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### **FAA Releases B4UFLY Application for Smartphones to Foster a Culture of Safety and Accountability for the Drone Community**

**South Lake Tahoe, CA (January 12, 2016)** - The B4UFLY Smartphone app tells users about current or upcoming requirements and restrictions in areas of the National Airspace System (NAS) where they may want to operate their unmanned aircraft system (UAS, a.k.a. "Drone").

The app is now available for Apple devices and can be downloaded from the App Store. Within two taps, users know if it is safe to fly at their current location.

The app provides a status indicator that tells users: "Proceed with Caution," "Warning – Action Required," or "Flight Prohibited." The app also features a planner mode that allows users to select a different time and location for an upcoming flight and determine if there are any restrictions at that place and time.

By law, hobbyists who want to fly within five miles of an airport must notify the airport operator and the air traffic control facility (if there is one) prior to flying. For now, B4UFLY will ask users who are supposed to notify the airport before flying for voluntary information about their planned flight.

For more information visit the following FAA website: <https://www.faa.gov/uas/>

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## B4UFLY Smartphone App

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