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## UW researchers welcome proposed drone rules



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SEATTLE - Inside the Autonomous Flight Systems Laboratory at the University of Washington, students see several drone possibilities.

Senior AI Creigh has been working on research inside the lab for two years.

"I think the coolest thing is that we are actually tackling industry problems," said Creigh.

From fixed wing planes with a camera inside to what people typically think of when it comes to drones, the lab allows students to test the technology.

"We have everything from wildfire tracking, we can do agricultural, search and rescue," said Creigh.

That's why Melanie Clark with AFSL was happy to see the FAA unveil proposed rules, like drones could only fly in daylight, under 500 feet at 100 miles per hour or less.

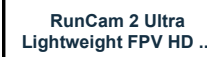
"I do think that the FAA is allowing innovation in this industry," said Clark.

UW researchers hope it soon means new applications for drones.

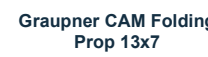
"The misconception is all these things are out to get you and if you see one, you have got to shoot it out of the air," said Creigh. "The beneficial things for this is just limitless. We can do so many good things with it. It is pretty exciting."

[Read the FAA's proposed rules. \(http://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/rulemaking/media/021515\\_sUAS\\_Summary.pdf\)](http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/rulemaking/media/021515_sUAS_Summary.pdf)


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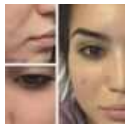
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