

Bureau Directors,

Please be advised that effective immediately, and until further notice, all non-emergency missions for drones owned or leased by the Department of the Interior and its bureaus are to cease. We will continue to use drones for emergency purposes, such as fighting wildfires, search and rescue, and dealing with natural disasters that may threaten life or property.

This direction may be revised after the Department has had the opportunity to conduct a comprehensive review of its drone program.

Please inform me after you have notified your affected staff of this decision.

Please briefly report to me on a weekly basis, beginning this Friday, November 1, of any drone missions conducted by your organization under the emergency exception to this general policy.

Thanks,

Scott

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