

Longline Mission

- All individuals involved in longline missions will have been trained in longline operations.
- If you are on the receiving end or backhaul end of a longline load, you must be able to communicate to the pilot where you want the load delivered or picked up.
- Use a signal mirror to identify your position to the pilot.
- The drop-off/pick-up area should be as open and free of obstacles as possible.
- Once you have contacted the pilot by radio, provide specific load and site information (cargo weight, any hazardous materials, wind speed and direction, etc.).
- Mark the drop-off spot with flagging (large X on the ground) if possible.
- Keep pilot informed of load status (height above the ground, clear of obstacles, etc.).
- Let the hook land on the ground before attaching load.
- If the electrical release does not release the load, you must manually release it; wait until the hook lands on the ground before releasing.
- A swivel must be connected to the cargo/longline hook. NO EXCEPTIONS! (When you request nets, request swivels also.)
- Load cargo net with heavy items in the center, light items on top. Tape all boxes and loose items.
- Pull the purse strings of the cargo net to equal length and attach a swivel to the steel rings. It's not necessary to cross the purse strings with an overhand wrap.