



Drones / Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in the Coronado National Forest

Visitors' drones must be registered with the FAA and adhere to FAA regulations to operate on Forest Service lands.

<https://www.faa.gov/uas>.

The registration number must be on the aircraft. The number can be inside the battery compartment if it doesn't require a tool to open it. Drones can only be used only for recreational purposes. Filming to post to YouTube or sell footage is considered commercial use and requires a special license and permits from the Forest Service. For a special use permit, contact: sm.fs.coronado_su@usda.gov.

Please adhere to the following rules and regulations:

- Drones must be registered with the FAA if over .55lbs.
- The drone cannot exceed 55 pounds.
- The drone cannot exceed 400 ft in altitude.
- A drone can only be operated during daylight hours and must be in view of the operator at all times.
- Drones cannot be flown near populated or noise-sensitive areas such as campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, or visitor centers.
- Privacy laws must be adhered to.
- The drone cannot take off from, land in, or be operated within congressionally designated wilderness or primitive areas.
- Drones are prohibited from flying in areas with temporary restrictions including wildfires and should never be flown in proximity to wildfire operations.
- Drones cannot be flown near wildlife or approach animals or birds.
- Disturbance of animals during breeding, nesting, rearing of young, or other critical function is not allowed.
- Drones cannot be used to harass wildlife or to assist with hunting.
- Drone owners must take and pass the Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) and must provide proof of completion if asked by FAA personnel or law enforcement.
- Download the FAA application prior to flying from B4UFLY App.

