

## **Background information**

After several decades of making its aeronautical data available to the public, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) announced the removal of its Flight Information Publications (FLIPs), Digital Aeronautical Flight Information Files (DAFIF) and related aeronautical navigation digital and paper copy publications from public sale and distribution.

As a result of negotiations with DOD, this website has been provided as a service for land management agency (USFS, DOI, States) that utilize aviation resources in their fire fighting responsibilities.

## **How to I obtain access to this information?**

You must be a government employee (.gov, .blm, us for example) and have already obtained a password from USDA E-Authentication. If you are not a current government employee, you may apply for a password which you will receive after your request/mission is authenticated.

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You will be allowed to download this information once per cycle.

## **Please explain the USDA E-Authentication process?**

USDA eAuthentication is the system used by USDA agencies to enable customers to obtain accounts that will allow them to access USDA Web applications and services via the Internet. Please note that USDA will only accept eAuthentication accounts from individuals. Currently eAuthentication does not have the mechanism to issue accounts to businesses, corporations or other entities. To apply for an account, please visit <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/>

## **Is there another way to access this information?**

There is still access but it is primarily for DOD offices and personnel. Access to the NGA Aeronautical Information is still available through the NGA NIPRNET Website. The NGA NIPRNet website, in accordance with DOD directives , a Public Key Enabled (PKE), meaning that the site is encrypted using the DOD

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). Users requiring access to the NGA NIPRNet should contact NGA, Office of Military Support at 701-264-3003 from 0800-1600 EST Monday – Friday or go to <http://164.214.2.62/products/usfif/index.cfm>.

### **What is DAFIF?**

The Digital Aeronautical Flight Information File is a set of files that contain data on airports, nav aids, waypoints, special use airspace and other facts relevant to flying. This data is primarily developed for the benefit of military operations. DAFIF is a DoD product produced and distributed for use by U.S. Military forces. Contents may not be suitable for other uses and may NOT be used for navigation. CONSULT NOTAMS FOR LATEST INFORMATION.

### **What is DVOF?**

Digital Vertical Obstruction File is a database primarily for NGA's internal use. It is a data base of known vertical obstructions.

### **What is the AP/1B Book and Charts?**

The AP/1B is one of the books that is part of the DOD's Flight Information Publication System. The AP/1B contains information relative to Military Training Routes (IR and VR), Slow Routes (SR), Refueling Tracks/Anchors, Helicopter Aerial Refueling Tracks (AR's) and Avoidance Locations.

In addition to the book, a series of 4 charts are issued covering the United States (Alaska, Western, Central and Eastern).

The AP/1B provides specific information on each IR, VR and SR (e.g. width and altitudes along the routes, scheduling activity, phone numbers, etc).

You will have the ability to print the AP/1B book and charts by accessing this website. Charts should be sent to a plotter for best results.