

Interagency Aviation Information Bulletin



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Subject: Exclusive Use Type I Helicopter Call Signs

Area of Concern: Aviation Operations

Discussion: Tanked Type 1 helicopters on U.S. Forest Service exclusive-use contracts will no longer utilize 700 series identifiers. These contracted aircraft will now display the last three numbers or letters of the aircraft's FAA tail number as indicated below. The affected contractors received a modification identifying this new requirement.

The tanked aircraft will display the last three numbers of the aircraft registration on both sides of the aircraft. Numbers/letters will be high visibility/contrasting colors and a minimum 32 inches high and 5 inches wide. Number placement on the aircraft sides should give high consideration to visibility from the ground.

Aircraft Identifiers will be assigned and marked as follows:

- Columbia Helicopters:
 - o N471CH will display **1CH**
 - o N472CH will display **2CH**
- Helicopter Transport Services:
 - o N715HT will display 5HT
 - o N716HT will display 6HT
 - o N718HT will display 8HT
 - o N720HT will display **0HT**
- Croman Corporation:
 - o N611CK will display 1CK
- Siller Helicopters Inc:
 - o N9125M will display **25M**
 - o N4037S will display 37S
 - o N7095B will display 95B

Key Points:

- Affects exclusive use type 1 tanked helicopters only
- Does not affect Call When Needed type 1 tanked helicopters
- Pilots will use the designated identifier (listed above) during all operations

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