The Office of Research and Economic Development's Mission

ORED enables, supports, performs and promotes research and scholarly and creative activities that address the needs and expectations of the state, region and world.

OUR VISION

University of Idaho research and scholarly and creative activities will expand knowledge, provide solutions, foster an enhanced quality of life and cultivate an educated 21st century citizenry.

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Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS aka DRONES)

Flying safely and how the Office of Research Assurances (ORA) can help you and your mission.





Unmanned Aerial Systems

Unmanned Aerial Systems or drones are now being utilized on campus in many innovative ways to enhance research, improve learning, and elevate campus events.

APM 45.35 University of Idaho (UI) Unmanned Aircraft Systems

APM 45.35 is the policy that governs use of UAS for official university purposes such as research, education or outreach.

The full text for APM 45.35 can be accessed at:

https://www.uidaho.edu/apm/45/35

Section 107 Waiver

In August of 2016, the Federal Aviation Administration released new regulations that have loosened the restrictions on flying UAS for commercial purposes. All official use of UAS by UI under Sec 107 is considered a commercial purpose.

University of Idaho UAS Committee

The UAS Committee reviews and recommends to the Vice President of ORED all proposed use of UAS in navigable airspace by any members of the University of Idaho community.

The committee considers the legal and ethical issues related to official UI use of UAS and applies relevant law, guidance from federal agencies, etc., in determining whether a proposed use should be recommended to the Vice President of ORED for approval.

How ORA can help

The UAS compliance coordinator assists the University of Idaho community in creating safe and effective UAS flight proposals that are likely to be approved. The compliance coordinator liaisons with the UAS Committee to ensure all questions or concerns are accurately communicated and addressed.

Who uses UAS

UAS uses are wide and varied. Members of the University of Idaho community who use them include:

- Faculty
- Staff
- Students
- Third party contractors

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