

As a pilot, I find the SFAR 94 procedures to fly into and out of the Washington TFR unacceptable. While there are arguments on both sides for and against a TFR, I advise using reasonable and practical procedures to allow use of the 3 airports inside the TFR for both based and transient operators. Simply extending the existing SFAR 94 is not favored.

As a matter of fact, terrorists chose to inflict mass casualties. The use of a light general aviation aircraft for this purpose does not stand to reason due to small aircraft's inherent limitations. Further, the types of aircraft capable of using the 3 airports inside the TFR are limited in performance parameters (ie: maximum payload, maximum speed). A balance needs to be in place that offers a modicum of security as well as allowing use of the airports for all users. Current SFAR 94 leans heavily towards securing operations without complete consideration of repercussions to the airport and the users.

Other modes of transportation, mainly automobiles, offer an avenue for terrorist to inflict heavy casualties. However, other than a modified change in vehicle traffic routes, vehicles are free to operate in the nations capital.

The 3 TFR airports have experienced an economic disaster parallel to the nation's airlines. Continued operation of these airports is in jeopardy. Aside from the argument of unconstitutional restrictions placed on personal property rights, these airports are not able to absorb long term operations under the current environment. Use of procedures that are based on sound principles of risk management, are appropriate to the perceived threat, and fully analyze the elements of opportunity, probability and consequence are needed. Allowing transient operations in a manner reasonable to the Federal security officials is needed.

Federal government officials advocated a "return to normal" in late September 2001. The aviation community supports this call and supports the reasonable steps needed to reach a standard of normalcy acceptable by all parties.