

APPENDIX A

AGENCY COORDINATION

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Appendix A-2 Early Agency Coordination

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PROJECT PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

This appendix contains government agency correspondence related to the development of the EA. Letters are primarily related to the collection of data and clarification of EA-related issues. Letters are provided in chronological order and an index is provided below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>
12/18/09	United Airlines to Town of Mammoth Lakes
2/22/10	SkyWest Airlines to URS
3/1/10	Mammoth Airport Passenger Survey
4/15/10	United Airlines to Town of Mammoth Lakes



A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER 

December 18, 2009

Mr. Rob Clark
Town Manager, Town of Mammoth Lakes
P.O. Box 1609
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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Sincerely,

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Greg Kaldahl
Vice President Planning



February 22, 2010

William K. Fehring, Ph.D
Vice-President
URS Corporation
7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33607-1462

Dear Dr. Fehring:

SkyWest conducted a review of the extended flight profiles for the noise analyses of the Mammoth Yosemite Airport Environmental Assessment and prepared the following certification of parameter and operational assumptions proposed for use in the INM.

While SkyWest will be using a CRJ700 aircraft for the flights into and out of Mammoth Yosemite Airport, we understand that FAA has approved the substitution of the CRJ900-ER to represent the CRJ700 in the INM. The CRJ 900-ER aircraft performance characteristics submitted by URS fall within reasonable bounds of the aircraft's performance for the Mammoth Yosemite Airport.

If you have any additional questions, please call me at 435-773-2072 or email ccbrown@skywest.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C.C. Brown".

Christopher C. Brown
Director of Flight Operations
SkyWest Airlines

Mammoth Yosemite Airport Departing Passenger Survey Highlights

The following represents a snapshot of the completed surveys collected from departing passengers at the Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH) between the period of **January 13 and February 16, 2010**.

- A total of 192 completed surveys were collected.
- 77% of the passengers were visitors to Mammoth Lakes, 14% were Mammoth residents, and 9% were second homeowners.
- 4% of passengers were 2009-10 Mammoth Mountain Season Pass Holders.
- 59% visited Mammoth Lakes because of air service.
- 65% of passengers visited Mammoth Lakes for the 1st time (in the last 12 months), 25% have visited Mammoth Lakes 2-3 times in the last 12 months, and 10% of passengers have visited Mammoth Lakes more than 4 times in the last 12 months.
- 51% of passengers are traveling with their family, 24% are traveling alone, 21% with friends, and 4% with business colleagues.
- 83% of passengers visited Mammoth Lakes to recreate. Eight percent were visiting friends and relatives, 6% for business or conference and 3% visited Mammoth Lakes for a special event.
- Shopping (74%) was the most popular activity other than skiing or snowboarding in Mammoth Lakes. This was followed by snowmobiling (18%), sledding/snowplay (13%), Nordic (11%), ice skating (4%) and finally sightseeing/photography (4%).
- 40% of passengers stayed in a hotel, 26% in a rented house or condo, 21% stayed with family or friends, 9% in a lodge, and 4% in a cabin.
- 57% of passengers stayed 3-4 nights, 17% stayed 1-2 nights, 14% stayed 5-6 nights and 12% stayed more than 7 nights.
- 94% of passengers stayed in Mammoth Lakes, 2% stayed in Bishop, 1% in June Lakes and 3% of passengers stayed in Rock Creek, Reno or Lone Pine.
- 42% percent of respondents listed friends and family as the dominant referral for air service.* This was followed by Horizon/Alaska Air (20%), the internet (19%), Mammoth Mountain (18%), Mammoth Lakes Tourism (14%) – up 9%, Newspaper (13%), radio (12%), magazines, (9%), and social media (2%).
* Multiple responses.
- 51% of respondents were female.
- 36% of respondents live in a household with kids, 30% are single, 22% are a couple with no children, and 12% have kids no longer living at home.
- Seventeen percent of respondents listed their annual household income over \$250,000 - the largest category, followed by \$100-124,999 (11%), \$75-99,999 (10%) and \$50-74,999 / \$150-199,999 (10%).
- 106 departing passengers or 55% (up 13%) of respondents listed that they would be interested in summer air service to Mammoth.

Data compiled by the Mammoth Lakes Tourism and Recreation Department. Please contact Stuart Brown, Community Relations Manager at (760) 934-2712 ext. 1210 for additional information.



Ms. Karen Johnston
Assistant Town Manager
Town of Mammoth Lakes
P.O. Box 1609
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

15 April 2010

Dear Ms. Johnston:

Re: Environmental Assessment at MMH

The town of Mammoth Lakes, SkyWest Airlines, and United Airlines have been made aware of the sage grouse courtship and breeding areas east of the airport. Overflights of this area during March and April are likely to be a concern due to the designation of the sage grouse as a candidate species under the Endangered Species Act.

In order to alleviate these concerns for the environmental assessment, SkyWest and United will make efforts to avoid arrivals and departures prior to 9 AM during those months.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Rawson".

Brad Rawson
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SkyWest Airlines
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APPENDIX A-2

EARLY AGENCY COORDINATION

This appendix contains early agency coordination correspondence related to the development of the Environmental Assessment for the United Airlines Operations Specification Amendment Service to/from Mammoth Yosemite Airport. The appendix contains the following:

- An example of the early notification letter with attachment (early notification package)
- The early notification mailing lists
- The responses to the mailing

The early notification package was mailed out to 111 individuals at 47 different agencies. As a result, seven responses were received. An index of all correspondence is provided below, in chronological order.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>
1/5/10	Natural Resources Conservation Service to URS
1/6/10	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services to URS
1/12/10	Stephen Kalish to URS
1/12/10	Department of Transportation to URS
1/21/10	Department of Transportation to URS
1/22/10	City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to URS
2/18/10	National Park Service to Town of Mammoth Lakes and URS

EXAMPLE EARLY NOTIFICATION LETTER

December 30, 2009

Mr. Craig Axtell
Superintendent
U.S. Department of the Interior
47050 Generals Hwy
Three Rivers, CA 93271

**RE: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS AMENDMENT APPROVAL RELATED TO THE SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE INTO MAMMOTH YOSEMITE AIRPORT BY UNITED AIRLINES
MAMMOTH YOSEMITE AIRPORT
MAMMOTH LAKES, CA**

Dear **Mr. Axtell**:

Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH) re-introduced seasonal commercial air service by Horizon Air between the airport and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) in December 2008 utilizing Bombardier DHC 8-402 (Q400 Dash 8) aircraft. The location of MMH is shown in **Attachment 1**. This service was based on approval by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of an amendment to the Horizon Air Operations Specification in May 2008, and preparation of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) published in March 2008. The FAA approval, and the EIS, anticipated that winter season commercial service would expand over several years to up to eight flights per day between MMH and several west coast destinations, including San Francisco. The EIS also anticipated that commercial service would include up to 2 flights per day between MMH and LAX during the summer season.

As one of the eight winter flights United Airlines proposes to conduct daily flights from San Francisco International Airport (SFO) to MMH using CRJ 700 aircraft. A depiction of a CRJ 700 aircraft is presented in **Attachment 2**. United Airlines has provided the FAA with a letter of intent to initiate the scheduled service to MMH beginning in December 2010 with one flight per day (see **Attachment 3**). Daily flights would occur from approximately December 16, 2010 to April 4, 2011 using aircraft that would accommodate up to 66 passengers.

FAA is required to evaluate the requested operations specifications amendment to determine that safety in air commerce allows the amendment, pursuant to 14 CFR Section 119.51. The proposed Federal action is the FAA approval of United Airlines' operations specifications amendment request.

FAA Order 1050.1E requires that an Environmental Assessment (EA) be prepared for any project or approval that would result in scheduled commercial service by turbojet aircraft to an airport that has not previously had service by turbojet aircraft. In accordance with the *National Environmental Policy Act* of 1969 and FAA implementing regulations, the Town of Mammoth Lakes and United Airlines are preparing an EA to consider and document the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed operations specifications amendment. The EA will be submitted to the FAA for acceptance and a decision to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

On behalf of the Town of Mammoth Lakes and United Airlines, we are sending you this early notification for the following reasons:

1. To advise your agency of the preparation of the EA;
2. To request any relevant information that your agency may have regarding the airport site or environs; and,

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3. To solicit early comments regarding potential environmental, social, and economic issues for consideration during the preparation of the EA.

A CD of the March 2008 *Final Environmental Impact Statement Request for Operations Specifications Amendment by Horizon Air to Provide Scheduled Air Service to MMH* is enclosed to assist you with the above request for any relevant information (**Attachment 4**). The March 2008 EIS contains descriptions of the human, natural and physical environments in the vicinity of MMH. The base study year for the March 2008 EIS was the calendar year 2005. Since 2005, there may have been changes in the existing condition in the vicinity of MMH. By providing more recent relevant information, your agency will contribute to a more up to date baseline of information for this EA.

Please send any information and comments to Russell Forrest at the address provided below or via email at russell_forrest@urscorp.com. Your prompt response is appreciated.

Russell P. Forrest, GISP
Project Coordinator
URS Corporation
7650 West Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, Florida 33607-1462

Future notifications regarding the EA process will be published primarily using email and the Town of Mammoth Lakes web page. If possible, please provide an email address for future email notifications to Mr. Forrest.

On behalf of the Town and United Airlines, we would like to thank you for your interest in this project and look forward to working with you as we prepare the EA. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding proposed project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (813) 636-2444 or via email at: bill_fehring@urscorp.com.

Sincerely,

URS CORPORATION



William K. Fehring, Ph.D.
Project Manager

Enclosures (4)

Copies: Caroline Poyurs, PhD – FAA, Aviation Environmental Specialist
Karen Johnston - Town of Mammoth Lakes
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VICINITY MAP

ATTACHMENT
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Sources: www.skywest.com, 2009



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PHOTOGRAPH OF CRJ700 AIRCRAFT

ATTACHMENT
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Vice President Planning

EARLY NOTIFICATION MAILING LISTS

Mammoth Yosemite Airport

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Ms.	Linda	Dahl	Chief of Planning	U.S. Department of the Interior	National Park Service, Yosemite National Park	PO Box 557		Yosemite	CA	95389	
Ms.	Deanna	Dulen	Superintendent	U.S. Department of the Interior	National Park Service, Devils Postpile National Monument	PO Box 3999		Mammoth Lakes	CA	93546	
Mr.	Bill	Dunkelberger	Field Manager	U.S. Department of Interior	Bureau of Land Management, Bishop Field Office	351 Pacu Lane, Suite 100		Bishop	CA	93514	
Mr.	Lisa	Hanf	Chief of Planning	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Region IX	75 Hawthorne Street, AIR-2		San Francisco	CA	94105	
Mr.	Bruce	Henderson	Regulatory Branch Project Manager	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Los Angeles District Regulatory Branch, Ventura Field Office	2151 Alessandro Drive, Suite 110		Ventura	CA	93001	
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Ms.	Diane	Noda	Field Supervisor	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Office, Region 1	Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office	2493 Portola Road, Suite B		Ventura	CA	93003	-7726
Mr.	Jon	Regelbrugge	District Ranger	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Forest Service - Inyo National Forest, Mammoth Ranger Station	P.O. Box 148		Mammoth Lakes	CA	93546	
Mr.	Michael	Reynolds	Park Planning Program Mgr	National Park Service Yosemite National Park		P.O. Box 557		Yosemite	CA	95389	
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Mr.	Edward	Tallyn	Soil Scientist	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Natural Resource Conservation Service	270 North See Vee Lane, Suite 6		Bishop	CA	93514	-8067
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Mr.	Tom	Hallenbeck	District Director	California Department of Transportation	District 9	500 South Main Street		Bishop	CA	93514	
Ms.	Sandy	Hesnard		California Department of Transportation	Division of Aeronautics, MS 40	PO Box 942874		Sacramento	CA	94287	-0001
Mr.	Gary	Honcoop	Manager	California Air Resources Board	Planning and Technical Support Division	PO Box 2158		Sacramento	CA	94296	-0001
Mr.	Bruce	Kenny	Deputy Regional Manager	California Department of Fish and Game	Region 6, Eastern Sierra-Inland Deserts, Bishop Field Office	407 West Line Street, Rm. 1		Bishop	CA	93514	
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Ms.	Janill	Richards	Deputy Attorney General	California Department of Justice	State of California Attorney General's Office	PO Box 7055-0550		Oakland	CA	94612	
Mr.	Allen	Robertson	Manager	California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection	Environmental Protection Program	PO Box 944246		Sacramento	CA	94244	-2460
Ms.	Gayle	Rosander	Assoc. Planner	California Department of Transportation	District 9	500 South Main Street		Bishop	CA	93514	
Mr.	Darrell	Wong	Supervisor	Cal. Dept. of Fish & Game, Reg. 6	Eastern Sierra-Inland Deserts Reg.	407 West Line Street		Bishop	CA	93514	
Mr.	Ted	Schade	Air Pollution Control Officer	Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District		157 Short Street, Suite 6		Bishop	CA	93514	-3537
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Mr.	Rick	Scholl	Sherriff	Mono County Sheriff's Dept.		P.O. Box 616		Bridgeport	CA	93517	
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Mammoth Yosemite Airport

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Mr.	Joseph	Saulque	Chairperson	Benton Paiute Reservation	Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe	391 Utu Lane		Benton	CA	93512	
Mr.	Mike	Keller	Chairperson	Benton Paiute Reservation		Star Route 4, Box 56-A		Benton	CA	93512	
Mr.	Jason	Warren	Environmental Director	Big Pine Paiute Tribe		PO Box 700		Big Pine	CA	93573	
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Mr.	Bill	Manning	Airport & Transportation Director	Town of Mammoth Lakes	Mammoth Yosemite Airport	PO Box 1609		Mammoth Lakes	CA	93546	
Mr.	Ray	Jarvis	Director	Town of Mammoth Lakes	Public Works	PO Box 1609		Mammoth Lakes	CA	93546	
Ms.	Danna	Stroud	Director	Town of Mammoth Lakes	Tourism & Recreation Department	PO Box 1609		Mammoth Lakes	CA	93546	
Mr.	Brian	Picken	Assistant Airport Manager	Town of Mammoth Lakes		PO Box 1609		Mammoth Lakes	CA	93546	
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The Hon.	Skip	Harvey	Councilmember	Town of Mammoth Lakes		PO Box 2184		Mammoth Lakes	CA	93546	
The Hon.	Neil	McCarroll	Mayor	Town of Mammoth Lakes		PO Box 3339		Mammoth Lakes	CA	93546	
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EARLY NOTIFICATION RESPONSES

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January 5, 2010

Dear Mr. Forrest:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mammoth Airport EA. I have one clerical change for you. The letter I received at this office (270 See Vee Lane, Suite 6; Bishop, CA), from William K. Fehring, was addressed to Ed Tallyn. He has not worked here in over 10 years. Please update your contact information. I am the contact for NRCS in Inyo and southern Mono Counties.

As far as comments to the EA: Air service to Mammoth and the surrounding areas is a great and welcome event. My only recommendation is that the airport management schedules and manages arrivals and departures to reduce noise levels to backcountry users and local communities. I am a private pilot and am aware what an intrusion aircraft noise can be to rural and secluded areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert A. Pearce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Robert A. Pearce, Ph.D.
District Conservationist.





Record of Telephone Conversation

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Response to Early Notification

Carl called to let us know that the Service had received the Early Notification package. We discussed briefly why the EA was being prepared, the on-going expansion of the Horizon Air service to MMH, and why the EN letter indicated that the proposed jet service was only between SFO and MMH. Carl indicated that the Service would not be submitting further comments regarding the Proposed Action or EA.



Stephen Kalish <kaljar@qnet.com>

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To russell_forrest@urscorp.com

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Subject EA for Mammoth Yosemite Airport

History:

 This message has been forwarded.

Mr. Forrest,

This is in response to Mr. Fehring's December 30, 2009 mailing, regarding the preparation of an EA for a proposed operations specification amendment for United Airlines to bring commercial turbojet flights to the Mammoth Yosemite Airport.

Below is my email address for future notifications regarding the EA process. Please keep me informed of future activity.

Sincerely,

Stephen Kalish

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Dear Mr. Forrest:

Early Consultation for an Environmental Assessment (EA) for United Airlines Commercial Service to Mammoth Lakes Airport

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 9 appreciates being contacted about the preparation of an EA for additional commercial air service at Mammoth Lakes Airport. Please consider the following in your analysis:

- Surface transportation was analyzed in previous commercial air service environmental documents. Although the proposed additional deplanement numbers appear to be such that there should be no significant impact to US 395, possible cumulative impacts should be revisited to reflect current conditions and projected area growth (e.g. Sierra Business Park and other viable airport development). The following access options should be addressed:
 - The current Hot Creek Road/US 395 intersection.
 - Extension of Airport Road to Benton Crossing Road, thence to US 395. (A project for this extension is included in the State Transportation Improvement Plan. The Town should be queried as to project funding priority/feasibility.)
 - Extension of Airport Road to Substation Road, thence to State Route 203.
- Emergency access is currently available via Hot Creek Road and the US 395 emergency gate at the fence. We trust that the Long Valley Fire Department and Town are working with you regarding emergency plans.
- Other options for deplaning when landing cannot occur due to inclement weather, including how passengers will be transported to their desired destinations if an alternative airport is used.
- Coordination of the air service with other modal options (Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, Mammoth Transit, car rental, other private services, etc.).
- Caltrans Encroachment Permitting would be required for any improvements or activities within State right-of-way or affecting US 395 travel.

We value a cooperative working relationship with all parties. For any questions or future notifications you may contact me at (760) 872-0785 or email gayle.rosander@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gayle J. Rosander".

GAYLE J. ROSANDER
IGR/CEQA Coordinator

c: Karen Johnston, Mammoth Lakes
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January 21, 2010

Dear Mr. Forrest:

Re: Early Notification of an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Operations Specifications Amendment Approval Related to the Scheduled Commercial Air Service into Mammoth Yosemite Airport by United Airlines

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics (Division), has reviewed the early notification. We offer the following comments for your consideration.

Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH) reintroduced seasonal commercial air service by Horizon Air between MMH and Los Angeles International Airport in December 2008, following the preparation and circulation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that was finalized in 2008. The EIR also addressed additional future flights between MMH and San Francisco, Las Vegas and San Diego. The Environmental Assessment (EA) will address the proposed use of the CRJ 700 aircraft for daily flights from San Francisco.

The Division has technical expertise in the areas of airport operations safety and airport land use compatibility. Caltrans is also the primary State agency responsible for permitting airports and heliports. Our mandated process is further described in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 21, Section 3534(b). MMH operates with an airport permit issued by the Division; however, from the information provided, it does not appear that the proposal will affect the State airport permit. New construction projects, however, must meet or exceed the minimum design standards for a permitted airport, as specified in the CCR, Title 21, Article 3, "Design Standards, Airports Only."

These comments reflect the areas of concern to the Division of Aeronautics with respect to airport-related noise, safety, and regional land use planning issues pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. We advise you to contact our District 9 office concerning surface transportation issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. We look forward to reviewing the EA. If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-5314 or by email at sandy.hesnard@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Hesnard".

SANDY HESNARD

Aviation Environmental Specialist

c: Mammoth Yosemite Airport, Mono County ALUC



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January 22, 2010

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Dear Mr. Forrest:

Subject: Comments on the Environmental Assessment for Proposed Operations Specifications Amendment Approval Related to the Scheduled Commercial Air Service into Mammoth Yosemite Airport by United Airlines

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has reviewed the notice to prepare the above-mentioned Environmental Assessment to consider and document the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed operations specifications amendment.

The following issues were expressed in our letter dated December 7, 2007, to Mr. Mark Cox, of the U.S. Department of Transportation, regarding the November 2007 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Request for Operations Specifications Amendment for Horizon Air to provide scheduled service into Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH):

- According to Section 4.6.1.3, on page 4-42:

"The Greater Sage Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*) was identified by California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as a concern due to the proximity of a sage grouse lek two miles east of the MMH airport and possible impacts on the use of the lek resulting from the proposed action. A lek is a communal arena in which males of a species perform courtship displays. The lek is considered to be the center of year-round activity for resident grouse populations."
- An ongoing study conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey (Personal Communication, 2004) has determined that sage grouse utilize the area surrounding MMH for foraging, nesting, and breeding.
- According to Appendix H-3: On April 14, 2004, URS Corporation (URS) conducted a noise assessment at the Greater Sage Grouse lekking area (known as lek 2) in Long Valley, Mono County, California, which is located in close proximity to the departure and arrival flight paths to and from the MMH. On April 14, 2004, a Westwind jet aircraft equipped with Garrett TFE 731-3-1G engines (3700 lbs of static thrust) was chartered by URS to conduct departures and arrivals at MMH for the purpose of assessing the response of lekking sage grouse to the overflights. Two overflights coincided with two large groups of grouse flushing

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from lek 2: the arrival (from Bishop) at 7:34 a.m. and the departure (toward Bishop) at 7:45 a.m. The response was likely due to the combination of the noise and visual disturbance of the jet passing over the lek. The responses were observed by both Dr. Pat Mock, URS Senior Biologist, and Ms. Denyse Racine, CDFG Biologist.

LADWP offered the following comments and concerns on the proposed action in our letter dated December 7, 2007; and these concerns are still valid:

- A. The Greater Sage Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*) is listed by the State of California as a Species of Special Concern and has been petitioned for listing under the Federal Endangered Species Act. If this species is listed, it will restrict LADWP's ability to manage City of Los Angeles lands, and, therefore, we want to avoid activities that may result in listing.
- B. LADWP, as an agency that has been working on conservation issues associated with the sage grouse, is concerned that the visual and audible disturbance described above would significantly affect the sage grouse that utilize lek 2. This lek as well as other foraging, nesting and breeding grounds, is located on City of Los Angeles land and, as the landowners, we are very concerned about the proximity of airport flight patterns to lek 2. Lek 2 is the largest breeding habitat/population in Long Valley and is critical to the overall health and reproductive needs of this regional sage grouse population.
- C. At a minimum, LADWP requests that aircraft arrivals and departures during peak breeding season (approximately March 1 through April 30) be scheduled to avoid interference with breeding activity on lek 2. On any given day during the breeding season (March-May), lekking activity wanes at approximately 9:00 a.m.; therefore, we recommend that arrivals and departures be scheduled after 10:00 a.m.

LADWP offers the following comments and concerns regarding the proposed environmental assessment dated December 30, 2009:

LADWP recommends that the proposed operations specifications amendment and associated Environmental Assessment examines the difference in noise created by the CRJ-700 turbojet aircraft and associated disturbance to breeding Greater Sage Grouse that utilize lek 2.

In addition, the Bombardier DHC-402 aircraft currently in use is different than the Westwind Jet aircraft equipped with TFE-3-16 engines tested on April 14, 2004. Please include noise assessments for specific aircraft applicable to the proposed Operations Specifications Amendment.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposed Environmental Assessment. If you have any questions about these comments, please feel free to contact Mrs. Debbie House, of my staff, at 760-873-2284.

Sincerely,



Clarence M. Martin
Assistant Aqueduct Manager

c: Mrs. Debbie House



Deanna_Dulen@nps.gov

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To "Robert F. Clark" <rclark@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us>, rpicken%ci_mammoth-lakes, <bill_fehring@urscorp.com>
cc Deanna_Dulen@nps.gov, Karen_Taylor-Goodrich@nps.gov, Don_Neubacher@nps.gov

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Subject Fw: Request NPS as cooperating agency in flight paths for proposed Turbojet Service SFO MMH

Greetings again,

This rejected last week when sent to all three of you, so am sending again.

Robin, would you pls check and make sure Bill Fehring gets a copy of this. Please add Karen Taylor-Goodrich/WASO/NPS, Don Neubacher/PORE/NPS, to the email list on this outreach.

Thanks!

----- Forwarded by Deanna Dulen/DEPO/NPS on 02/07/2010 10:16 AM -----

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Subject

Request NPS as cooperating agency
in flight paths for proposed
Turbojet Service SFO MMH

Greetings,

NPS requests a cooperating role in determining the flight paths of the proposed Turbojet Air Service. NPS commented on the EIS for commercial air service, expressing concerns about impacts to NPS Soundscapes at Yosemite National Park, Sequoia Kings Canyon National Park, and Devils Postpile NM.

In the letter sent Dec.30, this identified all communications about this would be via email and the Town of Mammoth Lakes website. Please include all of the NPS people in all related emails to the upcoming EA on this issue.

Deanna Dulen
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APPENDIX A-3

SECTION 106 CORRESPONDENCE

This appendix contains government agency correspondence related to the development of the EA. Letters are primarily related to the collection of data and clarification of EA-related issues. Letters are provided in chronological order and an index is provided below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>
2/9/10	URS to California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)



February 9, 2010

Mr. Milford Wayne Donaldson
State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Historic Preservation
1416 9th Street, Room 1442-7
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Proposed United Airlines Operation Specification Amendment for scheduled air service to Mammoth Yosemite Airport – National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106, Consultation

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

The purpose of this letter is to apprise you of a proposal under consideration by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that would provide an Operation Specification Amendment to United Airlines for initiation of scheduled air service to Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH). Horizon Air proposes to provide scheduled air service to MMH using a CRJ700 regional turbojet aircraft. No expansion or relocation of the existing facilities (runway, taxiway or buildings) is proposed at MMH as a result of United Airlines' air service proposal.

The FAA has determined that this proposed action is a federal undertaking as defined in 36 CFR § 800.16(y). Therefore, the FAA is initiating consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) pursuant to § 800.3(c)(3), and is requesting concurrence with FAA's delineation of the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE) as defined in § 800.16(d) and determination pursuant to § 800.11(d).

Proposed Location

MMH is located on the west edge of Owens Valley just northeast of US 395 approximately six miles due east of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California in Mono County, and approximately four miles west of Lake Crowley.

Proposed Action Description

On December 18, 2009 United Airlines issued a letter to the FAA confirming its intent to provide scheduled air service to MMH beginning in December of 2010. The service would begin with one flight daily between MMH and San Francisco International Airport (SFO) during the winter ski season (approximately December to April). United has proposed to utilize a CRJ700 turbojet aircraft to provide the air service. The CRJ700 proposed for use can seat up to 74 passengers.

MMH currently has commercial service provided Horizon Air utilizing Q400 turboprop aircraft. Service is provided during the winter ski season between MMH and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Reno International Airport (RNO), and San Jose International Airport (SJC). In January 2010 the FAA approved the revised Town of Mammoth Lakes' (Town) aviation activity forecasts for MMH. The aviation forecast estimates that commercial service activity would increase from the current four flights per day during the winter season to a maximum of eight flights per day during the winter ski season by 2013. In addition, the forecast projects one flight per day between MMH and LAX during the summer months beginning in 2010. This commercial activity level is predicted to then be constant through the year 2017.

The Town does not propose new construction to accommodate the proposed air service. The service would be accommodated within the existing facilities at MMH. MMH consists of one east-west oriented runway (Runway 9/27) with a parallel and connecting taxiway system. Runway 9/27 is paved with asphalt and is 7,000 feet long by 100 feet wide. Buildings at the airport include hangars, office space and warehouse/terminal space.

The FAA determined that the appropriate Area of Potential Effect for the proposed action is the existing airport boundary expanded to incorporate the Community Noise Equivalent Level 65 dB contour (Enclosure 1).

Prior MMH Consultation

In 2000, FAA received SHPO concurrence of “no historic properties affected” regarding the Town’s proposed runway expansion project (Enclosure 2). As a result of litigation regarding the MMH Expansion Project Environmental Assessment (Town of Mammoth Lakes, 2000), the FAA issued a notice of its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding the proposed expansion project in November of 2003.

On July 27, 2004, the FAA re-initiated consultation with SHPO regarding the Town's proposed expansion of Runway 9/27 and other improvements at MMH. The FAA concluded that the proposed expansion project would have no effect on historic properties based upon the prior survey of MMH. The FAA received SHPO concurrence that the proposed expansion project would have no effect on historic properties on September 16, 2004 (Enclosure 3). However in late 2005, the Town withdrew its expansion proposal in favor regional air service that could be accommodated within the existing facilities.

As a result of Horizon Air’s request for an Operation Specification Amendment the FAA issued an EIS Notice of Intent (NOI) in the July 24, 2006 Federal Register. The Final EIS for the proposed Operations Specification Amendment was issued in March 2008. As part of the preparation of the EIS, FAA received SHPO concurrence that the proposed introduction of commercial air service would have no effect on historic properties on March 12, 2007 (Enclosure 4).

MMH Survey Results

The Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc. surveyed most of the Mammoth Yosemite Airport APE in July 1995 as part of a much larger Airport development proposal. Archeologists from Jones & Stokes performed an archaeological survey on the remainder of the Mammoth Yosemite Airport APE on June 20, 2000. No prehistoric or historic resources were recorded as a result of the either field survey within the Mammoth Yosemite Airport APE. However, the record search indicted that two prehistoric sites, CA-Mno-703/H and CA-Mno3025, were previously identified and recorded in the vicinity of the Airport. CA-Mno-703/H is located north area of potential effect and CA-Mno-3025 is located east of the area of potential effect.

CA-Mno-703/H is a prehistoric site containing several rockshelters and concentrations of lithic materials as well as a historic component consisting of seasonal camping debris. CA-Mno-3025 is a very small lithic scatter with no other features. CA-Mno-703/H and CA-Mno-3025 are not located in the area of potential effect so the proposed undertaking or any alternative would not have any significant impact on these sites.

At the time of the prior report, one building, the “green church,” constructed in 1954, was determined to be less than 50 years of age in the 2000 Jones & Stokes technical report. The structure was deemed not subject to evaluation for eligibility to the National Register due to its age. However, in 2000, Jones & Stokes undertook additional historic research to clarify the association of the structure with an individual named on a plaque on the facade of the church. The plaque reads, “In Memory of Wallace D. Durgard, 1957”. The Jones & Stokes (2000:5) report states that,

...efforts were made to ascertain that the church does not constitute a historic property under NRHP criteria considerations for properties less than 50 years old. After contacting the pastors of area churches and individuals at county and local historical societies, The Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, and the Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research laboratory, it appears that the former church building has no known historical value to the local community.

In the technical cultural resources study for the 2000 EA, a consultant (Jones & Stokes 2000:5) recommended to the FAA that a no effect determination be made for the Airport Expansion.

While the “green church” is now 56 years old, it is located outside of the proposed APE and would not be directly or indirectly impacted by the proposed action.

Conclusion

On behalf of FAA, we seek concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Officer of the no historic properties affected [§ 800.11(d)] determination for the proposed United Airlines Operation Specification Amendment for scheduled air service to MMH.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated. If you have any questions regarding this matter, I am available at (813) 636-2444.

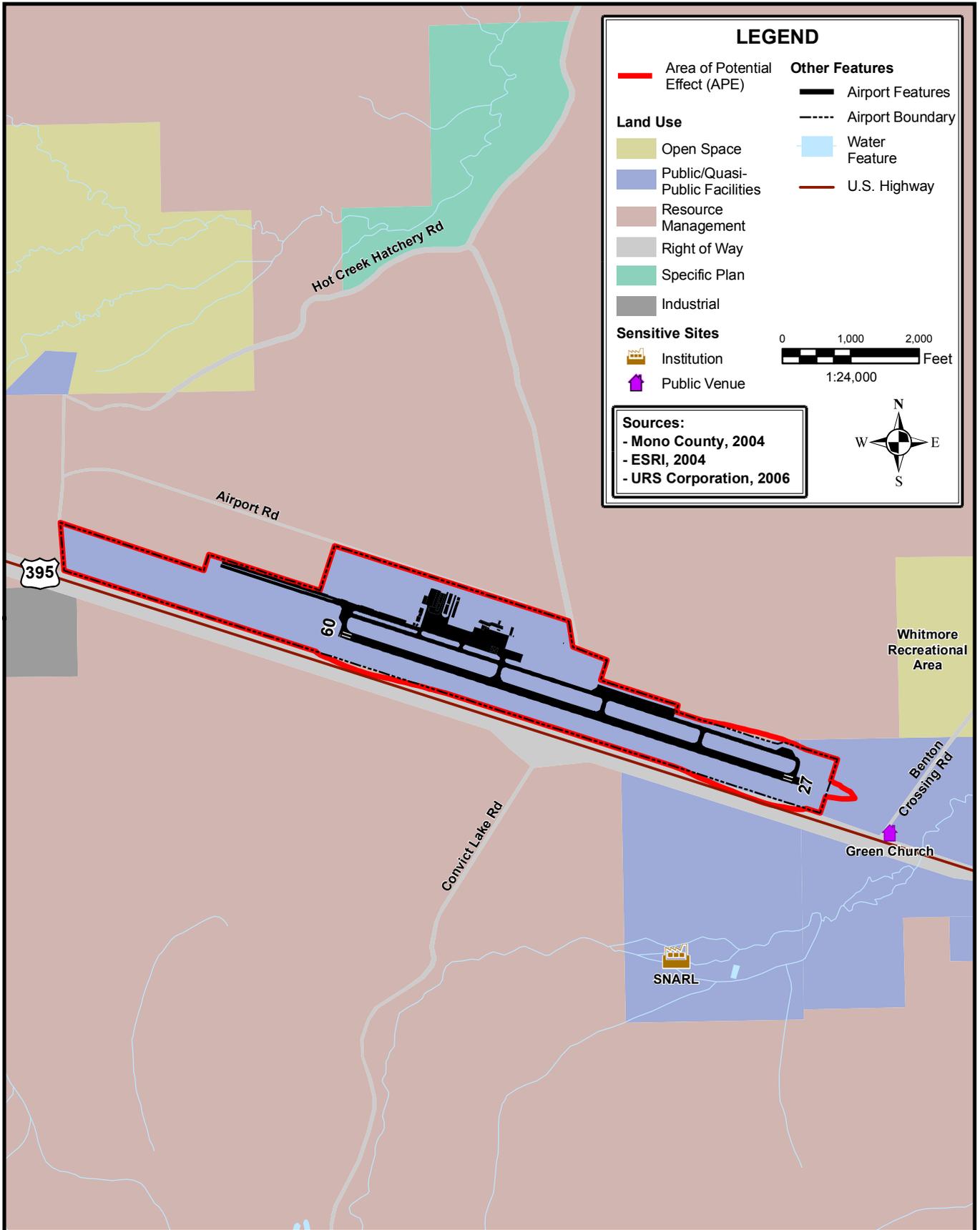
Sincerely,


William K. Fehring, Ph.D,
Project Manager

Enclosures:

- (1) Area of Potential Effect – Mammoth Yosemite Airport
- (2) State of California, Office of Historic Preservation letter -December, 11, 2000 (FAA000210A)
- (3) State of California, Office of Historic Preservation letter - September 16, 2004 (FAA 040730A)
- (4) State of California, Office of Historic Preservation letter - March 12, 2007 (FAA070122A)

cc: Bill Fehring, URS Corporation



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Area of Potential Effect (APE)	Other Features
Land Use	Airport Features
Open Space	Airport Boundary
Public/Quasi-Public Facilities	Water Feature
Resource Management	U.S. Highway
Right of Way	
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Institution	
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Sources:
 - Mono County, 2004
 - ESRI, 2004
 - URS Corporation, 2006

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December 11, 2000

REPLY TO: FAA000210A

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Federal Aviation Administration
San Francisco Airports District Office
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Subject: Mammoth Yosemite Airport Improvement Project, Mammoth Lakes,
Mono County, California

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

Thank you for consulting me concerning the undertaking cited above pursuant to 36 CFR 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. I understand that the project includes an extension of runway 9-27 1,200 feet to the west, widening the runway to 150 feet, extension of a taxiway of equal length and width of 50 feet, construction of a passenger terminal and other support facilities capable of supporting air carrier and charter operations. Your letter of November 16, 2000 transmitted a copy of a cultural resources report prepared by Jones & Stokes entitled "Mammoth Lakes Airport Improvement Project, Mono County, California" (July 2000) and requested my concurrence with the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) determination that no historic properties will be affected by implementation of the proposed project.

Review of the supporting documentation indicates that reasonable measures were taken to identify historic properties within the undertaking's area of potential effects (APE). These efforts to identify historic properties conform to applicable standards and the documentation provided is consistent with the requirements of § 800.11(d) for a finding of "no historic properties affected." Therefore, pursuant to § 800.4(d)(1), because I do not object to this adequately documented finding, your responsibilities under Section 106 are now fulfilled.

Your consideration of historic properties in the project planning process is appreciated. If you have any questions please contact staff Charles Whatford of my staff at (916) 653-2716 or cwhat@ohp.parks.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Daniel Abeyta, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

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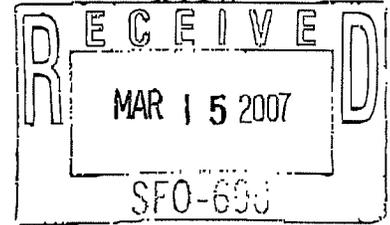
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March 12, 2007

Reply To: FAA070122A



Camille Garibaldi
Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Aviation Administration
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Re: Finding of Effect for the Proposed Horizon Air Operation Specification Amendment
for Scheduled Air Service to the Mammoth Yosemite Airport

Dear Ms. Garibaldi:

You have provided me with the results of your efforts to determine whether the undertaking referenced above may affect historic properties. You have done this, and are consulting with me, in order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementing regulations codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has determined that the proposed undertaking will have no effect on historic properties.

Based on review of the submitted documentation, I have the following comments:

- 1) The cultural resource studies conducted to date are adequate.
- 2) No historic properties will be affected by the proposed project.

Thank you for considering historic properties during project planning. If you have any questions, please call Natalie Lindquist at (916) 654-0631 and e-mail at nlindquist@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Suzanne K Stratton for

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer

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