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of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

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Washington, D.C. 20591

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Exemption No. 14769A  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2015-3794

Mr. M. Fontenot  
SkyFire Services, LLC  
2255 Quail Drive  
Lakewood, Colorado 80215

Dear Mr. Fontenot:

This letter is to inform you that we have granted your request for exemption. It transmits our decision, explains its basis, and gives you the conditions and limitations of the exemption, including the date it ends.

By letters dated July 4, 2015 and posted to the docket December 21, 2015, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of SkyFire Services, LLC (hereinafter petitioner or operator) for an exemption. In the February 10, 2016 decision letter, the FAA granted Exemption No. 14769. That exemption from §§ 61.23(a) and (c), 61.101(e)(4) and (5), 61.113(a), 61.315(a), 91.7(a), 91.119(c), 91.121, 91.151(a)(1), 91.405(a), 91.407(a)(1), 91.409(a)(1) and (2), and 91.417(a) and (b) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allows the petitioner to operate a UAS to perform aerial data collection. At the time, the FAA was unable to approve the XUAV Talon Mini, MyFlyDream MyTwinDream Twin Rotor, Aeritech I-Soar, Range Video – RVJet UAS. The FAA is now prepared to act on that request.

See the docket, at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), for the petition submitted to the FAA describing the proposed operations and the regulations that the petitioner seeks an exemption.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to the petitioner.

## **Airworthiness Certification**

In accordance with the statutory criteria provided in Section 333 of Public Law 112–95 in reference to 49 U.S.C. § 44704, and in consideration of the size, weight, speed, and limited operating area associated with the aircraft and its operation, the Secretary of Transportation has determined that this aircraft meets the conditions of Section 333. Therefore, the FAA finds that relief from 14 CFR part 21, *Certification procedures for products and parts, Subpart H—Airworthiness Certificates*, and any associated noise certification and testing requirements of part 36, is not necessary.

## **Our Decision**

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 14769 remains valid and is in the public interest. Therefore, under the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator, the operator is granted an amendment to add new aircraft to its UAS operations.

The operator shall add this amendment to its original exemption.

## **Conditions and Limitations**

All conditions and limitations within Grant of Exemption No. 14769 remain in effect except as follows. Condition No. 1 has been updated to reflect the additional aircraft.

Failure to comply with any of the conditions and limitations of this grant of exemption will be grounds for the immediate suspension or rescission of this exemption.

1. Operations authorized by this grant of exemption are limited to the Ritewing Spade Z3 47” Fixed Wing, Ritewing Drak 60” Fixed Wing, H4-680 Quadcopter, Ritewing Spade 70, XUAV Talon, DJI Phantom 3, DJI S900, DJI S1000, DJI Inspire 1, 3D Robotics Solo, Blade Chroma, Yuneec Typhoon Q500, Yuneec Typhoon H920, XUAV Talon Mini, MyFlyDream MyTwinDream Twin Rotor, Aeritech I-Soar, and Range Video – RVJet UAS when weighing less than 55 pounds including payload. Proposed operations of any other aircraft will require a new petition or a petition to amend this exemption.

This exemption terminates on February 28, 2018, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,

/s/

John S. Duncan  
Director, Flight Standards Service