

ICCAGRA FAA Update - UAS



.Office Re-organization

- Combining the current two offices (ATO and AVS) into single office with SES lead
- Jim Williams selected as new lead – starts March 26
- Single office fully in place by end of March

.Test Ranges

- Congressionally mandated through 2012 NDAA and 2012 FAA Reauthorization
- FAA to collaborate, consult, and leverage resources of NASA and DoD
- Request for Comment out for getting public and industry input
- Will use an RFP process to make selection competitively
- No money attached for test range operation

.Notice 8900 (replacement to 08-01 Guidance)

- Almost complete; waiting on legal about FIR operations
- Release TBD

.COA Expiration date extended to from 12 to 24 months

.sUAS Rule on hold – release for public comment date unknown

.FOIA Request on COAs

- Request received involved more than 800 COAs and required contact of proponents and review/redaction of any proprietary information
- Missed deadline, now being sued

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- .4 member agencies: NASA, DoD, DHS, FAA
- DOI participating in a working group
- .Working groups addressing three major issues:
 - Multiple manned/unmanned operations in Class D airspace
 - Small UAS operations in Class G Airspace
 - UAS operations in remote areas and FIRS
- .Ultimate goal of working groups is to develop procedures/process for operations and remove COA requirement
- .Accomplishments:
 - Improvements to efficiency and transparency of COA process
 - Extended COA expiration date
 - Ensuring N8900 does not inhibit public aircraft rights
 - Interagency communication of issues at higher levels of management