

# Aviation Management

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Branch of Aviation Management  
Division of Fire and Aviation



## Aviation Management Fact Sheet

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### Leadership

- Meg Gallagher, Branch Chief, Aviation Management
- Jim Traub, National Pilot, Fleet Aircraft & UAS Specialist (contractor)
- Bill Kaage, 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. With approximately 12,000 to 13,000 hours of flight time annually, the bureau utilizes fixed wing, helicopter, and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) resources in support of a multitude of NPS programs and missions.

These missions 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, the NPS National Aviation Advisory Group (NAAG), Department of the Interior, and interagency aviation partners.

### For More Information

To learn more about the NPS Aviation Management Program, [visit our website at nps.gov/aviationprogram](https://www.nps.gov/aviationprogram).



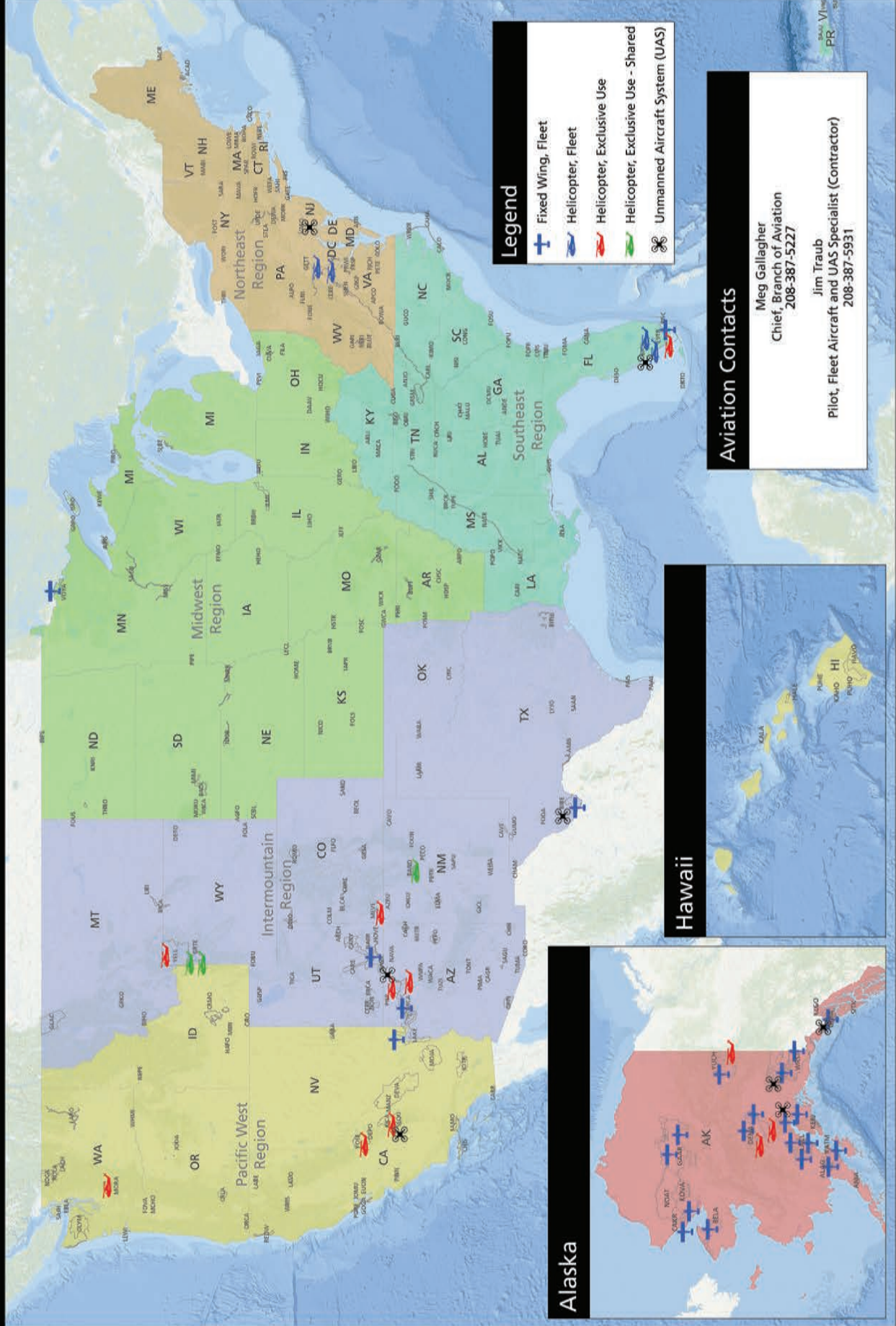
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# Aviation Parks

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### Legend

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

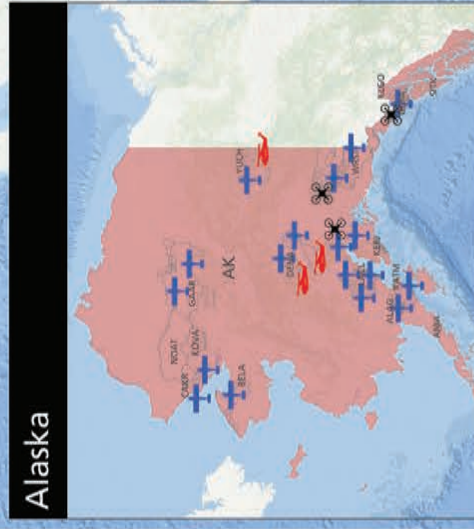
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