

## **MAPPS RECOMMENDS LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION FOR DISNEY AIRSPACE ACCESS**

The Senate is considering a bill to reauthorize the FAA. The House has already passed its version, H.R. 2881. MAPPS ([www.mapps.org](http://www.mapps.org)), a professional association of more than 170 private mapping and geospatial firms, has worked closely with the FAA and TSA on issues relating to aerial survey flights. The following talking points attempt to solve airspace access issues outside of Disney property impacted by the Disney Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR):

1. Airspace has always been considered publicly owned in the United States.
2. However, current law extends airspace restrictions beyond Disney's properties in California and Florida, and into neighboring jurisdictions, thus creating an aerial buffer zone restricting access for aerial survey flights over the affected surrounding municipalities.
3. Municipalities located in California affected by the Disneyland Resort TFR include the cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Orange and Fullerton. Municipalities located in Florida affected by the Walt Disney World TFR include Kissimmee, Buena Vista and Orlando.
4. Aerial survey flights are considered vital to maintaining this country's infrastructure and completing vital engineering projects.
5. Virtually every roadway, waterway, construction site, utility project, boundary survey, airport improvement, ecological study, land development, redevelopment site, E-911 system and other projects, etc., begin with an aerial survey flight.
6. In nearly every survey project there is at least one government entity that either requires the flight itself, or the data derived.
7. As much as the FAA and TSA would like to be able to consider waiver requests for accessing the Disney airspace to fly equally vital engineering projects, these agencies are prevented from even accepting such waiver requests, due to public law.

**SOLUTION:** Just as other airspace such as the Washington, DC Flight Restricted Zone (FRZ) permits vital aerial survey operations through an efficient waiver process, a similar waiver process should be permitted in Disney air space. MAPPS recommends an amendment to the Senate bill as follows:

“Notwithstanding the provision in 117 Stat 421 or 118 Stat 343, the Transportation Security Administration in consultation with any other appropriate Federal officials, may establish a process to provide aerial survey operations waivers in any temporary flight restriction area established or carried out under such provision of law.”