
CONTROLLED FIRING
Fort Harrison Controlled Firing Area
Helena, Montana

Controlled firing occurs in the vicinity of the Helena, Montana VORTAC (HLN) 24 hours daily, 5'800 MSL and BELOW. The area defined by the following radial/DME coordinates HLN258008, HLN258005, HLN250008, HLN250005.

Limestone Hills Controlled Firing Area
Helena, Montana

Controlled firing occurs in the vicinity of the Helena, Montana VORTAC (HLN) 24 hours daily, FL180 and BELOW. The area defined by the following radial/DME coordinates HLN125026, HLN127028, HLN140025, HLN125028.

**SPECIAL NORTH ATLANTIC, CARIBBEAN AND
PACIFIC AREA COMMUNICATIONS**

VHF air-to-air frequencies enable aircraft engaged in flights over remote and oceanic areas out of range of VHF ground stations to exchange necessary operational information and to facilitate the resolution of operational problems.

Frequencies have been designated as follows:

North Atlantic area:	123.45 MHz
Caribbean area:	123.45 MHz
Pacific area:	123.45 MHz

MOUNT ST. HELENS NATIONAL VOLCANIC MONUMENT, WASHINGTON

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) conduct low level flights to and from monitor station within the monument and within the crater itself. Due to this activity, the volatility of the volcano and a high volume of sightseeing flights in the area, the following procedures are recommended in the interest of flying safety.

1. VFR aircraft are encouraged to transmit an initial position report on 122.75 MHz in the blind when flying at altitudes of less than 10,000 feet MSL within 10 nautical miles of the Mount St. Helens volcano crater.
 2. VFR flight below 3000 feet AGL – strongly not recommended.
 3. VFR flight above 3000 feet AGL – fly a counterclockwise pattern, no closer than 3 miles to the volcano summit.
- VFR rules of “see and be seen” and good airmanship practices will prevail. Approval to land can only be obtained through appropriate Federal or State authority. Any significant information will be available on the Portland and Seattle ATIS. Marginal radar coverage limits Seattle Center's ability to provide radar flight following to aircraft in orbit of the volcano.

DEVILS TOWER NATIONAL MONUMENT, WYOMING

For reasons of national welfare, pilots are requested to avoid flights within 3 nautical miles of Devils Tower National Monument.

BIRD HAZARD OREGON AND WASHINGTON

Heavy concentration of migratory and wintering flocks of large waterfowl from the Canadian to California borders annually November to May. Caution advised at all airports or while transiting area.

SEATTLE-TACOMA INTL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Gatehold Procedures:

During peak departure periods, gatehold procedures are implemented for all IFR departures. Additional information will be broadcast on ATIS.

Oceanic Departures:

1. Contact Clearance Delivery only when you will be ready to taxi within ten minutes. State destination, requested altitude, “ten minutes to taxi.”
2. If ATC delays are more than 15 minutes for your filed altitude/route, alternatives with less delay will be offered.
3. Failure to depart the gate within ten minutes or reach the runway at the release time specified in the IFR clearance may result in the cancellation of your clearance.

MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO

All aircraft operating within 25 NM southwest of V-4, V-330, and V-253 are requested to contact Mountain Home approach on 124.8 for traffic advisories due to intensive military training in the Mountain Home Area.

For further information contact Mountain Home RAPCON 208-828-6069.

MILITARY TRAINING ROUTES

The DOD Flight Information Publication AP/1B provides textual and graphic descriptions and operating instructions for all military training routes (IR, VR, SR) and refueling tracks/anchors. Complete and more comprehensive information relative to policy and procedures for IRs and VRs is published in FAA Handbook 7610.4 (Special Military Operations) which is agreed to by the DOD and therefore directive for all military flight operations. The AP/1B is the official source of route data for military users.