

## Recreational Use

**Pilot Requirements:** None

**Aircraft Requirements:** Unless exclusively operated in compliance with the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, the aircraft must be registered if over 55 lbs.

**Location Requirements:** 5 miles from airports without proper notification to airport and air traffic control

**Operating Rules:** Must always yield right of way to manned aircraft, must keep the aircraft in sight, UAS must be under 55 lbs., must follow community-based safety guidelines, must notify airport and air traffic control before flying within 5 miles of airport

**Example Applications:** Educational or recreational flying only

**Legal or Regulatory Basis:** Public Law 112-95, Section 336 (Special Rule for Model Aircraft); FAA interpretation of the rule

## Commercial Use

**Pilot Requirements:** Must have Remote Pilot Airman Certificate, be 16 years of age, and pass TSA vetting process

**Aircraft Requirements:** Must be less than 55 lbs., must be registered if over 55 lbs., must undergo pre-flight check to safety

**Location Requirements:** Class G airspace

**Operating Rules:** Must always yield right of way to manned aircraft, must keep the aircraft in sight, must not exceed 100 mph, must fly below 400 feet, must not fly over people, must not fly from a moving vehicle

**Example Applications:** Flying for commercial use or flying incidental to business

**Legal or Regulatory Basis:** Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulation (14 CFR), Part 107

## There's an App for That!

B4UFLY is the FAA's new smartphone app, which allows users to find out whether it safe and legal to fly in their current or planned location. The app is available for download on Apple or Android devices.



## Learn More

For additional information and resources, please visit the "Information for Citizens" portion of the Pullman Police Department website: [www.pullman-wa.gov/departments/police](http://www.pullman-wa.gov/departments/police)



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# UAS & Model Aircraft

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Safely Navigating the  
Legal Boundaries





## **Flying Under the Special Rule for Model Aircraft**

*Note: Model aircraft operators that comply with all of these operational requirements during flight do not have to register their UAS with the FAA.*

Model aircraft operators must follow these rules to fly under the Special Rule for Model Aircraft (P.L. 112-95, Section 336)

- the aircraft is flown strictly for hobby or recreational use
- the aircraft is operated in accordance with a community-based set of safety guidelines and within the programming of a nationwide community-based organization
- the aircraft is operated in a manner that does not interfere with and gives way to any manned aircraft
- when flown within 5 miles of an airport, the operator of the aircraft provides the airport operator and airport traffic control tower (as applicable) with prior notice of the operation (model aircraft operators flying from a permanent location within 5 miles of an airport should establish a mutually-agreed upon operating procedure with the airport operator and airport traffic control tower)

**The City of Pullman is within 5 miles of the regional airport. The airport operator must be notified prior to flight of a model aircraft/UAS.**



## **What is a Model Aircraft?**

An unmanned aircraft system is an unmanned aircraft and the equipment necessary for the safe and efficient operation of that aircraft. An unmanned aircraft is a component of a UAS. It is defined by statute as an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft

A model aircraft is defined as an unmanned aircraft that is:

- capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere
- flown within visual line sight of the person operating the aircraft
- flown for hobby/recreational purposes



## **FAA Safety Rules**

- Fly at or below 400 feet
- Be aware of airspace requirements and restrictions
- Avoid surrounding obstacles
- Keep your UAS within sight
- Never fly near other aircraft, especially near airports
- Never operate over groups of people
- Never fly over stadiums or sporting events
- Keep away from emergency response efforts, such as fires
- Never fly under the influence of drugs or alcohol

