



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