

This license will allow Aerostar, NASA, and NIFC to perform an experimental demonstration of a high-altitude balloon's capability to assist with large scale incidences. Often time these large forest fires burn in remote locations where cellular coverage is either limited or nonexistent and to assist with that Aerostar is going to provide line of site communications link to fire fighters via the HAB. This technology has only been tested in controlled environments and we are now ready to test this experiment in the "real world".

Currently there is no plan for long term operations. As mentioned above this is still in the development and test phase. Pending the results of the demonstration further analysis will be taken to determine how operations will look in the future. Aerostar has a contract through NASA flight opportunities program to do this experimental demo. There will be no fees charged to any of the participants of the demonstration beyond the NASA contract. This is a onetime experimental demonstration to prove out the concept for the NASA FOP. Users will not be charged for any services provided.

Aerostar will maintain control of the equipment for duration of the operation.

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