

Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) and Lake Placid Soaring Club (LPS)

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

EFFECTIVE: September 22, 2007

SUBJECT: CLASS A GLIDER OPERATIONS LAKE PLACID, NY

- 1. PURPOSE.** To define responsibilities, coordination and communication requirements for Class A airspace glider operations in the Lake Placid North and South Glider Areas.
- 2. CANCELLATION.** December 31, 2008
- 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 Lake Placid Soaring Club to conduct glider operations in Class A airspace within the Lake Placid North And South Glider Areas. Where used in this agreement, "Shall" indicates that the procedure is mandatory.
- 5. GENERAL PROCEDURES.** Lake Placid Soaring Club shall ensure:
 - a. All pilots operating in Class A airspace within the Lake Placid North and South Glider Areas:
 - (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(s).
 - (4) Remain at and below the maximum approved flight level altitude (FL) for the authorized area(s).
 - (5) Maintain separation from all other gliders operating within the authorized area(s).
 - b. No student pilot acts as Pilot-in-Command while operating in Class A airspace.
 - c. Telephone communication are available between Boston ARTCC and Lake Placid Soaring Club during the authorized time periods of the glider area(s).
 - d. Notify Boston ARTCC if the glider area(s) are not used as authorized or if all glider operations have terminated prior to the end of the airspace authorization.
 - e. Advise Boston ARTCC if an extension to this letter is required 45 days prior to the cancellation date.
- 6. AREA OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES:**
 - a. Lake Placid Soaring Club shall:
 - (1) Contact the Boston ARTCC Mission Coordinator at (603) 879-6663 between one and three hours prior to the requested authorization for the Lake Placid North and South Glider Area(s). This notification shall include the requested area(s), the maximum ceiling altitude (FL) for the operation, the activation and termination times and the number of gliders involved with the request.
 - (2) Ensure that all pilots operating in Class A airspace are advised of the authorized glider area(s), the maximum altitude for the area(s) and the time period of the authorization.
 - (3) Ensure that air/ground communication exists with all flights utilizing the glider area(s).
 - (4) Broadcast the status of the glider area(s) every 30 minutes on frequency 123.3. If a pilot operating in the Lake Placid North and South Glider Area(s) does not receive this transmission, they shall immediately exit Class A airspace.
 - (5) In the event an operational recall of the glider area(s) is needed by Boston ARTCC, all aircraft shall 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.

