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| ((LESTER HOLT ON CAMERA))OTS: DANGER IN THE SKY((NATS DRONE))AT :00RUNS :02((VO))AT :02RUNS :08DRONESMEDIVAC((NATS PILOT))AT :10RUNS :02GRAPHIC PILOT((VO))AT :12RUNS :03MEDIVAC STILLS((SOT))AT :15RUNS :04CG: VINCE ELLIS SKYLIFE CREW((NATS))AT :19RUNS :01((VO))AT :20RUNS :17GRAPHIC((SOT))AT :37RUNS :08CG: MICHAEL HUERTAFAA ADMINISTRATOR((VO))AT :45RUNS: 17GRAPHIC((SOT))MICHAEL HUERTAAT 1:02RUNS :03((ON CAMERA))AT 1:05RUNS :08CG: KRISTEN WELKER WASHINGTON, D.C.((SOT))AT 1:13RUNS :04CG: RALPH TERRAZAS LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPT((VO))AT 1:17RUNS :13TERRORISM FILEWHITEHOUSE DRONE FILE((NATS))AT 1:30RUNS :01((VO))AT 1:31RUNS :14TRT 1:45 + :05 | ((ANCHOR))IT IS BEGINNING TO FEEL LIKE A QUESTION OF WHEN NOT IF A DRONE STRIKES A PLANE IN FLIGHT.WE’VE BEEN REPORTING ON THIS GROWING DANGER FOR WEEKS.IN FACT THE FAA SAYS THERE’S BEEN A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN DRONES SPOTTED FLYING NEAR PLANES.AND NOW THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR WAYS TO TAKE SOME AIR OUT OF THE HIGH FLYING HOBBY.KRISTEN WELKER HAS OUR REPORT.((NATS DRONE))((VO))IT’S THE LATEST HIGH FLYING SCARE CAUSED BY A DRONE…A NEAR MISS WITH THIS MEDIVAC HELICOPTER TRANSPORTING A PATIENT IN FRESNO CALIFORNIA.((NATS PILOT))We almost got hit by a drone, just to let you know.((VO))THE PILOT SAYS THE DRONE CAME WITHIN FIFTEEN FEET.((SOT))Depending on where it strikes us, it could have tragic consequences.((NATS DRONE))((VO))ACCORDING TO A NEW FAA REPORT THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS LIKE THIS HAS TRIPLED. PILOTS HAVE REPORTED AT LEAST 650 DRONE SIGHTINGS THIS YEAR. THAT’S UP FROM 214 SIGHTINGS IN ALL OF 2014.((SOT))We’re not playing around here. This is a very promising technology, yes. But there is also the potential for great danger.((VO))DRONES HAVE EVEN BEEN SPOTTED AT ALTITUDES OF 10-THOUSAND FEET. THE FAA PROPOSES NEW RULES THAT WOULD LIMIT COMMERCIAL DRONES TO A HEIGHT OF 500 FEET. HOBBYISTS ARE CURRENTLY LIMITED TO 400 FEET. VIOLATORS MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES, CRIMINAL CHARGES, AND EVEN JAIL TIME. BUT CAN MEASURES BE ENFORCED?((SOT))We do have enforcement tools available to us and we will use them.((REPORTER ON CAMERA BRIDGE))Drones have even been a problem for those fighting wildfires out West. Firefighters have had to ground aerial operations while the burning continued.((SOT))We want to remind drone operators if you fly we can’t.((VO))AND WITH TERRORIST GROUPS EYEING DRONES THEY POSE A POTENTIAL THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY. IN JANUARY A DRONE LANDED ON THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN…A MISTAKE BY AN INTOXICATED OPERATOR BUT ALSO A WAKEUP CALL.((NATS)) GUN((VO))EVEN THE MILITARY IS ALSO TESTING HOW TO COUNTER A DRONE ATTACK. WITH CLOSE TO 700-THOUSAND DRONES EXPECTED TO BE SOLD THIS YEAR IT’S A GROWING CONCERN FOR PILOTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THE U.S. MILITARY. KRISTEN WELKER NBC NEWS WASHINGTON. |