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Exemption No. 8255C
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2003-16491

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Dear Colonel Baker:

This letter is to inform you that we have granted your petition to extend Exemption No. 8255, as amended. It explains the basis for our decision and describes its effect.

The Basis for Our Decision

By letter dated January 14, 2008, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of the Department of the Army, 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment (2nd/75th), for an extension of Exemption No. 8255, as amended. That exemption from § 105.19(a) and (b) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations allows 2nd/75th to conduct certain night, unlighted parachute operations, outside special use airspace at Fort Lewis, Washington, at an altitude of 800 feet above ground level.

In your petition, you indicate that there has been no change in the conditions and reasons relative to public interest and safety that were the basis for granting the original exemption.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to 2nd/75th.

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Our Decision

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 8255, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption and is in the public interest. Therefore, under the authority provided by 49 U.S.C. 40113 and 44701, which the FAA Administrator has delegated to me, I grant your petition.

The Effect of Our Decision

Our decision extends the termination date of Exemption No. 8255, as amended, to February 28, 2010, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

All conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 8255, as amended, remain the same. This letter must be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 8255.

Sincerely,



James J. Ballough
Director, Flight Standards Service