

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF AIRCRAFT SERVICES

# SAFETY ALERT

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**Subject:** Uncontrolled airport procedures

**Distribution:** All DOI Aviation Operations

**Discussion:** On June 25, 1996 the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) determined that one of the probable causes of a mid air collision between two aircraft at an uncontrolled airport was "inadequate procedures." Recently, a USDA-Forest Service Safecom (#01-80) identified a similar incident at an uncontrolled airport that could easily have resulted in multiple fatalities.

**Recommendations:** It is imperative that Department of the Interior (DOI) pilots and pilots on contract to DOI be thoroughly familiar with the content and comply with the intentions of FAA advisory circulars AC 90-42F (traffic advisory practices at airports without operating control towers) and AC-90-66A (recommended standard traffic patterns and practices for aeronautical operations at airports without operational control towers).

These circulars may be downloaded online at [www.faa.gov/avr/afs/acs/90-42f.txt](http://www.faa.gov/avr/afs/acs/90-42f.txt) and [www.faa.gov/avr/afs/acs/90-66a.txt](http://www.faa.gov/avr/afs/acs/90-66a.txt).

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