



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Aviation Safety

800 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20591

FEB 04 2020

Ms. Kristen Waters
Teton County Public Information
200 South Willow Street
Jackson, WY 83001

Dear Ms. Waters:

Administrator Dickson asked me to respond to your letter dated December 17, 2019, regarding your concerns in connection with the Wind River Air, LLC letter of authorization (LOA) to conduct air tours in R-44 aircraft, as well as the planned tour routes.

We confirmed that an LOA to conduct air tour operations under Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations Part 91.127 was issued to Wind River Air, LLC on August 29, 2018. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued the LOA in accordance with applicable guidance when the applicant provided all of the required documentation to prove eligibility and competence.

The R-44 aircraft has completed initial and ongoing engineering and airworthiness evaluations to ensure the safety and operational reliability of the aircraft, and the R-44 holds a type certificate issued by the FAA.

Discussions with Wind River Air, LLC Manager and Chief Pilot, Anthony Chambers, reveal careful preflight planning, aircraft performance planning, and detailed attention to fuel, weight, and altitude considerations.

Wind River Air, LLC and its staff have met all of the requirements necessary to continue to exercise the privileges afforded by the LOA and has conducted operations without generating any complaints, occurrences, or any other evidence of unsafe operation. So long as operations are continued within the governing safety regulations and operational specifications of the aircraft, Wind River Air, LLC has a continued right to commerce.

The FAA is responsible for oversight of Wind River Air, LLC consistent with continued operational safety principles based on risk-based, data driven criteria. Ongoing surveillance allows the Agency to hold operators accountable for compliance with applicable regulatory requirements.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Rick Domingo, Executive Director, Flight Standards Service at (202) 267-8237.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ali Bahrami', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Ali Bahrami
Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety