

Aviation Management

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Division of Fire and Aviation



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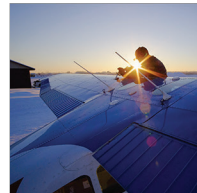
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Leadership

- Kristin Swoboda, Branch Chief (Acting)
- Chris Wilcox, Chief, Division of Fire and Aviation

Mission

The National Park Service (NPS) Aviation Management Program provides leadership at the national, regional and park levels to ensure safe and efficient use of aviation resources.

Administration

The national program is located at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho with other programs under the Division of Fire and Aviation. Regional aviation managers (RAMs) are assigned to offices around the country.

NPS aviation operations make up the most diverse range of aviation missions of any bureau within the Department of the Interior (DOI).

With approximately 12,000 to 13,000 hours of flight time annually, the bureau uses fixed wing, helicopter, and uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS) in support of a multitude of NPS programs and missions, which include, but are not limited to:

- Search and rescue
- Law enforcement
- Visitor protection
- Natural resource management
- Wildlife management
- All-hazard operations
- Personnel transportation
- Wildfire and prescribed fire

Human Resources and Equipment

The national Aviation Management Program facilitates national-level policy, direction, and aviation technical support to enhance the safe and efficient use of aviation resources while conducting NPS missions.

The NPS aviation team is committed to building a safer, stronger, highly trained, and better equipped aviation program for the future. The program continues to develop strategies to protect natural resources and address all hazard situations that require well-trained personnel.

Aviation activities are coordinated with NPS RAMs, NPS park aviation managers (PAMs), the NPS National Aviation Advisory Group (NAAG), DOI Office of Aviation Services (OAS), and interagency aviation partners.

For More Information

To learn more about the NPS Aviation Management Program, visit our websites at nps.gov/aviationprogram and nps.gov/aviation.



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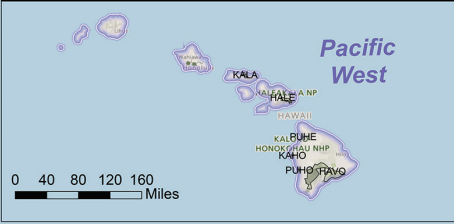
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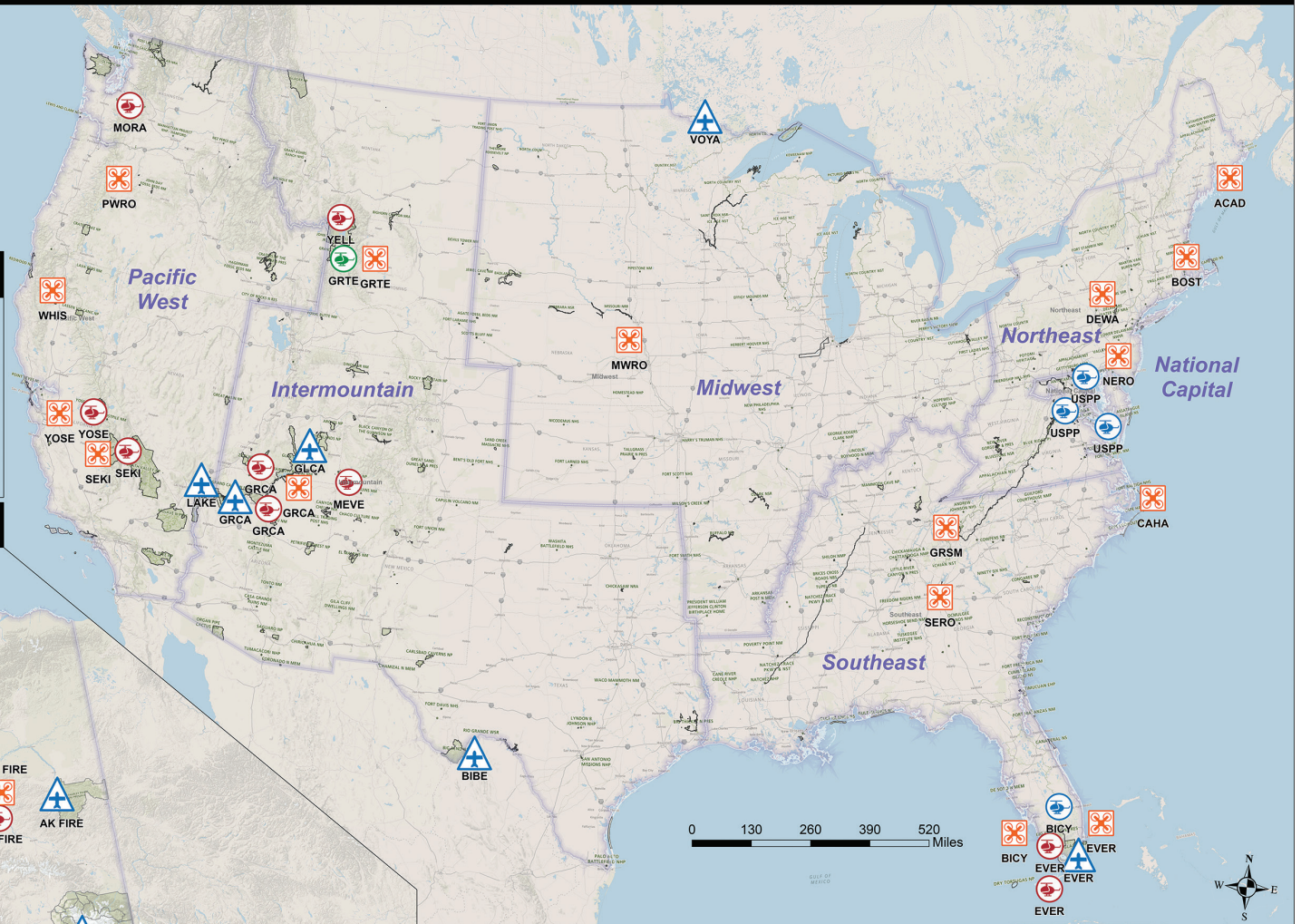
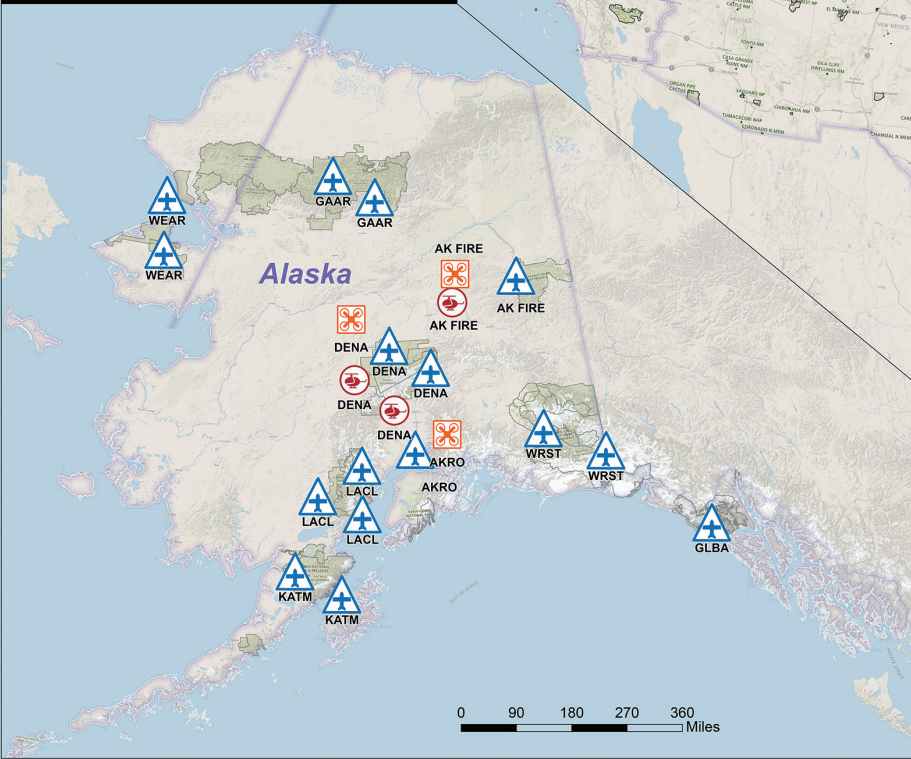
Legend

-  Fixed Wing, Fleet
-  Helicopter, Fleet
-  Helicopter, Exclusive Use
-  Helicopter, Exclusive Use - Shared
-  Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)

Hawaii



Alaska



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