



# Bozeman Paragliding's

## TRAFFIC AND RIGHT OF WAY RECOMMENDATIONS

- When ridge soaring, turns should be made away from the ridge and into the wind.
- When ridge soaring, an overtaking glider should pass between the ridge and the overtaken glider.
- Gliders approaching head on should give way to the right.
- Pilots should avoid flying directly above or below another glider in close proximity.
- The first glider to enter the thermal determines the turn direction. At popular and crowded flying sites, it is common to turn right on even days, and left on odd days.
- Lower pilots have the right of way over higher pilots, as the lower pilots usually can't see the higher pilots as well. This doesn't mean you should stuff yourself up under another pilot and expect them to move. Be courteous, especially in turbulent air. The most dangerous place a pilot can be in a turbulent thermal is directly behind and directly below another pilot. This creates a dangerous situation for both pilots, and is completely avoidable.
- When entering a thermal with traffic, try to enter without disturbing the flow of other pilots. Like a roundabout on a roadway, the pilots already in the thermal have the right of way. If you can't enter the flow of pilots immediately, fly around the outside until a spot opens up for you.
- Most importantly – stay out of each other's way, no matter who has the right of way.