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This is the U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Tuesday, January 16. With a report by a Department spokesman on a proposed change in a Federal Aviation Administration flight rule.

"The Federal Aviation Administration has proposed that pilots be prohibited from flying under visual flight rule conditions near clouds. The rule concerns the ability of pilots to see and avoid other traffic in uncontrolled airspace within 1,200 feet of the ground. Presently visual flight operations are permitted in this airspace when pilots can remain clear of clouds, but under the new rules they would have to be at least 500 feet below, 1,000 feet above, or 2,000 feet horizontally away from cloud formation. These rules are already in effect in uncontrolled airspace from 1,200 to 10,000 feet and in controlled airspace from the surface to 10,000 feet."

This has been the Transportation News Report for Tuesday, January 16. For further information dial 202-426-8521.

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