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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. 2017-09]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT)

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR). The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 20 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2016-9414 using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- Mail: Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, 20591-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Robeson, (202) 267-4712, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

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PETITION FOR EXEMPTION

Docket No.: FAA-2016-9414

Petitioner: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected: §§ 133.33(d)(1);137.51(b)

Description of Relief Sought: The Petitioner requests an exemption for external loads over congested areas for the purpose of firefighting missions. Specifically, the requirement to provide prior coordination and written approval from the Flight Service District Office, notice of the intended operation given to the public, and developing a plan for each complete operation.

DNR is tasked with suppression of all wildfires on private and public lands outside of the National Forests and Native American Reservations. Also, DNR requested to operate outside the United States due to having cooperative firefighting agreements with the Canadian Provinces of Manitoba and Ontario.

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