



To: University Community

Fr: Gary Bowersock, Director of Facilities Management  
Jane Rosenthal, Director of Compliance & Policy

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Re: Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Restrictions

The Colorado School of Mines (Mines) is evaluating procedures required to ensure compliance with all legal obligations and to reduce risks to safety, security, and privacy, related to UAS. The operation of UAS including drones and model aircraft is regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Any operation of an UAS that endangers public safety – either on the ground or in the air – is prohibited by the FAA.

In the absence of a comprehensive UAS policy, Mines is instituting a temporary restriction of any hobbyist or recreational flight of UAS on or over Mines property without prior approval by Facilities Management and a fully executed Facilities Use Agreement with appropriate risk and liability insurance.

This temporary restriction is not intended to restrict any Mines employee or student operating a UAS as part of their Mines employment or as part of a Mines program with appropriate exemption or Certificate of Waiver or Authorization issued by the FAA.

This temporary restriction of hobbyist or recreational flight on or over Mines property shall remain in effect until a vetted and approved UAS policy is established.

Any user not restricted by this notice is still subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations regarding the use of UAS. The user should additionally consider minimizing risks, not interfering with a person's reasonable expectation of privacy, and not interfering with any manned aircraft.

For more information, please contact the Facilities Management Office ([gbowerso@mines.edu](mailto:gbowerso@mines.edu)) and the Director of Compliance and Policy ([compliance@mines.edu](mailto:compliance@mines.edu)) so we can discuss options for your University activities.