

## 2018 Wildland Fire Incursion Events of Unauthorized UAS

No.	Date	Closest Location	Event	Jurisdiction	UAS description	Aviation Operations affected
1.	02/02/18	Amarillo, TX	<b>Western Fire.</b> UAS Incursion during fire retardant drop operations. Unable to locate UAS operator. ( <a href="#">SAFECOM 18-0123</a> )	Texas State	Unknown.	<b>No.</b>
2.	03/11/18	Brown County	<b>Mickillroy Fire.</b> Drone intrusion over fire, but no TFR. ( <a href="#">SAFECOM 18-0147</a> )	Texas State	Unknown.	<b>Yes, about 5 minutes.</b>
3.	04/19/18	Hanover, CO	<b>MM 117 Fire.</b> TFR Intrusion by a TV station drone flown by a contracted operator. ( <a href="#">SAFECOM 18-0213</a> )	Colorado State	Black and white quadcopter.	<b>Yes.</b>
4.	04/29/18	Happy Jack, AZ	<b>Tinder Fire.</b> ATGS notified of UAS operations in the area and cleared the airspace for approximately 10-15 minutes. No further UAS activity observed. ( <a href="#">SAFECOM 18-0238</a> )	Coconino NF	Unknown.	<b>Yes, 10-15 minutes.</b>
5.	04/29/18	Little Falls, MN	<b>Prairie Fire.</b> UAS incursion stopped aerial firefighting assets. Unable to locate UAS operator. ( <a href="#">SAFECOM 18-0241</a> )	Minnesota State	UAS quadcopter.	<b>Yes.</b>
6.	04/30/18	Española, NM	<b>Chicama Fire.</b> UAS spotted over fire retardant line. Airtankers held until risk was gone. ( <a href="#">SAFECOM 18-0244</a> )	Santa Fe NF	Unknown.	<b>Yes.</b>
7.	05/10/18	Bailey, CO	<b>Shooting Range Fire.</b> UAV spotted over spot fire approximately 0.2 miles from main fire, forcing helicopter landing. Unable to locate UAV operator. ( <a href="#">SAFECOM 18-0272</a> )	San Isabel NF	Unknown.	<b>Yes, 30 minutes.</b>

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8.	05/20/18	Yuma, AZ	<b>Prison Hill Fire.</b> Drone intrusion. Air operations ceased after drone spotted. Unable to locate UAS operator. <a href="#">(SAFECOM 18-0296)</a>	Colorado River District Office, BLM	White.	<b>Yes.</b>
9.	06/10/18	Wolcott, CO	<b>Bocco Fire.</b> UAS intrusion delayed bucket drop operations. <a href="#">(SAFECOM 18-0340)</a>	Upper Colorado Interagency Fire Management, BLM	Unknown.	<b>Yes.</b>
10.	06/28/18	Grand Lake, CO	<b>Golf Course Fire.</b> Bucket drop operations interrupted by drone incursion. After 15 minutes, confirmation was received that drone was located and removed from airspace by local law enforcement officer and operations resumed. <a href="#">(SAFECOM 18-0412)</a>	Colorado State	Unknown.	<b>Yes, approx. 15 minutes.</b>
11.	07/05/18	New Harmony, UT	<b>West Valley Fire.</b> Air Attack spotted a drone over fire. All Helicopter operations shut down and drone incursion notifications and protocols initiated. <a href="#">(SAFECOM 18-0467)</a>	Dixie NF	Large, black, red and white.	<b>Yes.</b>
12.	07/06/18	Colorado	Drone spotted in fire area. <a href="#">(SAFECOM 18-0475 – still in review)</a>	Colorado State	Unknown.	<b>Unknown.</b>
13.	07/08/18	Colorado	News station drone sent into fire area. No additional information currently available. <a href="#">(SAFECOM 18-0485 – still in review)</a>	Colorado State	Unknown.	<b>Unknown.</b>
14.	07/08/18	Doyle, CA	<b>Constantia Fire.</b> Drone sighted over fire. NOPS notified and unit intrusion form filled out. Helicopters grounded for short time, then mission continued.	Northern California District, BLM	Small and white.	<b>Yes.</b>

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			<a href="#">(SAFECOM 18-0487)</a>			
15.	07/08/18	St. George, UT	<b>Mokaac Fire.</b> Air Attack spotted a drone over fire and followed drone until it was clear of the FTA. Operations subsequently continued and drone protocol followed. <b>(SAFECOM 18-0493 – still in review)</b>	Arizona Strip District Office, BLM	Unknown.	<b>Yes.</b>
16.	07/16/18	Mason County, WA	<b>Kings Landing Fire.</b> UAS intrusion into TFR. Helicopters disengaged from fire until confirmation that there was no longer a drone over the fire. <b>(SAFECOM 18-0564 – still in review)</b>	Washington State	Unknown.	<b>Yes.</b>
17.	07/20/18	Boise, ID	<b>Cartwright Fire.</b> UAS providing footage for local news station came within ¼ mile of helitack's helispot and ½ mile of retardant drops. No TFR in place at the time. <b>(SAFECOM 18-0566)</b>	Other – City of Boise	Unknown.	<b>No.</b>
18.	07/23/18	Little Salmon River / Hwy 95, ID	<b>Rattlesnake Fire.</b> Drone spotted by pilot at eye level during bucket work. Pilot notified Air Attack who advised pilot to set down at helispot at heel of fire. Investigators unable to locate drone or operator. No TFR in place at the time. <b>(SAFECOM 18-0595)</b>	Nez Perce-Clearwater NF	Black.	<b>Yes.</b>
19.	08/01/18	Grassy Ridge Fire, ID	<b>Grassy Ridge Fire.</b> Pilot conducting recon for rehab over active fire spotted white drone 100ft below him. Intrusion protocols followed. <b>(SAFECOM 18-0666 – still in review)</b>	Idaho Falls District Office, BLM	White.	<b>Yes.</b>