* This technology is evolving at such a quick pace and it is nice to see that these federal regulations do not appear too restrictive and seem like they will allow safe development of these systems.
* This is an especially exciting time to be involved in UAS related work. As you may know, the FAA is starting to allow commercial and civil applications of these systems in the National Airspace System. This is expected to be one of the largest, if not the absolute largest, growth areas in terms of both jobs and revenue in the aerospace industry in the near future. This proposed small UAS rule is a very exciting step in the journey because it appears to allow and promote innovation without undue regulatory burden.
* We are very excited about this because any rule that allows greater access and innovation with these types of systems is beneficial for Washington State. From an educational perspective, our students benefit from the additional technical material and hands-on exposure they obtain by working with these systems. As the UAS industry in Washington grows, students and researchers have more opportunities to work with these companies, thereby increasing the interaction between universities and industry in this arena.
* Test sites > COAs > Section 333 exemptions > sUAS rule
* We can use these types of systems to pursue educational activities or research and development.
* There is a lot of interest in Washington State in the area of UAS, both from educational and industrial perspective. Many of the largest and most advanced UAS companies are right here in Washington. We’re hoping that this small UAS rule will allow
* Generally speaking, these new rules would not apply to us as a public university because we expect government operations to continue to operatue by obtaining Certificates of Waiver of Authorization.