



Pacific NorthWest
Economic Region



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**

Panelists:

- **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)

Panelists:

- **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

11:10 am Highlights from the Montana Highway Patrol of UAS/Drone Usage

- **Sgt. Jay Nelson**, Special Operation Commander, Montana Highway Patrol

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