




Advanced Technologies Update

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Oakridge & Scappoose

Oakridge Airport will be rebuilt. Scappoose added to the initiative.

- Seeking alternative funding through Rural Health Transformation Program.
- ODAV Not primary applicant.
- Rural EMS services and medical delivery via drone.





NASA & Wildfire

Finally had conversations with NASA

- Willing to do a tech transfer of their Portable Airspace Management System.
- Looking at partnering with other states on the system as well.





Counter-UAS

Working with Oregon Homeland Security Council to create a Statewide CUAS Strategic Plan.

- First meeting of workgroup in two weeks.
- Purpose is to:
 - Create statewide governance structure for CUAS.
 - Define legal authority and framework for CUAS.
 - Define the Oregon specific threat environment.
 - Prioritize assets.
 - Create framework for CONOPS and best practices.
 - Create framework for data sharing and interoperability.
 - Create framework for standards and training.





UAS Strategic Plan

Working with Oregon State University to create a statewide UAS Strategic Plan.

- First meeting happened in Hood River last week.
- Purpose
 - To create a workgroup that creates an information sharing ecosystem.
 - Work with Business Oregon on developing a plan to help support and attract UAS businesses.
 - Create a framework to educate policymakers and the general public.
 - Create a framework to enable sharing between state and local agencies.
 - Create a statutory framework to enable operations.





FCC/OMB

Covered list and American Security Drone Act have created huge issues

- National analysis of impact of prohibition on the use of foreign-made drones where there is a federal nexus, notably DJI.
- Impact estimates range from a low of \$50 million upwards to a high of \$2 billion across state and local agencies as well as contractors.
- 95% of ODOT's drone fleet grounded. Only one functional drone
- Does not even cover impacts to law enforcement and public safety.





FCC Comments/American Drone Dominance

FCC Requested Comments on

- Reduce unnecessary FCC regulatory barriers that slow domestic drone deployment and innovation.
- Ensure sufficient spectrum access for UAS testing, public-service operations, and advanced capabilities.
- Provide regulatory clarity so U.S. manufacturers and trusted suppliers can scale production and attract investment.
- Better align FCC spectrum policy with national security priorities and risks from untrusted foreign-origin UAS.
- Streamline experimental licensing and expand drone innovation zones for BVLOS, command-and-control, detect-and-avoid, and secure navigation testing.



ODAV Submitted Comments

Highlights

- Suggested enabling testing in areas of rural Oregon.
- Encouraging the allowance of the new 5GHz band for C2 links.
- Recommend that FCC engage with the states.
- Even received some positive news:
 - <https://dronexl.co/2026/04/07/oregon-fcc-drone-dominance-test-sites/>





2209 Unmanned Aircraft Flight Restrictions (UAFR)

NPRM just dropped

- Flight restrictions over certain critical infrastructure.
- Regular UAFR and Special UAFR.
- Continuous or Part Time UAFR.
- Application process.
- Notice and public comment for both unless overriding security sensitive nature for sUAFR.
- UAFR allows for overflight.
- Events still would be TFR/not UAFR.





Miscellaneous

In the works

- eIPP
- BEYOND or equivalent (delayed because of eIPP)


Gone

- Drone program idea- **eliminated** because of lack of funding and lack of support.
- Education program- **eliminated** because of lack of funding and lack of support.
- AAM position- **eliminated** because of lack of funding and lack of support.



Questions?



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