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Mark directs a nationwide aviation services business for the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), which manages over 500 million acres of public land across the United States and its territories (about 1 in every 5 acres). In his current role, he oversees the safe operation of over 1,200 contracted and government-owned manned and unmanned aircraft across a wide range of business applications. Mark has over 25 years' experience in unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and has been called on to consult with the highest levels of government, industry, and academia on UAS and related technologies. Under his leadership, DOI has become a recognized leader in the domestic use and integration of UAS, having employed drones across more than 25 distinct mission applications and 12,000 flights.

Prior to his current position, Mark completed a career as a decorated Navy fighter pilot, TOPGUN graduate, experimental test pilot, multiple squadron commander, and installation commander. He logged more than 800 arrested landings aboard 10 different aircraft carriers and has flown over 40 different types of fixed wing, rotary wing, lighter-than-air, and unmanned aircraft, having qualified as pilot-in-command in 12 different models. Mark is a life member of the Tau Beta Pi National Honor Engineering Society and a member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and an executive MBA from Boise State University. Mark also supports the drone and technology communities through his service on advisory boards for the Drone World Expo, the Idaho Virtual Reality Council, the University of Idaho Academy of Engineers, and as a board member of the Boise Angel Alliance.