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## **Concept of Operations**



### **Functional Block Diagram**

- The mission is made up of three main systems: the UAS, the ground control, and the payload
- The UAS will be controlled by a pilot with power and data signals as traveling as shown below



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# **Project Overview**

Mission Statement: Team AIRWARY will develop a cost-effective, high range hexacopter capable of aiding in emergency response by providing first aid and surveillance capabilities in hard to reach areas.

Need Statement: The North Carolina Forest Service (NCFS) is in need of a cost-effective UAS that supports search and rescue safety efforts.

## Manufacturing

- Manufacturing took place from January to early March
- 3D printed mounts optimize weight & strength to maximize mission length and durability
- Strength testing of mounts verified max load on arms





- The battery was designed for long-endurance flight opting for custom-made lithium-ion over lithium polymer
- The battery pack was spot-welded and protected using a battery management system allowing for high modularity

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- Custom 3D-printed servo latch mechanism allows for payload release capabilities within 1U Cubesat Standards

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### Unit Cost Breakdown

### Final Prototype

## Flight Testing

- February 28: First hover and basic maneuvering demo - March 24: Mission successful flight test at Mid-Pines Farm - April 3: Full endurance test, 32 minutes of safe flight time

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