since my reporter is driving to Anton, CO right now. Please let me know a good window to do the facetime with you then.

thank you!
Serena Borgman
Producer, CGTN America
[REDACTED]

On Tue, 7 Jan 2020 at 11:35, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

I will but why are you yelling?

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To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

PLEASE CALL ME ON MY CELL AT [REDACTED]

THANK YOU

On Tue, 7 Jan 2020 at 10:58, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Serena -

What number can I call you at?

Ian Gregor
Communications Manager
FAA Pacific Division
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To: [REDACTED]; Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

Looping in Mr. Gregor.

I'm not sure of his schedule today.

Thanks.

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Message:

Hi Allen,

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thank you

Serena Borgman
Producer, CGTN America

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Micki Trost - CDPS](#)
Cc: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#); [David Martin](#)
Subject: Re: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 3:52:23 PM

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Public Affairs Manager
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On Jan 9, 2020, at 3:42 PM, Micki Trost - CDPS <micki.trost@state.co.us> wrote:

Ian,

[REDACTED]

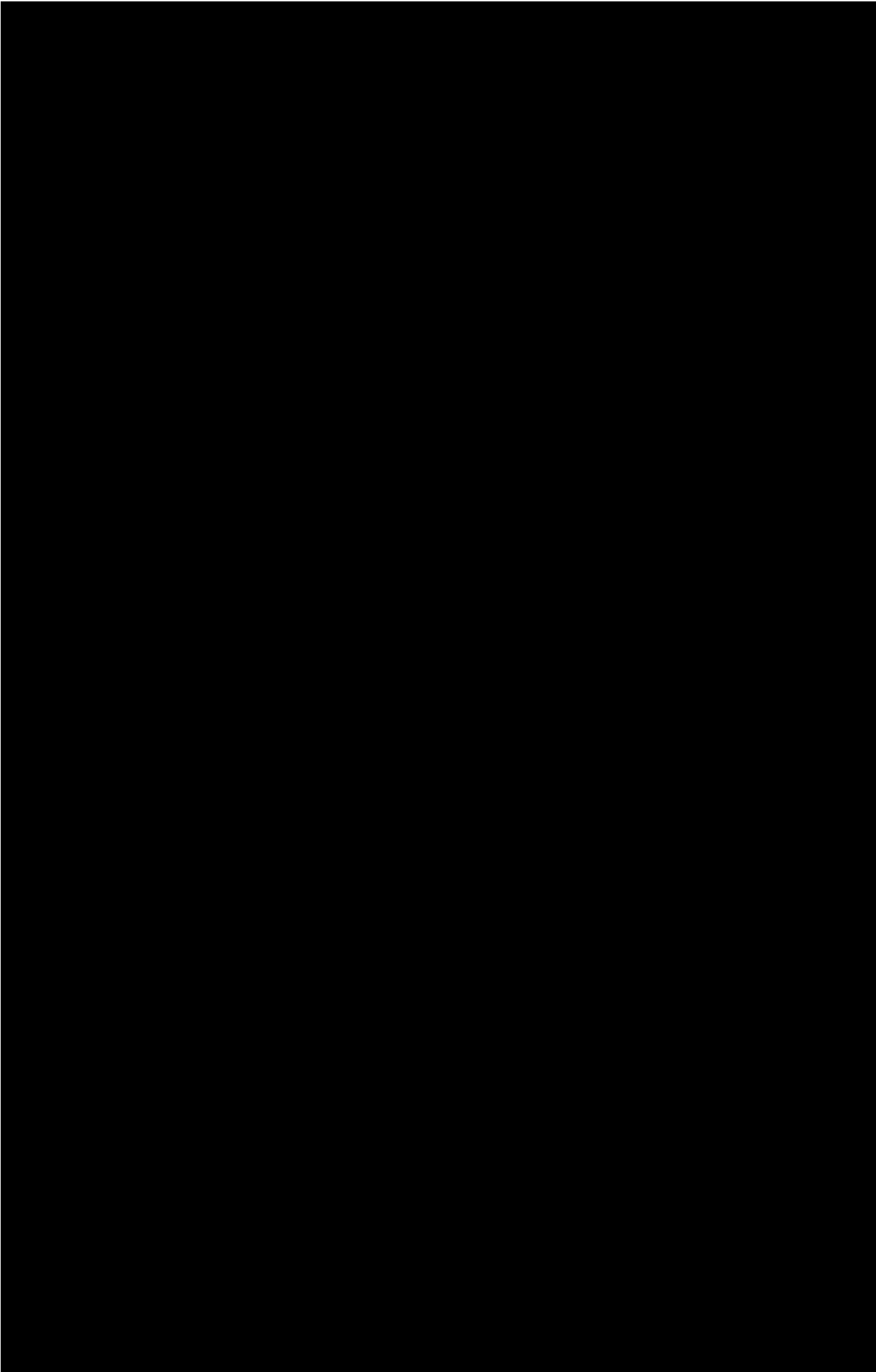
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Micki Trost, M.A, TLO, MPIO

Strategic Communications Director
Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Micki.Trost@state.co.us | 

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On Jan 9, 2020, at 10:48 AM, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

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FAA Pacific Division
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From: Trost - CDPS, Micki <micki.trost@state.co.us>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:47 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Cc: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>; David Martin <dmartin@co.morgan.co.us>
Subject: Re: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

Ian,

I am the PIO for the CIAC. They are an office within our division.

We are also working with the county sheriff's.

Thank you,

Micki

On Thu, Jan 9, 2020 at 10:43 AM Gregor, Ian (FAA)

<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Micki -

Yes, please add me to your list. Are you also coordinating with the CIAC and Morgan County Sheriff Dave Martin, who is heading up the working group?

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Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:40 AM

To: micki.trost@state.co.us; Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Re: Message from www.faa.gov: Northwest Mountain Region inquiry

My colleague Ian Gregor is handling this.

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Allen Kenitzer
FAA Office of Communications
(206) 231-2035

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[REDACTED] | 720-852-6750 Fax
9195 E Mineral Avenue, Suite 200, Centennial, CO 80112

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To: [Michael deYoanna](#)
Subject: Re: Message from www.faa.gov: Western-Pacific Region inquiry
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 8:35:02 AM

I don't know. We're not hosting it.

Ian Gregor
Public Affairs Manager
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[REDACTED] (cell)

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 9:34 AM, Michael deYoanna <michael@kunc.org> wrote:

Thanks Ian. What time is the meeting expected to wrap up?
-Michael

Sent from my iPhone

On 6 Jan 2020, at 09:16, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

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Regards,

Michael de Yoanna

Reporter, KUNC

720-234-4389

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Message:

Hi Ian,

I'm a reporter with KUNC public radio, the NPR affiliate for Northern Colorado in Greeley. I understand there's a meeting today in northeastern Colorado involving law-enforcement officials and an investigator from the FAA regarding the mysterious drone sightings that continue to appear in the night skies. There's a lot of speculation about them. Many theories. I'm on deadline today, working on a spot for our newscast (and potentially NPR's) about today's meeting. Are you able to update me on the meeting today or to put me in touch with the investigator?

Thanks for your help!

Regards,
Michael de Yoanna
Reporter, KUNC
720-234-4389

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Bumberger, Michael \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Holtzman, Joshua \(FAA\)](#); [Feddersen, Brett \(FAA\)](#); [Papier, Leesa J \(FAA\)](#); [Whitaker-Gray, Pamela \(FAA\)](#); [Stewart, Ed \(FAA\)](#); [Martinez, Manuel Jr \(FAA\)](#); [Miniace, Joseph N \(FAA\)](#); [Speckin, John \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Michael Spicer
Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 6:46:58 AM

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On Jan 21, 2020, at 6:33 AM, Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov> wrote:

Ian,

[REDACTED]



Mike

From: Jeff Rice <ricej@journal-advocate.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2020 10:49 PM
To: Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov>
Subject: Michael Spicer

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Subject: Re: Michael Spicer
Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 7:44:17 AM

Mike -

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Holtzman, Joshua \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Morning
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 6:12:14 AM

Roger.

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> On Jan 7, 2020, at 6:04 AM, Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov> wrote:

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> Thanks Ian. Appreciate the feedback.

> Josh

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> Joshua Holtzman

> Acting Deputy Associate Administrator

> Security and Hazardous Materials Safety (ASH)

> Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

> (O) 202-267-7980

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> From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

> Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2020 8:52 AM

> To: Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>

> Subject: Re: Morning

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> Hi Josh -

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> [REDACTED]

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> BTW, Bam did a spectacular job at the meeting yesterday.

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> Best,

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> Ian Gregor

> Public Affairs Manager

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>> Sent from my iPad

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: bdoeschot@krvn.com
Cc: [Cory, Elizabeth \(FAA\)](#); [9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Nebraska Drones
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 8:26:04 AM

Bryce -

We'll have an updated statement for you after the meeting.

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> Elizabeth Isham Cory

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> From: bdoeschot@krvn.com <bdoeschot@krvn.com>

> Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 10:07 AM

> To: Cory, Elizabeth (FAA) <Elizabeth.Cory@faa.gov>

> Subject: Message from www.faa.gov: Central Region inquiry

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> Bryce Doeschot

> KRVN Radio

> (402) 450-6082

> bdoeschot@krvn.com

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Cc: [Cory, Elizabeth \(FAA\)](#); [9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Nebraska Drones
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:49:36 AM

FAA Statement (attributable to the FAA)

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 9:28 AM, Bryce Doeschot <bdoeschot@krvn.com> wrote:

Thank you!

On Mon, Jan 6, 2020 at 10:26 AM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Bryce -

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Wauneta Breeze Editor](#)
Subject: RE: Need to talk.
Date: Monday, January 13, 2020 10:00:00 AM

I'd prefer "FAA spokesman" but if you need to use my name that's fine.

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Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Need to talk.

Good enough. Thanks for the quick reply. So you mind if I identify you by name as the FAA spokesman, or would you prefer I just use that?

Tom

From: "Gregor, Ian (FAA)" <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Date: Monday, January 13, 2020 at 10:24 AM
To: Tom Pantera <breeze.editor@jpipapers.com>
Cc: David Martin <dmartin@co.morgan.co.us>, "Kenitzer, Allen (FAA)" <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: Need to talk.

Tom -

Please attribute the following to the FAA or an FAA spokesman.

Some of the agencies that participated in last Monday's meeting in Brush, Colo., agreed to form a working group to address the recent drone-sighting reports. Morgan County Sheriff Dave Martin, whom I cc'd on this email, is leading that working group and can speak to the membership.

The group is not going to discuss the details of its inner workings, and is not planning to provide incremental updates on its activities. But we will inform the public about any important developments. (You also might want to contact the Nebraska Information Analysis Center for information.)

Below is the statement that the FAA issued after Monday's meeting. Please note this is an FAA statement and not a statement from the working group. Sheriff Martin also posted some information Tuesday on his department's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/morgancolosheriff/photos/a.432487666767590/3228060307210298/?type=3>

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From: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Tom Pantera <breeze.editor@jpipapers.com>; Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Need to talk.

Looping in my colleague Ian Gregor who is working this issue.

Thanks

Allen Kenitzer

FAA Office of Communications

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> On Jan 13, 2020, at 9:15 AM, Tom Pantera <breeze.editor@jpipapers.com> wrote:

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> Mr. Kenitzer:

> This is Tom Pantera. I'm editor of The Breeze in Wauneta, Nebraska.

> I have some questions for a story on the drone flights around here. I realize it's an active investigation, so there's questions you can't answer, but I'd like to try.

> I'm wondering if there are any new leads in the matter, how the FAA is proceeding with the investigation, that kind of thing.

> If you get a chance, please call me at [REDACTED]

> Thanks much.

> Tom Pantera

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Smith, Mitch](#)
Subject: RE: New York Times inquiry
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:44:00 AM

No, sorry. Maybe Yuma can provide that info?

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From: Smith, Mitch <mitchell.smith@nytimes.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: New York Times inquiry

Can you say which agency that is? All I know from that FB post is that Yuma and FAA are both apparently attending.

On Thu, Jan 2, 2020 at 1:38 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

It's not our meeting. You should ask the agency that's hosting it.

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From: Smith, Mitch <mitchell.smith@nytimes.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: New York Times inquiry

All I know of it is what the Yuma County sheriff posted on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/YumaCountySheriff/posts/2736704199755606>

The sheriff isn't talking to the press at all, though, so I haven't been able to figure out the nature of the meeting.

On Thu, Jan 2, 2020 at 1:06 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

What meeting?

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From: Smith, Mitch <mitchell.smith@nytimes.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:02 AM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Re: New York Times inquiry

Thanks again for your help yesterday. Do you know whether the inter-agency meeting on 1/6 that the Yuma County sheriff mentioned will be open to the public? If not, are any public meetings planned?

On Wed, Jan 1, 2020 at 3:34 PM Smith, Mitch <mitchell.smith@nytimes.com> wrote:

Thanks. If there are any updates, please let me know.

On Wed, Jan 1, 2020 at 2:57 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Yes, we're trying to determine who the operator is and what the purpose of the flights are.

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<mitchell.smith@nytimes.com> wrote:

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<mitchell.smith@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi Ian,
Forwarding these questions on the
Colorado drone sightings per the
instructions in Allen's bounceback email.
Would be grateful for any help today.
Thanks and happy new year.
-Mitch

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<mitchell.smith@nytimes.com>
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Mitch Smith

The New York Times, Chicago bureau

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C: [REDACTED]

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The New York Times, Chicago bureau

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C: 913-568-8847

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Natalia V. Navarro](#)
Subject: RE: Next Task Force Meeting
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 11:22:00 AM

Hi –

Morgan County Sheriff Dave Martin is heading it up so you should ask him.

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From: Natalia V. Navarro <nnavarro@cprmail.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Next Task Force Meeting

Hi Ian,

We met yesterday in Brush.

When is the next meeting of the drone task force?

Thanks!



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To: [Thomas, Cody](#)
Cc: [Connelly, Latisha](#); [Jahnke, Mike](#)
Subject: Re: PIO Contact
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:20:50 PM

Hi Cody -

I think inquiries would best be directed to me and Morgan County Sheriff Dave Martin.
Thanks.

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Ian,

Would you like media inquiries directed to you at this point?

Thanks,
Cody

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Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 2:02 PM

To: ian.gregor@faa.gov

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From: Eastman, Kathryn <katie.eastman@9news.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:41 AM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Question about Remote ID proposed rule

Hi Ian,

I wanted to check in on any updates of the mystery aircraft? I also had a question about the Remote ID proposal. How could this specifically help in northeast Colorado and Nebraska?

Best,
Katie

Katie Eastman
Reporter, 9News
Denver, CO
720-520-4541

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Carrie Mihalcik](#); [9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [David Martin](#)
Subject: RE: Question from CNET on reported drone swarms
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 12:17:00 PM

Carrie –

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Best,

Ian Gregor

Communications Manager
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Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 11:56 AM

To: 9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice (FAA) <9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice@faa.gov>

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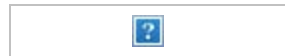
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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Carrie Mihalcik](#)
Subject: RE: Question from CNET on reported drone swarms
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 12:29:00 PM

You're very welcome.

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From: Carrie Mihalcik <carrie.mihalcik@cbsinteractive.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Question from CNET on reported drone swarms

Got it. Thanks for getting back to me.

On Thu, Jan 9, 2020 at 3:17 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

External Email

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Trost - CDPS, Micki](#)
Cc: [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#); [Patricia Billinger](#)
Subject: RE: Question related to Colorado drones for northeast activity
Date: Monday, January 13, 2020 12:05:00 PM

Micki –

Pilots reported approximately 2,150 drone sightings in all of 2019. Here is a link where you can look up pilot drone-sighting reports, including by state. Unfortunately, the database only has reports through June for 2019. We're working to update the website.

https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/public_records/uas_sightings_report/

Here is a link where you can look up drone registrations:

https://www.faa.gov/foia/electronic_reading_room/

The information is under Category 4. Please note that someone who registers a drone in a certain state is not limited to operating the drone in that state.

If you have any additional questions, Allen can help you out. I have to leave to catch a flight.

Best,

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From: Trost - CDPS, Micki <micki.trost@state.co.us>

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 11:48 AM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Cc: Kenitzer, Allen (FAA) <Allen.Kenitzer@faa.gov>; Patricia Billinger <patricia.billinger@state.co.us>

Subject: Re: Question related to Colorado drones for northeast activity

Thank you Ian.

Would you be able to provide the number by 1 p.m.?

After receiving the information we will send you a copy of the draft news release that we hope to disseminate between 2-3 p.m.?

Thank you.

Micki

On Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 11:26 AM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Hi Micki -

We'll get you that info.

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On Jan 13, 2020, at 10:09 AM, Trost - CDPS, Micki <micki.trost@state.co.us> wrote:

Ian or Allen,

The Colorado State EOC is standing down operations, however, we would like to provide a final news release related to the reason. That reason is fewer suspicious reports and most of the reports being verified as aircraft and very few identified as drones.

We would like to include the following information that we believe the FAA owns the numbers on:

1. How many drones are registered within the State of Colorado?
2. How many drone reports were submitted to the FAA in 2019? We saw a comment from the FAA on this number but can't find it right now.

Thank you for your help.

We will send the draft release after we receive your information for inclusion.

Thank you,

Micki

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Micki Trost, M.A. | Strategic Communications Director



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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [White, Peter J \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: quick question re UAS/CO
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 12:41:00 PM

Yes, that's fine. Thanks.

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From: White, Peter J (FAA) <Peter.J.White@faa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 12:34 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: quick question re UAS/CO

Are you okay with my linking that individual (Chris, from ACI-NA) with you in a separate email? It's probably best that AOC is in the loop. Is that okay?
Thanks,
Peter

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2020 2:09 PM
To: White, Peter J (FAA) <Peter.J.White@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: quick question re UAS/CO

Hi –

Yes, that's all we're saying at this time.

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From: White, Peter J (FAA) <Peter.J.White@faa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: quick question re UAS/CO

Hi Ian,

The security official from ACI-NA reached out to see if we have any additional info about these flights. Is the statement in the article he referenced the most current statement, or do we have anything else we're saying publicly? Thanks!

From: Christopher Bidwell <CBidwell@airportscouncil.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 8:13 AM
To: Patch, John <John.Patch@tsa.dhs.gov>; John Anderson
<john.a.anderson@faa.gov> <john.a.anderson@faa.gov>
Subject: FAA Probes Clusters Of Mysterious Drones Flying Over Colorado

Gentlemen,

Happy New Year!

Does the ADIAC or FAA have any additional information about the flights of UAS over Colorado and Nebraska?

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-colorado-drones/faa-probes-clusters-of-mysterious-drones-flying-over-colorado-idUSKBN1YZ1G0>

Thanks for any additional information you can provide.

Regards,

Chris

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ACI-NA recently switched web domains from aci-na.org to airportscouncil.org. Please be sure to update my contact information to reflect my new email address – cbidwell@airportscouncil.org

Peter J. White

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [St. Peter, Chris](#)
Subject: Re: Quick question.
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:46:55 PM

I'm aware of Colorado and Nebraska.

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> On Jan 6, 2020, at 2:43 PM, St. Peter, Chris <StPeterC@cbsnews.com> wrote:

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> Are the sightings in there states or four? Which ones

>

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> Thanks

> Chris

> CBS

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Shepardson, David \(Reuters\)](#)
Subject: RE: RELEASE: Gardner Statement on Heavy Drone Activity in Eastern Colorado
Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:17:00 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Multiple FAA divisions are investigating these reports. We do not comment on the details of open investigations.

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From: Shepardson, David (Reuters) <David.Shepardson@thomsonreuters.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:17 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: FW: RELEASE: Gardner Statement on Heavy Drone Activity in Eastern Colorado

Hi Ian – you guys have anything on this?

I saw your statement to local media

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From: Ryan, Timothy G. (Reuters) <tim.ryan@thomsonreuters.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 3:11 PM
To: Shepardson, David (Reuters) <David.Shepardson@thomsonreuters.com>
Subject: FW: RELEASE: Gardner Statement on Heavy Drone Activity in Eastern Colorado

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For Immediate Release

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Contact: Annalyse Keller, 202-224-0355

Gardner Statement on Heavy Drone Activity in Eastern Colorado

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO), a member of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Aviation and Space, released the following statement regarding the heavy drone activity in Eastern Colorado:

“I’ve been in contact with the FAA and I’m encouraged that they’ve opened a full investigation to learn the source and purpose of the drones. I will continue to closely monitor the situation,” **said Senator Gardner.**

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Background:

- In December, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) released a [proposed rule](#) aimed at requiring drone users to implement a Remote Identification (Remote ID) system, which allows drones to be tracked and identified.
- Senator Gardner [supported](#) Remote ID requirements in the FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016, which prompted the Federal Aviation Administration to make this new proposed rule.

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Cory Gardner is a member of the U.S. Senate serving Colorado. He sits on the Energy & Natural Resources Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, the Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee, and is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy.

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Breitenfeldt, Rick \(FAA\)](#); [Abeyta, Michael H](#)
Subject: RE: Remote ID proposal story interview request
Date: Friday, January 3, 2020 10:16:00 AM

Michael -

We are not doing interviews.

Attributable to the FAA or an FAA spokesman:

Multiple FAA divisions and government agencies are investigating these reports. We do not comment on the details of open investigations.

Also, please note we recently announced a proposed rule for remotely identifying drones:

https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=24534

Best,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Abeyta, Michael H <mhabeyta@cbs.com>
Cc: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: RE: Remote ID proposal story interview request

We will get back to you shortly.

-----Original Message-----

From: Abeyta, Michael H <mhabeyta@cbs.com>
Sent: Friday, January 03, 2020 1:04 PM
To: Breitenfeldt, Rick (FAA) <Rick.Breitenfeldt@faa.gov>
Subject: Remote ID proposal story interview request

Hello, my name is Michael Abeyta. I am a reporter for CBS in Denver. Following drone mania here I was wondering if someone would be available to talk on camera in Denver or via Skype/ FaceTime about the Remote ID proposal. That is the story I've been assigned today. Please let me know if this is possible.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Johnson, Jasmine C-CTR \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Henning, Jon \(FAA\)](#); [Alsop, Kristen C \(FAA\)](#); ["AWA-AOC-SocialMedia"](#)
Subject: RE: Remote ID Tweet
Date: Friday, January 3, 2020 8:39:00 AM

They've been reported all over the place so we can't tag one city or county or state.

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Cc: Henning, Jon (FAA) <Jon.Henning@faa.gov>; Alsop, Kristen C (FAA) <Kristen.C.Alsop@faa.gov>; 'AWA-AOC-SocialMedia' <SocialMedia@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Remote ID Tweet

I think you tag the tweet with the city and local law enforcement but leave any location makers off the graphic since it doesn't ONLY apply to those locations.

Jasmine

On Jan 3, 2020, at 10:59 AM, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

I don't think we make it location-specific.

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On Jan 3, 2020, at 7:58 AM, Henning, Jon (FAA) <Jon.Henning@faa.gov> wrote:

Ok — does it have to be Colorado or Nebraska?

I don't think it is best idea to do anything but not my call

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 3, 2020, at 10:56 AM, Alsop, Kristen C (FAA) <Kristen.C.Alsop@faa.gov> wrote:

Jon,

Can your team help us with an image for the tweet? We think it should include a drone flying at night. Copy on the image could say:

Remote ID will help identify drones.

Thanks,

Kristen Alsop

Social Media | Digital Communications Strategist

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#); [Kenitzer, Allen \(FAA\)](#); [Breitenfeldt, Rick \(FAA\)](#); [Bergen, Kathleen \(FAA\)](#); [LePage, Allison \(FAA\)](#); [Salac, Arlene \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Request re: drones in Colorado
Date: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:32:04 PM

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On Jan 5, 2020, at 1:30 PM, Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov> wrote:

[REDACTED]

Jeannie Shiffer
Deputy Assistant Administrator | FAA Communications
O: 202-267-8859 | C: [REDACTED]

On Jan 5, 2020, at 4:16 PM, Gregor, Ian (FAA)
<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Brianna/ Jeannie -

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<Jeffrey.A.Cook@abc.com> wrote:

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Jeff

Jeffrey Cook

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Cook, Jeffrey A.](#)
Cc: [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#); [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#); [Sandell, Clayton](#)
Subject: Re: Request re: drones in Colorado
Date: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:42:15 PM

Jeff -

We're not going to accommodate that request. I'll call you in a couple of hours when I'm in a position to talk.

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: keithcoffman@lycos.com
Subject: Re: Reuters News query
Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 1:16:37 PM

OK, cool.

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On Dec 31, 2019, at 1:10 PM, "keithcoffman@lycos.com" <keithcoffman@lycos.com> wrote:

Yes, I was just informed of that.

On 2019-12-31 2:03 pm, Gregor, Ian (FAA) wrote:

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Roger. You know Dave Shepardson is also working on this, right?

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Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:54 PM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Re: Reuters News query

Received and noted.

Thank you,

Keith

On 2019-12-31 1:49 pm, Gregor, Ian (FAA) wrote:

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From: keithcoffman@lycos.com <keithcoffman@lycos.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:45 PM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Reuters News query

Keith Coffman from Reuters in Denver here. I'm looking for a statement from the FAA on the unidentified drones in northeast Colorado, in light of Sen. Gardner's news release today (Tuesday) that he's spoken to the FAA and that the agency has launched an investigation into the matter.

Thank you,

Keith Coffman

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: keithcoffman@lycos.com
Subject: Re: Reuters News query
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:19:16 PM

Hi -

The FAA is not leading the task force but we are participating on it. Ft. Morgan County Sheriff Dave Martin is heading up the group.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 2:09 PM, "keithcoffman@lycos.com" <keithcoffman@lycos.com> wrote:

Hey Ian,

Could I get the FAA's statement today on the drone issue, in light of the task force formation.

Thank you,

Keith Coffman

[REDACTED]

On 2019-12-31 1:49 pm, Gregor, Ian (FAA) wrote:

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Multiple FAA divisions and government agencies are investigating these reports. do not comment on the details of open investigations.

Also, please note we just announced a proposed rule for remotely identifying drones:
https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=24534

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From: keithcoffman@lycos.com <keithcoffman@lycos.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 12:45 PM

To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Reuters News query

Keith Coffman from Reuters in Denver here. I'm looking for a statement from the FAA on the unidentified drones in northeast Colorado, in light of Sen. Gardner's news release today (Tuesday) that he's spoken to the FAA and that the agency has launched an investigation into the matter.

Thank you,

Keith Coffman



From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Bumberger, Michael \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Sheriff Martin
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:56:00 PM

Thanks.

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From: Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Sheriff Martin

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Bumberger, Michael \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Statement
Date: Sunday, January 5, 2020 8:05:59 PM

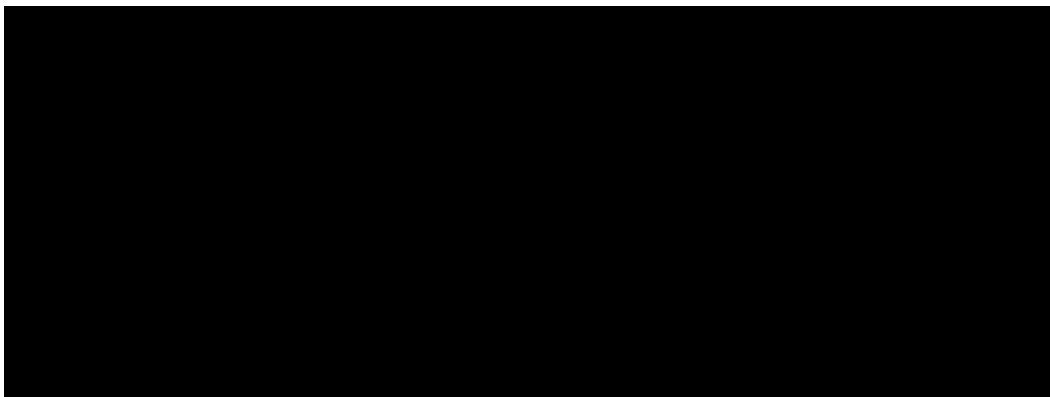
Thanks!

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On Jan 5, 2020, at 8:59 PM, Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov> wrote:

Excellent, I like it!

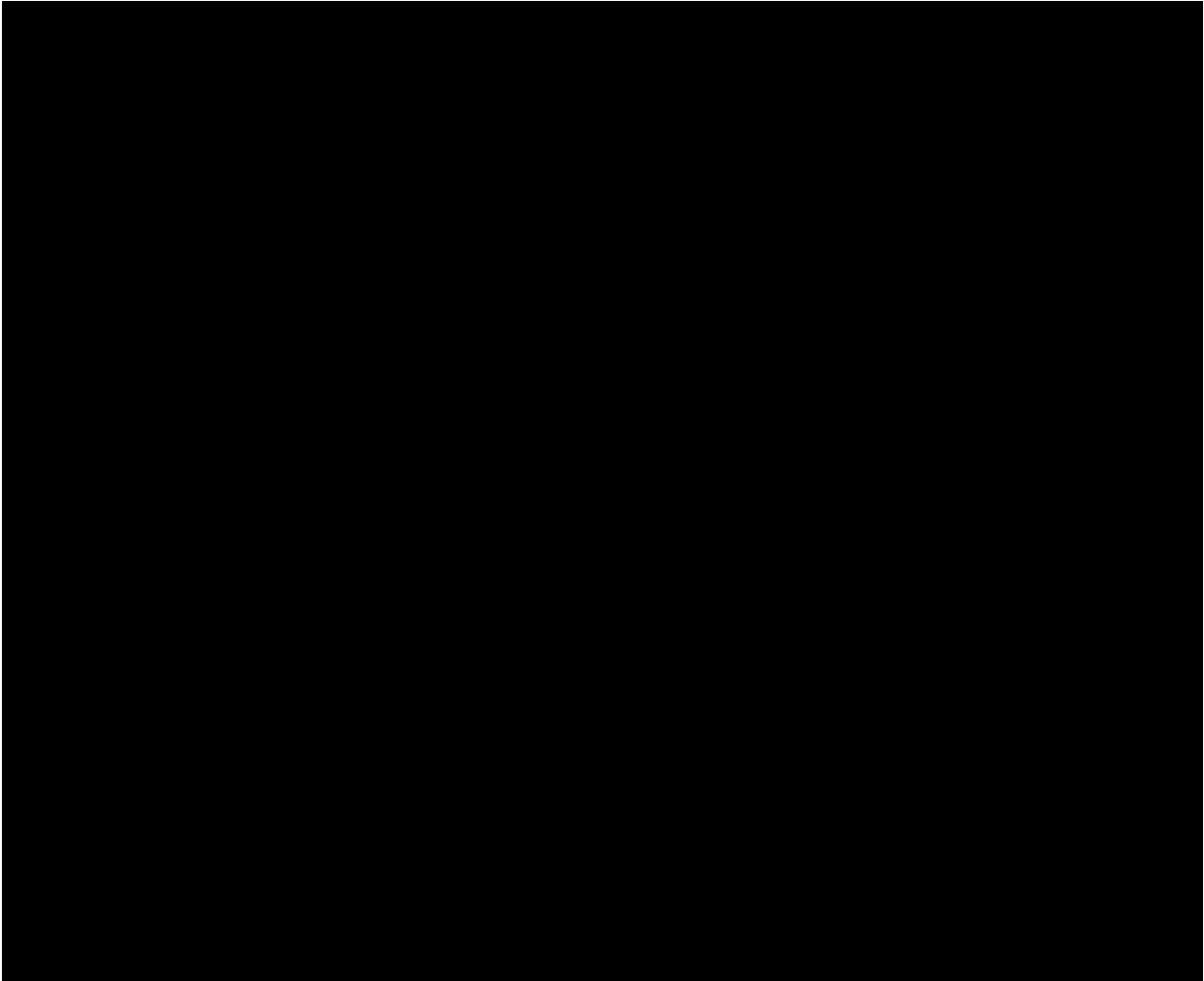



See you in the morning,
Mike

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 05, 2020 7:03 PM
To: Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov>
Subject: Statement

Mike -

This is what I am planning to provide to media tomorrow. See you at 0700!



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 (cell)

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [David Martin](#)
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's meeting
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 5:46:01 AM

Mike Bumberger and I plan to arrive around then as well. Look forward to meeting you.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 6:39 AM, David Martin <dmartin@co.morgan.co.us> wrote:

Thanks for the update. I will be there about 09:00

On Sun, Jan 5, 2020 at 1:38 PM Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Hi Sheriff Martin -

[REDACTED]

Best,

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Morgan County Sheriff's Office
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Fort Morgan, Colorado 80701

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(Fax) 970 542-3453

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Bumberger, Michael \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [Holtzman, Joshua \(FAA\)](#); ["AWA-AOC-SocialMedia"](#); [Meeks, Regina L \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Tweet by Amy Niemoth on Twitter
Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 6:33:51 AM

Thanks.

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On Jan 8, 2020, at 6:18 AM, Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov> wrote:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

R,
Bam

From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2020 5:52 AM
To: Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>
Cc: Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov>; 'AWA-AOC-SocialMedia' <SocialMedia@faa.gov>; Meeks, Regina L (FAA) <regina.l.meeks@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Tweet by Amy Niemoth on Twitter

Thanks Josh.

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On Jan 8, 2020, at 5:43 AM, Holtzman, Joshua (FAA)
<Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov> wrote:

Ian, would think these should go to local LE and the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) but will defer to Bam.

Josh

Joshua Holtzman
Acting Deputy Associate Administrator
Security and Hazardous Materials Safety (ASH)
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
(O) 202-267-7980

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From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2020 8:35 AM
To: Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov>; Holtzman, Joshua (FAA) <Joshua.Holtzman@faa.gov>
Cc: 'AWA-AOC-SocialMedia' <SocialMedia@faa.gov>; Meeks, Regina L (FAA) <regina.l.meeks@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Tweet by Amy Niemoth on Twitter

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On Jan 8, 2020, at 5:31 AM, Gregor, Ian (FAA)
<Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Josh/Mike -

Should we be forwarding reports such as these to any
FAA office? Thanks.

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On Jan 8, 2020, at 4:57 AM, Meeks, Regina L (FAA)
<regina.l.meeks@faa.gov> wrote:

Ian, we have had some reports coming in on
social regarding the drones. Is there
something you'd like us to do with these to
give to someone or a response you'd like to
give?



Amy Niemoth (@ANiemoth)

[1/7/20, 10:10 AM](#)

The drone mystery continues. I spotted
two last night around 10 p.m. just east of
our house. They flew in what appeared
to be around a 1 mile pattern from east
to west. [@FAANews](#)
[@NTVNEWS](#)

[Download](#) the Twitter app

Regina Meeks
Social Media Strategist

Regina.L.Meeks@faa.gov
(Sent from mobile)

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Jasmine Aguilera](#); [Cory, Elizabeth \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: RE: UAS Request from TIME Magazine
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 8:07:00 AM

Jasmine, I just responded in a separate email.

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From: Jasmine Aguilera <jasmine.aguilera@time.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 7:57 AM
To: Cory, Elizabeth (FAA) <Elizabeth.Cory@faa.gov>
Cc: 9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice (FAA) <9-ATO-AOC-PressOffice@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: UAS Request from TIME Magazine

Thank you, much appreciated.

On Thu, Jan 2, 2020 at 10:55 AM Cory, Elizabeth (FAA) <Elizabeth.Cory@faa.gov> wrote:

Looping in my colleagues, who are working this issue.

Elizabeth Isham Cory
External Communications/Public Affairs
FAA

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Des Plaines, IL 60018
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From: Jasmine Aguilera <jasmine.aguilera@time.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2020 9:42 AM

To: Cory, Elizabeth (FAA) <Elizabeth.Cory@faa.gov>

Subject: Request from TIME Magazine

Good morning Liz,

I'm a reporter at TIME working on a break down about the mystery drones appearing over rural Colorado and Nebraska. I'm reading that the FAA is investigating the drones' origins — is this something you can confirm? And if so, could you please send me an update on the status of the investigation? I can be reached here or at [REDACTED]. We're looking to publish this afternoon, ideally by about 3 p.m.

All the best,
Jasmine Aguilera

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Jasmine Aguilera

News Reporter, **TIME**

Call or text: [REDACTED]

Twitter: [REDACTED]

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Shiffer, Jeannie \(FAA\)](#)
Cc: [LePage, Allison \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: UAS Sightings - Potential Enforcement Remedies
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 6:38:07 PM

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On Jan 9, 2020, at 6:30 PM, Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA) <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov> wrote:

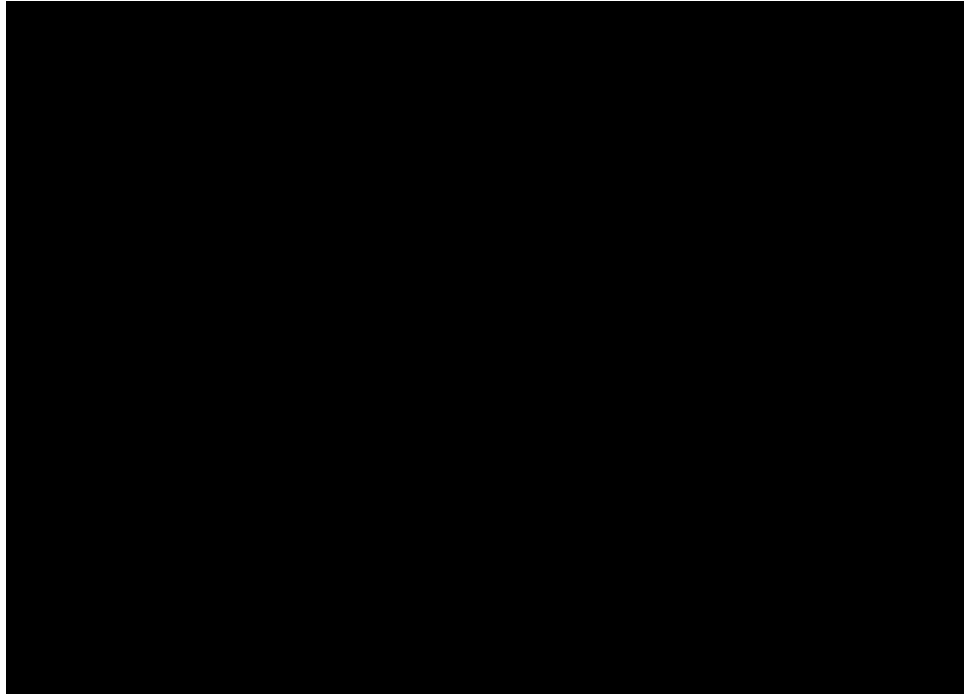
FYI

Jeannie Shiffer
Deputy Assistant Administrator | FAA Communications
O: 202-267-8859 | [REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Garg, Arjun (FAA)" <Arjun.Garg@faa.gov>
Date: January 9, 2020 at 9:07:25 PM EST
To: "Newman, Philip (FAA)" <Philip.Newman@faa.gov>, "Giacini, Andrew F (FAA)" <Andrew.F.Giacini@faa.gov>, "Manzelli, Brianna (FAA)" <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>, "Shiffer, Jeannie (FAA)" <Jeannie.Shiffer@faa.gov>, "Stubblefield, Angela H (FAA)" <Angela.H.Stubblefield@faa.gov>, "Merkle, Jay (FAA)" <Jay.Merkle@faa.gov>
Cc: "Bury, Mark (FAA)" <mark.bury@faa.gov>, "Tsuda, Naomi (FAA)" <Naomi.Tsuda@faa.gov>, "Peter, Lorelei (FAA)" <lorelei.peter@faa.gov>, "Raley, Charles (FAA)" <charles.raleigh@faa.gov>
Subject: UAS Sightings - Potential Enforcement Remedies

AGI and AOC:



Thanks,

Arjun Garg

Chief Counsel

Federal Aviation Administration

<Midwest UAS Sightings Enforcement Memo.doc>

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Jahnke, Mike](#)
Subject: RE: Update From Nebraska Nebraska
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 4:13:00 PM

Of course - dmartin@co.morgan.co.us

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From: Jahnke, Mike <Mike.Jahnke@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>
Subject: Re: Update From Nebraska Nebraska

Can you share his email with me please?

- Jahnke

On Jan 7, 2020, at 5:53 PM, Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov> wrote:

Hi Major Jahnke –

[REDACTED]

Best,

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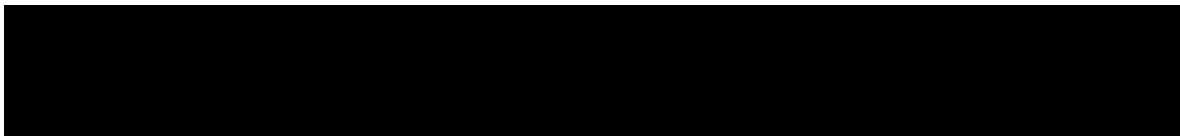
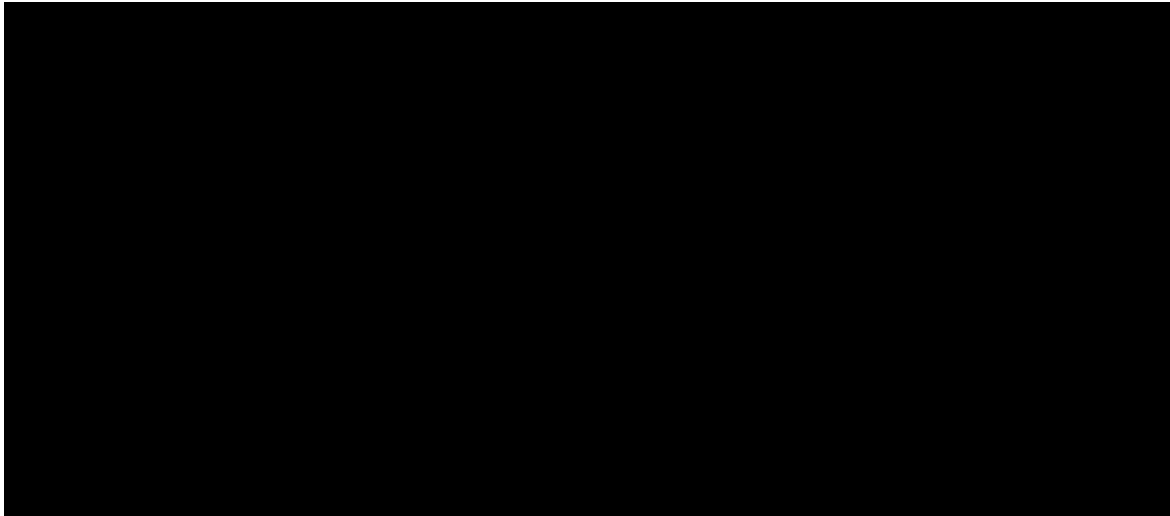
From: Jahnke, Mike <Mike.Jahnke@nebraska.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 3:40 PM

To: Bumberger, Michael (FAA) <Michael.Bumberger@faa.gov>; Gregor, Ian (FAA) <ian.Gregor@faa.gov>

Subject: Update From Nebraska Nebraska

Mike and Ian-



Major Mike Jahnke
Western Operations Commander

Nebraska State Patrol
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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Natalia V. Navarro](#); dmartin@co.morgan.co.us
Subject: RE: Update Re: Drones
Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 10:55:00 AM

Hi Natalia –

No updates on our end. The Colorado Department of Public Safety issued an update a week ago with some helpful information.

Best,

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From: Natalia V. Navarro <nnavarro@cprmail.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Gregor, Ian (FAA) <Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>; dmartin@co.morgan.co.us
Subject: Update Re: Drones

Good morning gentlemen,

Any update on the drone situation? When is the task force set to meet? Anything you can share with me?

thanks,



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Morning General Assignment Reporter, CPR News
Colorado Public Radio
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(303) 871-9191, ext. 467
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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Manzelli, Brianna \(FAA\)](#)
Subject: Re: Washington Post inquiry
Date: Thursday, January 2, 2020 6:07:45 AM

Will do.

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On Jan 2, 2020, at 5:26 AM, Manzelli, Brianna (FAA) <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov> wrote:

Can you update her please? Attributable to FAA or an FAA spox.

Thanks!

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Brianna Manzelli
Assistant Administrator | FAA Communications
O: [\(202\) 267-3454](tel:2022673454) | C: [REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Shammas, Brittany" <Brittany.Shammas@washpost.com>
Date: January 2, 2020 at 8:04:14 AM EST
To: "Manzelli, Brianna (FAA)" <Brianna.Manzelli@faa.gov>
Subject: Washington Post inquiry

Good morning,

We are writing about the [drone sightings](#) that have been reported in parts of Colorado. Can you confirm the FAA is looking into this? At this point, does the FAA know who is flying the drones or why?

Thanks for your help.

Brittany Shammass

Reporter/The Washington Post

202-334-6719

From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Hammel, Paul](#)
Subject: Re: what's the latest on the drone sightings?
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:27:14 PM

Please see the second sentence of our statement.

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So any idea why these sightings seem to be moving eastward??

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From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) [<mailto:ian.Gregor@faa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 3:22 PM

To: Hammel, Paul

Subject: Re: what's the latest on the drone sightings?

It is a federal crime to shoot at any aircraft.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 2:17 PM, Hammel, Paul <Paul.Hammel@owh.com> wrote:

Now we're getting reports in central Nebraska?
Any explanation for these reports moving eastward?
Are they still getting reports in Colo?
Any news from today's meeting in Weld County?
Can't people shoot these down if they're bothering them, or invading their privacy??

Help me out ...

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From: [Gregor, Ian \(FAA\)](#)
To: [Hammel, Paul](#)
Subject: Re: what's the latest on the drone sightings?
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 5:03:43 PM

Without really knowing the details of any of the reported flights, I can't speculate.

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On Jan 6, 2020, at 3:29 PM, Hammel, Paul <Paul.Hammel@owh.com> wrote:

Could I ask one more question?

What laws might be violated by these flights?

(for instance, nighttime flights? Close to buildings, etc.)

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From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) [<mailto:Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Hammel, Paul
Subject: Re: what's the latest on the drone sightings?

LOL

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OK

I get it.

From the long line of pretty dense people

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From: Gregor, Ian (FAA) [<mailto:Ian.Gregor@faa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 3:48 PM

To: Hammel, Paul

Subject: Re: what's the latest on the drone sightings?

We're trying to determine what the sightings are. If authorities can't say for sure what people are seeing, I don't know how they can explain why people are reporting sightings in new areas.

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So this is your response to the question “any idea why these sightings are moving eastward?”

(I’m confused. Because it doesn’t appear to directly respond to my question ...)

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So any idea why these sightings seem to be

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Sent: Monday, January 06, 2020 3:22 PM

To: Hammel, Paul

Subject: Re: what's the latest on the drone sightings?

It is a federal crime to shoot at any aircraft.

FAA Statement (attributable to the FAA)

We take every drone-sighting report seriously. Multiple FAA divisions are working closely with federal, state and local stakeholders to try to determine whether the reported sightings in Colorado and Nebraska are drones and, if so, who is operating them and for what reason. The purpose of today's meeting was for the various agencies to share information and to discuss how we can most effectively collaborate in our efforts.

To date, the FAA has undertaken a number of actions:

- We have contacted UAS test

sites, drone companies, and companies that have received authorization to operate drones in these areas. To date, we have not been able to determine that any of these operators were the source of the reported drone flights.

- We have contacted General Aviation (GA) airports in the affected counties to ensure they are aware of the sightings; to ask the pilots using their airports to be cautious and to report sightings; and to report any people they see operating drones on the ground.

- We are in contact with federal law enforcement and national security partners to discuss potential ways they can assist in identifying who may be operating these aircraft.

We will continue to collaborate closely with our safety and security partners at the federal, state and local levels on our identification efforts.

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Now we're getting reports in
central Nebraska?
Any explanation for these reports
moving eastward?
Are they still getting reports in
Colo?
Any news from today's meeting in
Weld County?
Can't people shoot these down if
they're bothering them, or
invading their privacy??
Help me out ...

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