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Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport Property Boundary

Dear Mr. Davis,

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding the Sitka Airport and the Fort Rousseau Park boundary. As owner and operator of the Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport, the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) must retain adequate land interest sufficient to protect lands needed for aviation and airport uses to be in compliance with airport operational requirements and DOTPF's obligations as a recipient of FAA Airport Improvement Program grant funds.

The existing Airport Layout Plan approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) depicts lands needed for Airport purposes. During the Environmental Impact Statement for the Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport completed September 28, 2009, the FAA reaffirmed that the boundary depicted on the Sitka Airport Layout Plan is needed to ensure control of lands necessary for airport and aviation uses and public safety.

The Airport property boundary depicted on the Sitka Airport Layout Plan is 1100' from runway centerline. Some of the lands immediately adjacent to the Airport, within the Airport property boundary were included in the description of the Fort Rousseau Park boundary in the legislation forming the park. A number of critical navigational aids and communications equipment are located on the lands.

The FAA believes that the lands depicted on the attached Figure prepared by DOTPF showing the overlap between the Airport property boundary and the Fort Rousseau Park boundary are needed to satisfy DOTPF's obligations to maintain control of lands needed for airport and aviation purposes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James W. Lomen', written over a horizontal line.

James W. Lomen, P.E.
Deputy Division Manager

Attachment:

Sitka Airport – Fort Rousseau Boundary Overlap

Cc:

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