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Dear Mr. Bathrick,

Current Forest Service (USFS) Policy in FSM 5712.43 allows Forest Service units to use pilots approved and carded by Office of Aviation Services for specific missions without re-inspection if such pilots have one of the following Office of Aviation Services cards:

- a) Form OAS-30A, Pilot Qualification (Airplane)
- b) Form OAS-30B, Pilot Qualification (Helicopter)
- c) Form OAS-30C, Airtanker Pilot Qualification

This policy does not recognize the Form OAS-30U, Unmanned Pilot Qualification. This letter of authorization closes this policy gap and accepts this Form as a means of pilot approval. The Forest Service will accept and allow Office of Aviation Services to inspect and card Forest Service Unmanned Aircraft Pilots and aircraft without re-inspection provided that the authorized inspectors have been approved by the Branch Chief, Pilot Standardization and that they are identified by letter annually.

Additionally, Forest Service Policy in FSH 5709.16 46.2 states that Forest Service units may use aircraft approved by the Department of Interior for administrative, project, and special missions without re-inspection if they have an appropriate approval. This letter recognizes the OAS-36U, Unmanned Aircraft Card and accepts this Form as a means of UAS approval and continues to allow Forest Service units to utilize Department of Interior aircraft for administrative, project, and special missions without re-inspection.

Sincerely,

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