

i have flown under these rules for over 5 years and 5000 hours...simply put, the rules can put a pilot into the clouds and against a mountain under rapidly changing weather...the original rules for hawaii were made as a result of a noise abatement campaign by then congresswoman patsy mink of maui in response to hiker complaints in haleakala....the distance from terrain (horizontal) puts us in the most turbulent parts of the areas we fly into..i have no issue with the site specific areas altitudes of 500ft agl...j denbeau