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**From:** Naval Airspace and Air Traffic Control Standards and Evaluation Agency (N980A)  
**To:** Chief of Staff, Naval Postgraduate School

**Subj:** UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (UAS) AIRSPACE ACCESS  
AUTHORIZATION, 2020-WSA-7196-USN-DoD

**Ref:** (a) Department of Defense (DoD) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)  
Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Operations in the National Airspace System  
(NAS) MOU, dtd 9 May 2019  
(b) Interim Guidance, Department of the Navy (DON) UAS Access and Integration for  
U.S. Civil Airspace  
(c) 2020-WSA-7196-USN-DoD COA Application Processing System (CAPS)  
Application

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), 2020-WSA-7196-USN-DoD is approved for the Naval Post Graduate School to operate the Freely Alta X and similar systems from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2022 as requested in reference (c).
2. Under this AAA, the proponent is authorized to operate in the following location: As depicted in Ref (c). This AAA does not give permission to enter Special Activity Airspace or National Defense Airspace; before UAS operations are conducted in these areas, Proponents must receive authorization as described in in reference (b).
3. This AAA was reviewed by CDR Adam Goffrier, Western Service Area NAVREP, on 30 September, 2020 and approved by CDR Ricky Lee, US Navy FAA HQ Liaison, on 01 October, 2020..
4. The Designated Approval Authority for this AAA is the President of the Naval Postgraduate School, and Aircraft Reporting Custodian for operations conducted under this AAA is CAPT Edward McCabe.
5. The Naval Post Graduate School maintains overall responsibility for ensuring all operations conducted under this authorization are executed safely and in compliance with this authorization, the policies and procedures established in reference (b), and the information submitted in reference (c). Any change to the information provided or the operation requested in reference (c) will void this authorization unless otherwise authorized in writing by N980A.
6. All operations conducted under this authorization will be executed in accordance with Title 14 CFR Part 91 unless otherwise authorized by references (a) and (b). If the proponent cannot adhere to these requirements, contact the NAVREP listed below prior to conducting any UAS operations under this AAA.
7. This authorization may be canceled at any time by N980A or by the FAA via the DON Approver for failure to operate in a safe manner or failure to comply with this authorization or any applicable requirements established by the FAA, DoD, or DON.

8. Direct any questions regarding this authorization to CDR Adam Goffrier, Western Service Area NAVREP, at [john.a.goffrier@faa.gov](mailto:john.a.goffrier@faa.gov) or (206) 231-2502.

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CDR Ricky Lee

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