



**Influence Outside Commercial Operations**

wanted to take a minute to let you know I have been enjoying the articles in *AeroSafety World* online. I work as an aviation safety contractor for the U.S. Forest Service fire and aviation management branch. Though this world is pretty far removed from commercial aviation, many of these articles are very educational for me and I've certainly found areas in which they apply to land management aviation operations.

"Asleep at the Wheel" by Linda Werfelman (9/09) caused me to stop and call my friend and mentor Curt

Graeber [Ph.D., Boeing Commercial Airplanes and an FSF Fellow] to ask some more pointed questions regarding fatigue in short-haul, high-workload environments.

The article "SMS on Wheels" (by Thomas Anthony, 9/09) was also perfectly timed for a risk assessment project I am working on. We follow the pillar model closely, but the gear/wheel approach made perfect sense.

Anyway, thank you for your efforts. They impact aviation well outside of the commercial aviation world.

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