SERVICE ALERT

Prepared Nov 13, 2026, 7:35 PM PST

FAA - Air Traffic Control - Communications Issue

Status: Recovering / monitoring

Started Nov 13, 2026, 12:54 PM PST · Ongoing for 6 hours 41 minutes · No restoration time given by FAA yet

SUMMARY

The FAA halted all domestic departures on November 13 because of a telecommunications outage at its air traffic control centers, and the halt was lifted at 8:15 p.m. ET. Flights are still delayed or cancelled, so please check with your airline before travelling. We will update you when the cause is confirmed.

Affected: FAA air traffic control communications, Air Route Traffic Control Centers, TRACONs (radar and communications instability, per Duffy), Domestic departures (ground stop, now lifted), US-bound flights from Europe (suspended until midnight ET Nov 13), FAA Telecommunications Infrastructure (reported L3Harris network, unconfirmed)

LATEST NEWS

The FAA lifted the nationwide ground stop at 8:15 p.m. ET on Nov 13, 2026, after it began at 3:54 p.m. ET. Delays and cancellations are continuing, and the cause (a telecommunications outage affecting air route traffic control centers) has not been confirmed by the FAA.

FAA says (Nov 13, 2026, 5:15 PM PST): “The nationwide ground stop has been lifted, and delays and cancellations are expected to continue (as reported by Fox News).”

Source: https://www.foxnews.com/live-news/faa-issues-nationwide-ground-stop-cites-communications-issue

IS THIS A HACK?

No — this is not a hack or cyberattack.

Officials, including Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin, say there is zero evidence of a cyberattack; investigators are still examining the cause.

ROOT CAUSE

The FAA describes a temporary telecommunications outage affecting air route traffic control centers. CBS News, citing multiple sources, reported that an update to the L3Harris-run network caused a reboot and crash, and Duffy blamed overloaded routers and aging equipment. None of these causes is confirmed by the FAA.

LAST 4 UPDATES

Nov 13, 2026, 7:27 PM PST

The FAA lifted the nationwide ground stop at 8:15 p.m. ET on Nov 13, 2026, and new reporting adds Duffy's radar and communications detail, a White House denial of a cyberattack, and the FAA's lack of a final technical explanation.

Nov 13, 2026, 6:25 PM PST

The FAA has lifted the nationwide ground stop (Nov 13, 2026, evening ET), though delays and cancellations continue, and the page's "grounded" line is now out of date.

Nov 13, 2026, 5:24 PM PST

New: Fox Business reports the FAA called software-outage claims false but has not ruled out a cyberattack, and The Register names the FAA Telecommunications Infrastructure as the L3Harris-managed network.

Nov 13, 2026, 4:22 PM PST

New reports say the FAA told airlines a router problem at Chicago Midway started the outage, and the national stop has dropped off the FAA status page without an announced lift; both are unconfirmed.

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