

SARSAT System Update to BMWS

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Status of US SARSAT Program

Space Segment Providing U.S. SAR Region Coverage

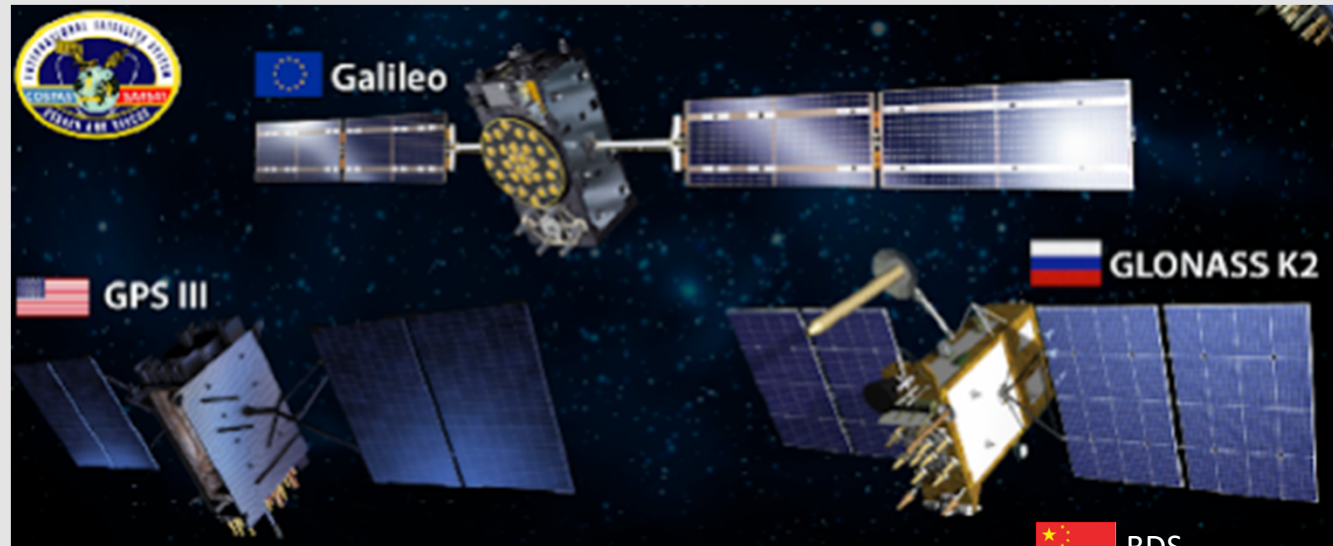
The Present

US LEOSAR's; (3)
(NOAA 15, 18 and 19)
all operating beyond life expectancy

METOP - 'B' (1) US
contribution operated by
EUMETSAT

RF COSPAS- (2) 14,
15 and 16 (15 and 16
Undergoing testing) with
2 additional launches
scheduled

GOES (2) 14 and 15
with GOES U/16
Launching mid April of
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The Future (MEOSAR) currently operational

- DASS (US Distress alerting satellite system): 21 FOC
- SAR Galileo (EC): 23 FOC
- SAR GLONASS (Russian): 1 undergoing testing, 2 FOC
- SAR BDS (China): 6 available for ground segment testing (not included in US tracking scheduling)
- SAR GPS (US): On scheduled to begin launches in 2026



US SARSAT Ground Segment



Alaska
NOAA Fairbanks, Alaska
Command and Data
Acquisition Station
(FCDA)
2 LEO/MEOLUTs



New Mexico
SUSA MEOLUT
Phased array
Undergoing testing
(FAT completed in
Feb; Operational in
Spring 2024)



Guam
Joint Region Marianas Navy Facility
2 LEO/MEOLUTs
Phased Array expected operational
late spring 2024



Hawaii
USCG COMSTA
2 LEO/MEOLUT
&
6 antenna MEOLUT
Refresh and Phased array
funded by NOAA underway (FAT
in California)



Miami
USCG COMSTA
2 LEO/MEOLUTs
&
6 antenna MEOLUT
Refresh and Phased array funded by
USAF/USCG Contracting Effort underway



Maryland (NSOF)
US Mission Control Center
2 GEOLUTs & 1 test GEOLUT
1 Test LEOLUT
1 Test LEO/MEOLUT
1 Test Phased Array under
development (Rabbit Ear
strengthening beginning in Jan
2024)

SARSAT Beacon Totals

- More than **771,149** U.S. beacons in the NOAA Registration Database as of January 31, 2024
 - **159,277** ELTs
 - **310-941** EPIRBs
 - **359,241** PLBs
 - **265** SSAS
- **114,065** DoD devices registered in JSETS
- Estimated worldwide beacon population at the end of 2023:
 - **2,006,000 (+2.8% annual increase)**





COSPAS-SARSAT Rescues

**350 lives saved
in the U.S. in CY 2023**

Rescues at sea: 255 people rescued in 84 incidents
Aviation rescues: 44 people rescued in 22 incidents
Terrestrial rescues: 51 people rescued in 40 incidents



Number rescued world-wide since 1982: over *50,000*

Number rescued in United States since 1982: *10,455*



Other Significant Happening

- Second Generation Beacons
 - SGB ELT(DT) Operational as of 1 January 2023
- Two-Way Communications
 - Underway (EWG on TWC February; hosted in Turkey)
- LGM Commissioning Efforts
 - Brazil underway
 - Japan Delta Commissioning for SGB and ELT(DT)s
- Phased Array LUT commissioning



Questions

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Other Significant Happening (Cont)

- Phased Array LUT commissioning
 - Moving Beacon testing now being conducted by internal NOAA Team.
 - Purchased two Free Fly Astro UAS and have two certified Part 107 Pilots

