

Washington Center and Skyline Soaring Club, Inc.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2019

SUBJECT: Glider Operation in Class A Airspace

1. PURPOSE This Letter of Agreement (LOA) establishes an area and procedures for glider operations within Class A airspace under the jurisdiction of Washington Center.

2. CANCELLATION: This LOA will terminate on October 1, 2024, unless a new termination date is mutually agreed. Nothing precludes this LOA from being terminated by either party.

3. SCOPE: The area and procedures specified herein are for the conduct of VFR operations in Class A airspace by members of the Skyline Soaring Club (SSC). This area is referred to as the "Skyline Soaring Area," and is defined in Attachment 1.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. Upon request by members of the Skyline Soaring Club, the Center authorizes deviation from FAR 91.135 to those members whom are operating within the Skyline Soaring Area and who comply with the procedures specified in this LOA.

b. Pilots shall comply with applicable Federal Aviation Regulations.

c. Glider flights may be conducted within the glider area between FL180 and FL230, inclusive. These operations are authorized only during the time approved by Washington ARTCC. The glider area referred to in this LOA is depicted on the map and is described as a polygon defined by the following coordinates:

beginning point; 38 52' 30" / 78 51' 31", to 38 48' 58" / 78 46' 13", to 38 45' 15" / 78 38' 00", to 38 39' 20" / 78 42' 29", to 38 40' 00"; 78 56' 30" to beginning point.

d. This authorization is applicable only during the hours between official sunrise and sunset.

e. Pilots shall not fly in the authorized area with less than 1,000 feet vertically and 1 mile horizontally from any cloud formation or if flight visibility is less than 5 miles.

f. Pilots shall become familiar with local terrain features so that flights will be contained within the glider area by visual reference to the-ground.

g. SSC shall assume separation responsibility between authorized aircraft operating in the glider area.

h. The SSC must ensure that all pilots utilizing these procedures are familiar with and comply with all conditions of this LOA.

5. COORDINATION:

a. SSC shall be responsible for coordinating the times of the intended use of the authorized area with the Washington ARTCC operations manager in charge: 703-771-3470. Coordinate at least 2 hours in advance and include the telephone number where the SSC representative can be contacted while area is in use.

b. The SSC shall receive final approval from Washington ARTCC prior to entry into the authorized area on 133.2 or via telephone. SSC shall advise Washington ARTCC when the authorized area is clear of glider aircraft on frequency 133.2 or via telephone at the number listed in provision 5.

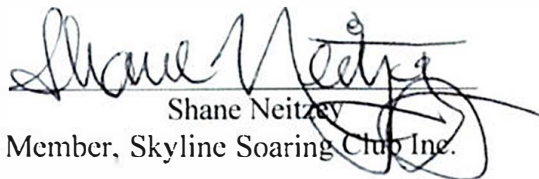
c. SSC shall assume responsibility for relay of communications between glider aircraft using the authorized area and Washington ARTCC.

d. SSC shall advise the Washington ARTCC operations manager in charge as soon as possible after glider operations applicable to this waiver have ceased.

6. SIGNATURES:



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