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Drone Registration Now Required by FAA

PULLMAN – Owners must register small UAS (unmanned aerial system, also known as a “drone”) weighing more than 0.55 pounds (250 grams) and less than 55 pounds (approx. 25 kilograms) if they are to be flown outdoors for hobby or recreation. The Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) new web-based registration system for small UAS is now active at www.faa.gov/uas/registration.

Aircraft operated by the current owner before Dec. 21, 2015 must be registered no later than Feb. 19, 2016. For all others, registration is required prior to the first outdoor flight. Owners must provide their complete name, physical address, mailing address (if different), and a valid email address to register.

Federal law requires a \$5 registration fee that will be collected at the time of registration via credit card. To encourage speedy compliance, the FAA is making the process free for the first 30 days. The registration website will initially charge the owner’s credit card \$5, but a refund credit will appear shortly afterward.

After completing registration, owners will receive a personal registration number. If a person owns more than one small UAS, each aircraft must be marked with that number. Any method may be used to mark the UAS, as long as the number is legible. Registrants may put the number in the battery compartment if it is easily accessible.

The FAA will immediately email a certificate containing the holder’s name, registration number, and the dates of issuance and expiration. The operator must keep either a printed or electronic version of this certificate on hand for inspection as proof of registration. Registration must be renewed every three years. If assistance is needed with registration, email UAShelp@faa.gov.

For more information:

FAA Registration FAQ: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/faqs>

Pullman PD UAS Information: <http://bit.ly/1CSbUAT>

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