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Subject:

Local Area Orientations

Distribution:

All DOI Aviation Activities

Discussion: Pilots who were unfamiliar with local operating procedures or hazards to flight have caused several recent DOI accidents. Managers can reduce the risk of aircraft accidents by sharing local knowledge with unfamiliar pilots operating on public lands.

Recommendation: DOI aviation managers are encouraged to develop formal operational procedures and pilot orientations to help new pilots become familiar with procedures and hazards to flight unique to your park or refuge, etc. Suggested items include:

1. Local or unusual weather or environmental conditions
2. Known hazards to flight
3. Available crash/rescue and emergency services
4. Bureau or local flight following procedures
5. DOI accident and incident reporting procedures
6. Local safety procedures.

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