



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**

Effective Date: January 1, 2019

**SUBJ:** Renewal of the Boston ARTCC/Soaring Society of America Region 1 LOA

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- 1. PURPOSE:** To annotate the approval to renew the Boston Center/Soaring Society of America Region 1 Letter of Agreement (LOA) for one year.
- 2. AUDIENCE:** Air Traffic Managers, Support Managers, Operations Managers (OMIC), Traffic Management Unit (TMU), PENBAY Media, Training, Training (ZBW-17), Area B, Soaring Society of America-Region 1(SSA).
- 3. DOCUMENT PROCESSING:** This letter documents the fact that all concerned parties agree to the Letter of Agreement renewal for the calendar year 2019.
- 4. PROCEDURAL CHANGES:** All parties agree that no changes are necessary to continue this agreement.
- 5. POINT OF CONTACT:** As part of the agreement, the Soaring Society of America – Region 1 will provide a POC. For this renewal the POC for the SSA is:

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LETTER OF AGREEMENT

EFFECTIVE: October 5, 2018

**SUBJECT:** CLASS A GLIDER OPERATIONS MT. WASHINGTON, NH

- 1. PURPOSE.** To define responsibilities, coordination and communication requirements for Class A Airspace glider operations in the Mt. Washington Glider Area.
- 2. CANCELLATION.** Boston Center/Soaring Society of America Region 1 Letter of Agreement dated October 5, 2017.
- 3. SCOPE.** The procedures outlined herein apply to glider operations conducted in Class A Airspace.
- 4. RESPONSIBILITIES.** In accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) 91.135(d) and supplemental to all other applicable regulations, the provisions contained herein authorize Soaring Society of America - Region 1 to conduct glider operations in Class A Airspace within the Mt. Washington Glider Area. Where used in this agreement, "Must" indicates that the procedure is mandatory.
- 5. GENERAL PROCEDURES.** Soaring Society of America - Region 1 must ensure:
  - a. All pilots operating in Class A Airspace within the Mt. Washington Glider Area:
    - (1) Are familiar, and comply with, all provisions of this agreement.
    - (2) Conduct all glider operations under Visual Flight Rules (VFR).
    - (3) Contain all flight activity within the lateral confines of the authorized area.
    - (4) Remain at and below the maximum approved flight level altitude (FL) for the authorized area.
    - (5) Maintain separation from all other gliders operating within the authorized area.
  - b. No student pilot acts as Pilot-in-Command while operating in Class A Airspace.
  - c. Telephone communications are available between Boston ARTCC and Soaring Society of America - Region 1 during the authorized time periods of the glider area.
  - d. Notify Boston ARTCC if the glider area is not used as authorized or if all glider operations have terminated prior to the end of the airspace authorization.

**6. AREA OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES:**

- a. Soaring Society of America - Region 1 must:
  - (1) Contact the Boston ARTCC Mission Coordinator (MC) at (603) 879-6663 between one and three hours prior to the requested authorization for the Mt. Washington Glider Area. This notification must include the operational telephone communication number(s), requested maximum ceiling altitude (FL) for the operation, the activation and termination times and the number of gliders involved with the request.

*NOTE: Once operating areas have been preapproved through the MC, requests for additional altitudes stratum may be made with Boston ARTCC via sector frequency from within the approved operating areas.*

- (2) Ensure that all pilots operating in Class A Airspace are advised of the authorized glider area, the maximum altitude for the area and the time period of the authorization.
- (3) Ensure that air/ground communication exists with all flights utilizing the glider area.

(4) Broadcast the status of the glider area every 30 minutes on frequency 123.3. If a pilot operating in the Mt. Washington Glider Area does not receive this transmission, they must immediately exit Class A Airspace.

(5) In the event an operational recall of the glider area is needed by Boston ARTCC, all aircraft must exit Class A Airspace within 20 minutes of this notification.

(6) Ensure all gliders are clear of Class A Airspace prior to the authorization's termination time.

b. Boston ARTCC must:

(1) Authorize Soaring Society of America - Region 1's request for use of the Mt. Washington Glider Area based on operational requirements and may issue restrictions as necessary to accommodate the request or,

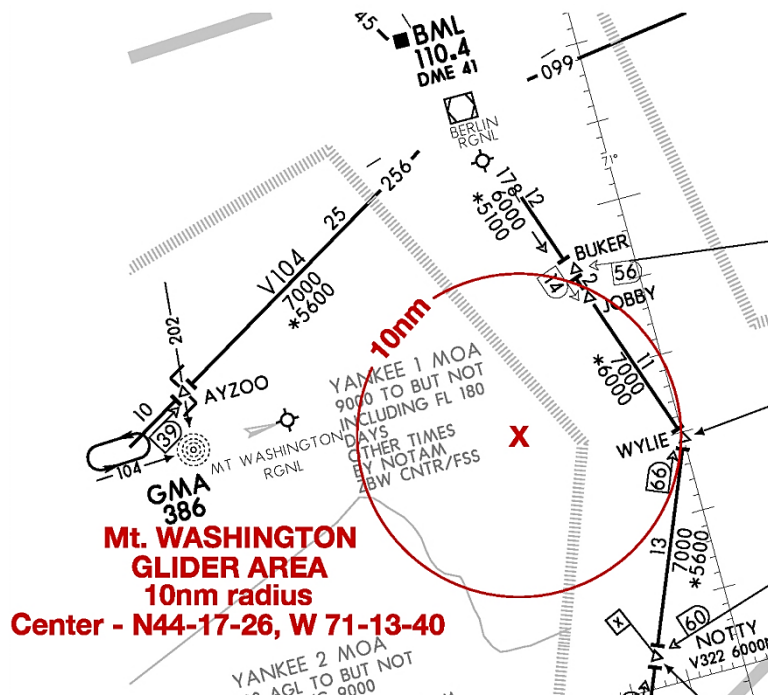
(2) May authorize an alternate time or altitudes if the request for the glider area cannot be approved.

(3) Apply 5 NM lateral and appropriate IFR vertical separation to non-participating aircraft from the authorized glider area.

(4) Contact Soaring Society of America - Region 1 as soon as possible if an operational recall of the glider area authorization is required.

*NOTE: MC must confirm primary and secondary contact numbers for that day's activities.*

**7. MT. WASHINGTON GLIDER AREA** is defined as a 10NM radius of 44-17-26N / 071-13-40W:



**8. ANNUAL REVALIDATION:** Annually, a revalidation of this Letter of Agreement must occur. An email or written request via certified mail must be submitted to Boston ARTCC no later than February 15 each year. The request must contain the following:

a. Organization name, current address and telephone number, as well as a point of contact for this agreement.

b. A brief statement that Soaring Society of America - Region 1 intends to continue operations under this Letter of Agreement for another year and any comments regarding this agreement.

c. The request must be sent by email to: 'ane-zbw-air-space@faa.gov or via certified mail to:

**Boston ARTCC  
Attn: ZBW-530  
35 Northeastern BLVD  
Nashua, NH 03062**

d. The Boston ARTCC Air Traffic Manager will issue approval/disapproval, via email or certified mail, of the validation request by April 15 of each year.

e. Failure to comply with revalidation procedures may result in a termination of this Agreement.

9. **TERMINATION:** Soaring Society of America - Region 1 or Boston ARTCC may terminate this agreement at any time. Termination must be accomplished by email or in writing via certified mail, with an explanation of the termination.

**10. SIGNATORIES:**

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Tarah Park  
Air Traffic Manager (Acting)  
Boston ARTCC

Date

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Ann Lafford  
Director  
Soaring Society of America - Reg 1

Date