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I strongly object to the proposed changes to the ADS-B mandate with inclusion of VFR aircraft.

Paragliders and hang gliders should be exempt from this mandate for the following reasons.

1. Unpowered aircraft. Thus would require us to carry an external power source with limited options to safely carry this power source and limited options to carry the ADS-B device. Very impractical for hang gliders and paraglider instrument set-up. Obviously any additional weight can change flight and landing characteristics in a negative way.
2. Aircraft capabilities.
Compared to drones, paragliders and hang gliders are slower to respond to pilot input and so drones should give way to unpowered aircraft similar to marine where power gives way to sail.
3. Free flight pilots are purely recreational in nature and it is my belief that mandating ADS-B devices, for the reasons stated, will only send the sport into decline.