

## 2018 Downed Aircraft Protocol

The model aircraft flyers are required to stay within the designated foot traffic/developed area shown on the closure map. If an aircraft goes down outside of this area, they are to call the Boulder Reservoir main gate and ask for someone trained to retrieve it. Alternately they may contact trained staff or an approved Boulder Aeromodeling Society (BAS) representative. For approved retrievers and numbers to call, see chart on back. Only trained BAS representatives or trained City of Boulder (COB) staff may enter the closures without penalties and these protocols must be followed or privileges may be revoked.

- Try to get a good description of where the aircraft went down prior to entering the natural area. Use the provided maps to assist in determining the best entry point.
- Two-Way Radios and blue/white pinnies will be kept in the closet at the model airport. The code (1066) is only to be given to those approved to retrieve aircraft. Grab these before retrieving the aircraft.
  1. The pinnies must be worn so that staff and volunteer bird closure monitors can identify that you are approved and not violating the closure. They have been instructed to call enforcement on anyone in the closure without the proper identification.
  2. You can give one radio to the person with the lost aircraft so that they can better direct you to where it went down. Remember to get the radio back from them and to return the radios to the closet immediately after retrieval. Use the headset/ear bud to minimize noise which could disturb the birds we aim to protect. Please be sure they are charged for the next use. Otherwise you may need to use your own cell phones.
- We will begin birds of concern monitoring in April. If by May 15<sup>th</sup> we haven't had a burrowing owl sighting in the prairie dog colony, you could give verbal permission for the person to retrieve their own aircraft as long as it is in the prairie dog colony to the west of the runway that runs N/S AND to the south of the facility so long as it is not in or near the wetland. Otherwise, staff should be retrieving aircraft at this time. Updates will be sent.
- When you arrive to retrieve an aircraft, survey the area for any birds. We are particularly trying to protect the following species of concern:

American Bittern



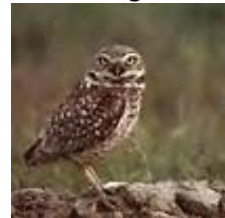
N. Harrier (brown female/ gray male)



Osprey



Burrowing Owl



- If you must go into the ditch area or wetland to retrieve an aircraft be sure to remain watchful of bird activity and get into and out of the area ASAP. Look at the map and be sure to utilize the shortest distance through the wetland/protected area.
- If you notice that you have flushed a bird out of the closure, make note of where it came from and don't go there. Make a determination as to whether you can quickly get the aircraft and get out. Go the long way around if necessary but while still being as quick as possible. There may be eggs on the nest and you don't want to scare the bird away from it for long. Mark this location on the map for others to see and note the species.
- If an aircraft goes down in an area already noted as having flushed a bird of concern, under no circumstances are you to go within 100 feet of that area. Call Joy Master at 303-579-2339 to make arrangements.
- If one of the above birds is hovering or dive bombing you or screeching, it is protecting its nest and you should leave the closure immediately. Call Joy Master at 303-579-2339 to make arrangements.

- **If you have flushed a bird, you are NOT to remain in the closure any longer than an additional 10 minutes. You should never be in the closure for longer than a total of 30 minutes either way. If you cannot locate the aircraft in these allotted times, you are to leave the closure and contact Joy Master at 303-579-2339 to make arrangements for aircraft retrieval.**
- The owner of the aircraft will want their plane so you need to make the determination of whether you can successfully get it within these parameters or not. If not, call Joy Master at 303-579-2339 so that she can make arrangements that will be less stressful for the bird and the owner. Let them know that it may not be retrievable for several hours or more, especially if outside of regular business hours.
- It is not acceptable to accept compensation for retrieval or for deviation from these protocols.
- If these protocols are not followed, let them know that it can jeopardize the use of the airfield during the closure period. Volunteer bird monitors and staff have been asked to report violations. BAS representatives are asked to do so as well.
- Call Dispatch at 303-441-3333 and ask for an animal control officer if you see any violations of the closure. They have said that they will enforce this even if dogs aren't present.
- Please be sure to mark on the map anywhere an aircraft went down. Also note on the Downed Aircraft Log any calls, incidents and if the person that calls is following all protocols/regulations including the proper flight area and times listed on the closure map. Call Joy Master at 303-579-2339 if they are not following the protocols.

### Aircraft Retrieval and Closure Violation Numbers

Name	Contact	Phone #
Jon DeCoste (COB)	First (Mon- Fri) if trained BAS rep not on site	303-483-8837
John Wold (COB)	Second (Mon- Fri) if trained BAS rep not on site	303-906-6675
Bowdie Ormsbee (BAS)	All other times - These BAS reps have been trained and are listed in order of closeness to the model airport field.	303-440-6716
Chester Shans (BAS)		303-513-1787
Ken Jochim (BAS)		303-775-9940
Patrick Schmid (BAS)		303-473-9918
Dean Ehn (BAS)		303-530-0784
Bret Heidkamp (BAS)		406-570-9310
Steven Croft (BAS)		303-651-9104
Michael Morter (BAS)		303-442-3658
Boris Sergeev (BAS)		303-530-2063
Murray Lull (BAS)		720-406-7768
Mike Gulizia (BAS)		303-651-0508
Gary Baughman (BAS)		303-319-4095
Boulder Reservoir Main Gate		Boat Patrol or immediate on-site needs
Joy Master (COB) <a href="mailto:masterj@bouldercolorado.gov">masterj@bouldercolorado.gov</a>	Other – including all reasons listed in above text	303-413-7261 (office) 303-579-2339 (cell)
Dispatch - Be sure to tell them you are calling about a City of Boulder Wildlife Closure Violation	For closure violations and non-emergency situations when need a ranger or officer	303-441-3333 (city) or 303-441-4444 (county/state)
Police/Fire/Ambulance	Emergency	911