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The US Army is asking for assistance in increasing awareness of the status of Restricted Area R2310 north of Florence Arizona. In addition to the area being used for live fire munitions training, the airspace is increasingly being used for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) training. The UAVs in this area are not the Predator class type aircraft you may be familiar with but various smaller models used for tactical purposes in remote theatres of operation. As many of you know, the use of UAVs are increasing in the National Airspace System. R2310 is being scheduled much more than it has been historically in order to support this training.

There have been several events recently in which GA aircraft have encroached on the restricted area, particularly near the launch and recovery area. Recently a UAV operating within R2310 came within several hundred feet of a GA aircraft operating within the restricted area when it was NOTAMed active.

In conversation with the Army representative, it was determined that the launch and recovery area is located at the extreme southwest corner of R2310 north of Florence. Though the UAV is cleared to operate out of sight within the entire Restricted Area as NOTAMed, visual confirmation of R2310 incursions by GA aircraft were observed there. It is important to note that there is no buffer on the airspace and the UAV may operate up to its lateral and vertical limits.

Attached is a Pdf illustrating the area in question that will assist in identifying the area and showing the concerns of the military.

Thank You All,

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