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# USFWS UAS Policy

- Currently, FWS UAS operators utilize DOI OPM 11 for guidance, while Bureau specific policy is being developed.
- Policy relating to Migratory Bird issues relating to UAS is also currently being developed.
- FWS currently has 6 UAS Operators, two in training this week, with more in the pipeline.



# USFWS UAS Enforcement in Wilderness Areas

- Federal Wildlife Officer's (FWO's) are enforcing regulations relating to "drones" operated in Wilderness Areas.
- Primarily utilizing Refuge Act regulations applicable to Wilderness Areas. (Take-off, Landing, Disturbance)
- As more FWO operators come on line, UAS for enforcement will be tested.



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