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To: Airport Operators and FAA Airport Certification Safety Inspectors (ACSIIs)

Subject: Considerations for Use of Unmanned Aircraft in Support of Airport Wildlife Dispersal

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- 1. Purpose.** This CertAlert highlights a letter recently distributed regarding the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in dispersing wildlife at an airport. The letter contains information about permitting requirements under the Airborne Hunting Act¹ (AHA) in conjunction with an airport wildlife hazard plan.
- 2. Background.** FAA has specific requirements and guidance for UAS operations, registration, certifications, as well as waivers and airspace authorizations. Before UAS operations occur for wildlife dispersal on airports, airport sponsor and UAS operator coordination should occur, and any necessary approvals should be received, including FAA airspace authorization. To ensure compliance with federal regulations for wildlife dispersal, the appropriate regional U.S. Fish and Wildlife permitting office(s) should be contacted prior to any dispersal activities with an unmanned aircraft system.
- 3. Recommendations.** Airport operators, and those involved in the wildlife dispersal process with unmanned aircraft, are encouraged to read the UAS Wildlife Dispersal Letter linked below and consider adding it to appropriate training curriculum to ensure all airports' stakeholders are aware of the federal regulatory considerations and necessary permitting at the state and federal levels.

For additional guidance regarding on airport UAS activities, please read the [Letter to Airport Sponsors about Policies and General Best Practices for UAS Activities on Airports](#). See also the [Letter to Airport Sponsors about Using UAS to Disperse Wildlife](#).

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¹ 16 U.S.C. § 742j-1. The implementing regulations can be found at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-50/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-19>.