

Aviation Management

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Aviation Management Fact Sheet

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Mission

The National Park Service Aviation Management Program provides leadership at the national, regional and park levels to ensure safe and efficient use of aviation resources.

Administration

The program is staffed by the national aviation program manager, national aviation operations and safety specialist, and a national helicopter program manager located at NIFC in Boise, Idaho.

The National Park Service utilizes fixed wing and helicopter resources in support of a multitude of NPS programs.

These missions include but are not limited to:

- Search and Rescue
- Law Enforcement and Visitor Protection
- Natural Resource Management
- Wildlife Management
- Wildland Fire Management
- Prescribed Fire Management
- Dignitary Protection
- Personnel Transportation

Human Resources and Equipment

The National Aviation Management Program facilitates national level policy, direction, and aviation technical support to enhance the safe and efficient use of aviation resources while conducting Service missions. The National Park Service aviation team is committed to building a safer, stronger, highly trained, and better equipped aviation program for the future. The aviation program continues to develop visionary strategies to not only protect natural resources, but also to encompass all hazard incidents utilizing our National Park aviation resources and well trained personnel.

The National Park Aviation Management Program activities are coordinated with NPS regional aviation managers, NPS park aviation managers, the NPS National Aviation Advisory Group, Department of the Interior, and our interagency aviation partners. The NPS utilizes aviation resources for approximately 25,000 fleet, contract, and rental flying hours in support of a wide variety of park programs.

NPS aviation operations comprise the most diverse range of aviation missions of any bureau within the Department of the Interior.

For More Information

To learn more about the National Park Service Aviation Management Program, visit www.nps.gov/fire.



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