



GENERAL AVIATION ADVISORY

Due to the number of wildfires burning in the back country, Pilots are advised to check Notices to Airman (NOTAM's) prior to Flight. Several Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR's) (FAR 91.137) are in effect. There continue to be new fires starting that are not under TFR but pose hazards to aviators.

These hazards include but are not limited to:

- Reduced visibility due to smoke and haze, causing marginal VFR conditions.
- Strong downdrafts due to smoke columns and convective buildup, causing moderate to severe turbulence.
- Numerous fire fighting aircraft transitioning to and from fires and operation at low levels.
- High density altitudes and possible temperature inversions, affecting aircraft performance.
- Temporary control towers at previously uncontrolled airports.

If a fire is spotted stay safely clear and contact your Flight Service Station with a location report, usually a VOR radial and DME distance.

While Fire Management Agencies regret the inconvenience to the General Aviation community, they continue to ask for everyone's cooperation in providing for Firefighter and Public Safety.

