

Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) and Lake Placid Soaring (LPS)**LETTER OF AGREEMENT****EFFECTIVE:** September 1, 2001**SUBJECT:** Glider Operations

1. **PURPOSE:** This agreement establishes the Lake Placid Soaring Areas, communications procedures, and defines responsibility and coordination requirements.
2. **CANCELLATION:** December 31, 2002
3. **SCOPE:** The procedures apply to flights conducted at and above Flight Level 180, within the confines of the Lake Placid Soaring Areas as depicted in Attachment 1.
4. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** This letter authorizes Lake Placid Soaring to deviate from the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulation 91.135(a), (b), and (c) in order to conduct glider operations within the areas specified in Attachment 1, under the conditions in Paragraph 4 of this agreement.

5. PROCEDURES:**a. Lake Placid Soaring shall:**

(1) Contact Boston ARTCC Mission Coordinator at (603) 879-6663 at least one hour before, but no sooner than three hours before planned glider activity, to request activation of the glider area and to provide the following information:

- (a) Activation and termination times
- (b) Requested flight levels
- (c) Number of gliders
- (d) Requested glider area

(2) Ensure that Boston ARTCC is notified if the area is not used as planned, or if it is vacated early.

(3) Ensure all pilots are briefed that except for deviations authorized in Paragraph 3 of this agreement, pilots shall comply with all applicable Federal Aviation Regulations.

(4) Ensure pilots become sufficiently familiar with local terrain features so that the flight will be contained within the coordinated Lake Placid Soaring Area by visual reference to the ground.

(5) Ensure pilots conduct operations in Visual Meteorological Conditions while operating in Class A airspace.

(6) Ensure that pilots operate in the Lake Placid Soaring Areas at or below previously coordinated and approved flight levels and only during the time periods approved by Boston ARTCC.

(7) Ensure the Area is clear of gliders at the expiration time.

(8) Ensure that telephone communication is available between Boston ARTCC and Lake Placid Soaring during the hours of operation.

(9) Ensure that air/ground communication exists with all flights utilizing the Lake Placid Glider Area. In the event a recall of the airspace is required, all aircraft shall exit the area within 20 minutes of notification.

(10) Ensure that all pilots are briefed that they are responsible for their own separation from all other gliders operating within the glider area.

(11) Broadcast every 30 minutes, on 123.3, the status of the glider area. If a pilot does not receive the broadcast, the pilot shall exit the area immediately.

(12) Ensure that no student pilots act as Pilot in Command of a glider while in the glider area.

(13) Ensure that all pilots are informed of, and comply with, any restrictions issued by Boston ARTCC.

(14) Advise Boston ARTCC 45 days prior to the cancellation date of this letter if any extensions are required.

(15) Ensure that all pilots utilizing the Lake Placid Glider Area are aware of all provisions of this agreement.

b. Boston ARTCC shall:

(1) Approve or disapprove Lake Placid Soaring's request for use of the Lake Placid Soaring Areas. If the request is disapproved, Boston ARTCC will attempt to approve an alternate time and/or altitudes.

(2) Issue any restrictions necessary.

(3) Provide separation of non-participating aircraft from the approved glider area.

(4) If recall is required, contact Lake Placid Soaring at (518) 523-2473 or (518) 523-2488.

6. **DEFINITION:** Where used in this agreement, "Shall" indicates that the procedure is mandatory.

7. **AIRSPACE:** The following latitudes and longitudes are used to define the dimensions of the Lake Placid Glider Areas.

Lake Placid North: 442600N / 0735800W
 442700N / 0734000W
 441400N / 0734200W
 441400N / 0735400W
 442100N / 0735800W
 442600N / 0735800W

Lake Placid South: 441400N / 0734200W
 441000N / 0734300W
 440000N / 0735600W
 441100N / 0740200W
 441300N / 0735800W
 441400N / 0735400W
 441400N / 0734200W

8. **ATTACHMENT:** Depiction of the Lake Placid Glider Area.


Air Traffic Manager, Boston ARTCC


Lake Placid Soaring

