Montana Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)  
Situational Awareness Workshop  
August 28, 2019 – The Colonial Helena Delta Hotel  
Helena, MT

8:00 am Registration, and Networking

9:00 am Welcome, Administrative Announcements, and Introductions
Eric Holdeman, Director, PNWER’s Center for Regional Disaster Resilience  
Steve Myers, Senior Program Manager, PNWER’s Center for Regional Disaster Resilience

9:15 am The Objectives and Goals of Today’s Workshop
Michael Radke, Eastern District Supervisor, Montana State Disaster and Emergency Services

9:25 am Public Sector UAS Operational Concepts and Uses
Moderator Steve Myers  
Panelist:
Sgt. Jay Nelson, Special Operation Commander, Montana Highway Patrol  
Kevin Danz, Owner/Pilot, IFlyBigSky  
Steve White, Owner, Altilux

10:15 am Private Sector UAS Operational Concepts and Uses
Moderator Edward Meier, Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI)  
Panelist:
Shane Beams, Founder and CEO, Vision Aerial  
Weston Irr, Director of Unmanned Systems, Bridger Aerospace  
JD "Pepper" Petersen, Jr, Partner, Big Sky UAV  
Christian Bryce, UAS design engineer and pilot, Skyfish
11:25 am Overview and Future Possibilities of Drone/UAS Programs at Montana higher education institutions.

Jeremy Crowley, Associate Professor, Montana Tech and Hydrogeologist, UAS Pilot, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

Jennifer Fowler, Director, Autonomous Aerial Systems Office, University of Montana

12:00 pm Break and pick up boxed lunches

12:15 pm Potential users group and Concept of Operations (CONOPs) in the State: Facilitated Discussion: Eric Holdeman, Director, PNWER’s Center for Regional Disaster Resilience

12:55 pm Next Steps

1:00 pm Adjourn