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Alaskan Bush Mail Rates for June 15, 2020 Available

Click on the link below:

[Bush Service Mail Rates - Fuel Update Final](#)

Summary below:

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	Class Rate	Rate Per Order	Less Old Fuel in Order	Add Fuel per the Appendices to this Order	Final Rate	Percentage Change
1.	Part 121	\$10.5933	NA	NA	\$10.5933	0.00%
2.	Part 135	\$19.2462	\$3.7178	\$3.1099	\$18.6383	-3.16%
3.	Seaplane	\$33.8142	\$4.6307	\$3.5564	\$32.7399	-3.18%
4.	Terminal	\$1,420.80	N/A	N/A	\$1,420.80	0.00%

FAA's Weather Technology in the Cockpit (WTIC) Program

The FAA's Weather Technology in the Cockpit (WTIC) Program is planning to perform an evaluation of crowd sourcing "aviation visibility" information using the Alaska webcam images.

To support this experiment/demo, we need volunteers with any or all of the following experience:

1. **Familiar with the Alaska webcams**
2. **Pilot**
3. **Dispatch**
4. **Meteorology**

BACKGROUND: The FAA is currently running edge detection software on the experimental AvCams website to produce visibility information from the webcam images for use in areas that do not have an ASOS. The edge detection software has certain conditions that it does not perform well so this demonstration is of a "hybrid system" where the edge detection sends images to an "Expert Crowd" to determine the visibility as well as other "visual cues" in those images to support pilots and to enhance the edge detection through feedback.

TASK: The "Expert Crowd" will look at camera images and use a slider bar to set the visibility in the image as well as provide inputs on other observed weather-related information to assist pilots such as obscurations in the image, cloud information, etc. Details on the exact tasks will be provided to those participating.

OBJECTIVES: The objectives of this demonstration include assessing the ability to produce accurate visibility measures by a small "expert crowd," the ability of the crowd to note other features in images that pilots have identified would be useful, and to assess the workload involved to support this "hybrid configuration" if it moves to an operational configuration. Our goal for an operational implementation is to make the level of effort for an expert crowd to be minimal.

NEED: For this demo we need 10 to 20 volunteers to perform the crowd sourcing tasks. The **MAXIMUM** amount of time needed is approximately 8 hours per week for 4 weeks (approx. June 29 - July 25). The hours you participate during the 4 weeks are at your convenience for this demo. You do **NOT** need to participate the entire time. The less time you have available, the more people we'll need to support the crowd so we are trying to get as many volunteers as possible that have some or all of the experience listed above. We need at least a couple with each of the experience listed above to get broad feedback.

REQUEST: For anyone interested in participating in this demo/experiment, please respond to me, Kevin Kronfeld (CC'd on this email) and Chris Kok (CC'd on this email) your interest and anticipated availability. You can volunteer for less hours per week, less weeks, or both, but please do your best to let us know the weeks you can help and how many hours you can commit to during your available weeks. Again, you can chose your hours during the weeks you are participating.

I have sent this email out to anyone that in the past has expressed interest in supporting a demo/experiment. Please feel free to pass this along or recruit others that you feel have some or all of the desired experience. The larger pool of volunteers we have for the "expert crowd" the better.

I expect that Kevin or Chris will be contacting volunteers next week to setup training and provide detailed information, but it might slip to the week of July 6 for a start week, but the plan is still to complete this experiment by around July 25.

If you think you are interested but want to hear more details before committing, just provide us that response and you can participate in the training before you commit.

Please pass this email along to others so that we can get enough "crowd volunteers" to start on time, complete on time, and not tie up any individuals too long.

Thanks.

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FAA Issues Amendment to SFAR 118

Link to the Full Text: [SFAR 118](#)

The FAA will publish an amendment to SFAR 118 on Monday, June 29, 2020. The original SFAR 118 recognized that stay-at-home orders, social distancing considerations and other disruptions caused by compliance with CDC guidelines addressing the Covid-19 pandemic led to difficulty in complying with relevant Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR). SFAR 118 provided relief from a variety of requirements in the following areas:

- Training, recent experience, testing and checking requirements
- Duration of medicals, knowledge tests
- General procedures for completing a practical test
- Renewal requirements for inspectors, flight instructors & pilot schools
- Requirements for mechanics, parachute riggers, UAS ops

NATA offered a webinar addressing the original SFAR and can be found on the NATA web site under archived webinars at the following

link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/4312080501861782018>

Information Provided by NATA.

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