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Subject: Safety Communiqué (SAFECOM)

Area of Concern: Safety Reporting

Distribution: All Aviation Activities

Discussion: This past field season, a SAFECOM was anonymously submitted containing several allegations of illegal activities and other violations of aviation safety policies at a field location. A thorough on-site review was conducted which proved them all to be without any merit. This type of malicious reporting not only undermines the SAFECOM system but wastes valuable resources, unfairly subjects personnel to questions regarding their character and professionalism and damages the safety culture we all strive to improve.

Safety Communiqué Form

This form is used to report any condition, observation, act, maintenance problem, or circumstance which has the potential to cause an aviation-related mishap. Submitting a SAFECOM is not a substitute for on-the-spot correction(s). **Note:** denotes a required input field.

	REPORTED BY (optional)	
	Name: <input type="text"/>	
	E-Mail: <input type="text"/>	
	Phone: <input type="text"/>	
	Cell Phone: <input type="text"/>	
	Pager: <input type="text"/>	
Organization: <input type="text"/> :Org-Other		
Date Submitted: 11/30/2016		

EVENT

Date: mm / dd / yyyy Local Time: 24 hour clock Injuries: Damage:

Operational Control: Location:

Agency: Airport, City, Lat/Long, or Fire Name

Region: State:

Unit:

The SAFECOM system was designed to report any condition, observation, act, maintenance problem, or circumstance with personnel or the aircraft that has the potential to cause an aviation-related mishap. That being said, a SAFECOM's sole purpose is for mishap prevention.

A SAFECOM is not intended to fix blame and is not to be utilized in disciplinary action against an employee or vendor. Additionally, the use of a SAFECOM for contract evaluations or any other purpose is prohibited.

Within the USDA Forest Service and Department of the Interior, the use of SAFECOMs is limited to accident prevention purposes, not for virulent attacks on co-workers.

Be Professional – Be Safe

/s/ Keith Raley

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