

## **Tips for General Aviation Community Operating in or around the Military Operating Areas**

The Pacific Air Forces will be hosting three Red Flag-Alaska exercises in 2008: April 7 – 18, June 9 – 20 and October 6 – 17; and one Northern Edge exercise from May 5 – 16. Each of these exercises will bring increased flying in the Interior. (Please note that these dates are subject to change. Visit <http://www.eielson.af.mil/library/redflag-alaska.asp> or <http://www.elmendorf.af.mil/11af/alaskaairspaceinfo/index.asp> for the latest information)

### **SUAIS is for the GA community**

The general aviation community is highly encouraged to use the Special Use Airspace Information Service (SUAIS), a 24-hour service that assists pilots in planning flights through or around Military Operating Areas (MOAs) and restricted airspace within central Alaska.

From the Fairbanks area, call SUAIS at 1-800-758-8723 or 372-6913. If airborne, contact Eielson Range Control, VHF 125.3. Additionally, the most current MOA status is available from any Automated Flight Service Station, Anchorage Center or Eielson Range Control.

SUAIS provides “near real time” information on military activity in the Fairbanks and Delta Junction areas and on Army artillery firing and known helicopter operations.

### **Why use SUAIS: Safety, efficiency, emergency**

#### *Safety:*

The MOAs adjacent to the Richardson and ALCAN highways between Tok, Delta Junction and Fairbanks are areas of heavy general aviation use.

Eielson Range Control monitors all military activity in MOAs and can advise civilian pilots of high-speed military aircraft operations. VFR transit corridors have been established along the Alaska and Richardson highways, but the MOAs are of special concern since they are subject to high speed/low altitude flights by military aircraft.

*Efficiency:* Because military restricted areas aren't always in use, Eielson Range Control can advise civilian pilots of current restricted area status.

*Emergency:* Eielson Range control can help military aircraft out of MOAs if requested by the FAA or other agencies for emergencies. Emergency aircraft, air evacuation, air ambulance missions or fire fighting operations always have priority over military training.

### **How to use SUAIS:**

*Preflight:* From the Fairbanks area, call 1-800-758-8723 or 372-6913 to determine which MOAs along your flight route are scheduled to be active and during what times.

*Initial radio contact with Eielson Range Control (125.3):* Provide your present position, altitude, and intended flight route.

*Position reports:* You are encouraged to provide routing and destination updates, particularly if your flight route changes. This will help promote safety and improve everyone's situational awareness.

**SUAIS radio and radar coverage:**

The general area of coverage is bounded by 50 miles north of Circle, Fairbanks to the west, Black Rapids to the south, and Lake George to the east.

Radio relay stations permit pilots flying as low as a few hundred feet to contact Eielson Range Control in the Tanana Valley between Lake George and Fairbanks. Aircraft flying in mountainous terrain to the east of the Tanana River will need to be as high as the tops of the highest terrain in their immediate vicinity.

Transponder use is highly recommended, light aircraft detection is limited without its usage.

**At a glance:**

Eielson Range Control: VHF 125.3; 1-800-538-6647; 907-372-6913

Noise Complaint: 377-2116 or 1-800-Jet-Noise

Eielson AFB Red Flag: <http://www.eielson.af.mil/library/redflag-alaska.asp>

Eleventh Air Force Air Space:

<http://www.elmendorf.af.mil/11af/alaskaairspaceinfo/index.asp>