Aviation Management

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Aviation Management Fact Sheet

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Leadership

- Jon Rollens, Branch Chief, Aviation Managment
- Jim Traub, Fleet and Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Specialist
- Meg Gallagher, Eastern Regional Aviation Manager / National Aviation Technical Specialist
- Bill Kaage, Acting Chief - Division of Fire and Aviation

Mission

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

Administration

The program is staffed by the national aviation program manager, national fixed wing and UAS specialist, and a national helicopter program manager, located at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. The national aviation technical specialist is located in Atlanta, Georgia.

The National Park Service utilizes fixed wing, helicopter, and UAS resources in support of a multitude of NPS programs.

These missions include but are not limited to:

Mission

- Search and Rescue
- Law Enforcement
- Visitor Protection
- Natural Resource Management
- Wildlife Management

Mission

- All-Hazard Operations
- Wildland Fire Management
- Prescribed Fire Management
- Dignitary Protection
- Personnel Transportation

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

The National Park Aviation Management Program activities are coordinated with NPS regional aviation managers, NPS park aviation managers, the NPS National Aviation Advisory Group, Department of the Interior, and interagency aviation partners. The NPS utilizes aviation resources for approximately 17,000 to 18,000 fleet, contract, and rental flying hours in support of a wide variety of park programs.

NPS aviation operations comprise the most diverse range of aviation missions of any bureau within the Department of the Interior.

For More Information

To learn more about the National Park Service Aviation Management Program, visit our website.

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