

greetings. i would like to comment on this nprm. i undertand if this rule is adopted as written, we may lose our ability to fly tandem in hang gliders and lose our ability to use areo-tow to launch hang gliders. i have been a hangglider pilot for over 24 years. in this time i am always preaching the wonders of freee flight to friends and relatives. often the greatest way to introduce people to this experience is through tandem flight. it would be a shame to lose this ability. as a so. calif. pilot i am blessed with may foot launchable flying sites. but when i travel to places like my home state of illinois, aero-tow is often the only means to become airborne. to lose this ability would ground pilots in many areas. i would ask you to work closely with the united states hand gliding assoc. to make provisions for these important aspects of hang gliding to continue. thank you.