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Subject: Paragliding Activity Southern California TRACON

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BACKGROUND: In recent years SOCAL TRACON (SCT) has observed an increase in Paragliding activity 15,000' MSL and below in the vicinity of KSBD and KREI to include over the San Gorgonio, San Jacinto, and Laguna Mountain ranges.

Some paragliders are able to squawk 1202. If ATC observes paragliders squawking 1202 ATC will provide necessary traffic calls and safety alerts to piloted aircraft. For the paragliders that do not have Mode-C capabilities ATC is unable to observe these paragliders to provide traffic calls and safety alerts.

Use Caution: At times, paragliding activity may be outside of controlled airspace.

Paragliders are coming into close proximity with aircraft within SCT airspace on the instrument procedures listed below:

For aircraft landing KLAX:

- ANJLL STAR (West traffic)
- BIGBR STAR (East Traffic)

For aircraft landing KSNA and KLGB:

- DNSEE STAR

For aircraft landing KONT, KSBD, KCNO, KPOC and KRAL:

- ZIGGY STAR
- JCKIE STAR

For aircraft landing KPSP:

- SIZLR STAR

14 CFR Part 103.11 Daylight Operations.

(a) No person may operate an ultralight vehicle except between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

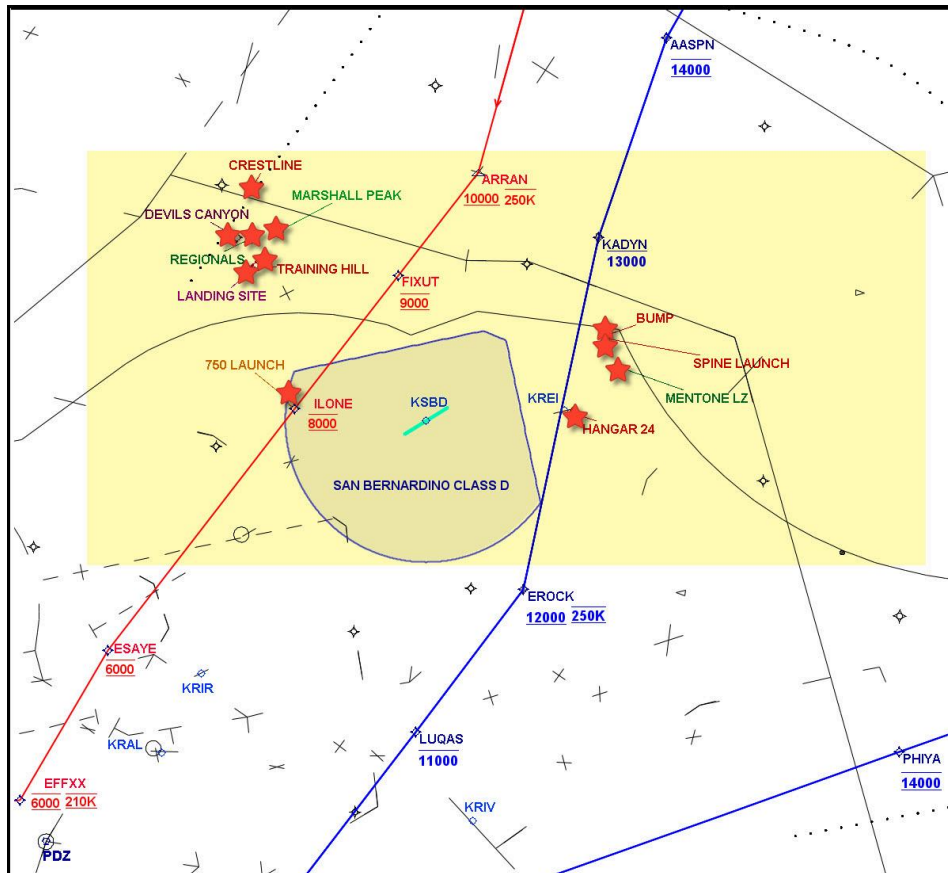
(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) ([https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/section-103.11#p-103.11\(a\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/section-103.11#p-103.11(a))) of this section, ultralight vehicles may be operated during the twilight periods 30 minutes before official sunrise and 30 minutes after official sunset or, in Alaska, during the period of civil twilight as defined in the Air Almanac, if:

- (1) The vehicle is equipped with an operating anticollision light visible for at least 3 statute miles; and
- (2) All operations are conducted in uncontrolled airspace.

14 CFR Part 103.13 Operation near aircraft; right-of-way rules.

(a) Each person operating an ultralight vehicle [will] maintain vigilance so as to see and avoid aircraft and yield the right-of-way to all aircraft.

(b) No person may operate an ultralight vehicle in a manner that creates a collision hazard with respect to any aircraft.



AREA SHADED IN YELLOW IS THE GENERAL AREA WHERE PARAGLIDING MAY OCCUR AND PILOTS ARE URGED TO USE CAUTION.

DSNEE ARRIVAL DEPICTED WITH BLUE LINE.
 JCKIE ARRIVAL DEPICTED WITH RED LINE.

LABELLED WAY-POINTS INCLUDE EXPECTED ALTITUDES FOR AIRCRAFT DESCENDING ON ARRIVAL ROUTE TRAVELING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH ONLY.

PARAGLIDING LAUNCH AND LANDING SITES LABELLED. EACH AREA DEPICTED WITH A RED STAR. PARA-GLIDERS AND ULTALIGHTS CAN CLIMB UP TO 15,000' MSL OR MORE.