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The purpose of this appendix is to provide additional background information regarding the projects proposed within this Environmental Assessment (EA). At the onset of the EA, letters were sent to the following entities seeking input regarding potential environmental resources which could be impacted by the proposed airport improvements. A copy of the letter sent to them and the response received (if any) follows the table of contents within this appendix.

Please note, the scoping letters sent to the following agencies requested input regarding the runway extension alternatives as well as the relocated airport access road. For timing purposes, the relocation of the access road was evaluated within a separate *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) document and portions of the relocated road have been constructed.

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State Conservationist  
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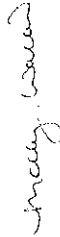
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Air Quality Bureau  
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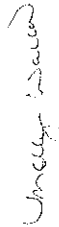
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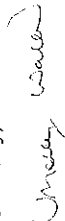
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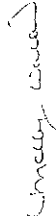
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New Mexico Department of Transportation  
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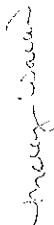
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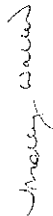
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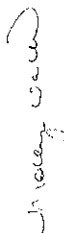
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Cc: Mr. James Hinde, City of Albuquerque  
Mr. Tim Tandy, FAA  
Dr. Joseph Sanchez, Petroglyph National Monument  
Mr. Christopher Huguin, Coffman Associates



April 4, 2007

Mr. Rob Anderson  
Development Director  
City of Rio Rancho  
3900 Southern Boulevard SE  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

**Re: Environmental Assessment for Proposed Improvements at Double  
Eagle II Airport in Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Coffman Associates has been contracted by the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed improvements at Double Eagle II Airport. This EA will be prepared pursuant to the requirements of Section 102(2) of the *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)* of 1969 and will conform to the requirements and standards set forth by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as contained in FAA Order 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures* and FAA Order 5050.4B, *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*. The FAA will act as the lead agency for the project. Due to the proximity of Petroglyph National Monument to the airport, the National Park Service will act as a cooperating agency.

The proposed improvements at Double Eagle II Airport are being undertaken to meet the needs of the users of the Albuquerque airport system. Within the *National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS)*, Double Eagle II is classified as a reliever airport for the Albuquerque International Sunport. Reliever airports are defined as high capacity general aviation airports in major metropolitan areas that provide general aviation pilots with alternatives to using congested hub airports. This designation as a reliever airport translates to the airport's level of importance within the national aviation system. Forecasts and facility requirements contained within the NPIAS assume that the airport will continue to fulfill its role within the national aviation system by providing a high level of general aviation service to central New Mexico. In order to allow the airport to continue to fulfill its assigned role, the airport needs to be able to accommodate the needs of the entire general aviation aircraft fleet. The airport's ability to accommodate the needs of turbojet aircraft is limited by the available runway length. The attached project description and exhibits provide more information regarding these identified limitations.

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The purpose of this letter is to solicit your comments or concerns regarding potential environmental or social resources located at, or in close proximity to, Double Eagle II Airport. Alternatives which will be evaluated within the EA may differ from those which are contained on Exhibit B and Exhibit C and may impact other portions of airport property.

Please send any written comments to me by May 15, 2007, at the address on the letterhead. As another option, you may fax or e-mail your comments to:

FAX: 816.524.2575  
E-mail: [mwall@coffmanassociates.com](mailto:mwall@coffmanassociates.com)

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact either me or Chris Hugunin at 816.524.3500. Thank you for your consideration and timely response.

Sincerely,

Molly Waller  
Airport/Environmental Planner

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## **Project Description**

### **Double Eagle II Airport Environmental Assessment**

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The following sections outline the current limitations of the Double Eagle II Airport in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Three exhibits are attached to assist with your review of the project. **Exhibit A** depicts the location of the airport in its local and regional setting, and **Exhibit B** and **Exhibit C** depict two of the development concepts under consideration at the airport. Through the Environmental Assessment (EA) process additional alternatives may be evaluated; therefore, the precise location of the various airport projects may differ at the conclusion of the environmental analysis and documentation.

### **Runway Length Limitations**

Currently, Runway 4-22 is 7,400 feet long and Runway 17-35 is 5,999 feet long. After analysis of the current turbojet activity at Double Eagle II Airport and Albuquerque International Sunport, it was determined that these runway lengths do not meet the needs of many of the turbojets that currently utilize these airports. These findings were reinforced through surveys which were mailed to owners of turbojets operating to the Albuquerque area over the past year. It was determined that a runway length of 9,000 feet is needed to accommodate the types of business jets which currently operate in Albuquerque.

Two alternatives to accommodate a 9,000-foot runway at Double Eagle II Airport are being considered. The first alternative extends Runway 17-35 to 9,000 feet. **Exhibit B** depicts an extension scenario which will likely meet the project purpose and need and be the most cost-effective. The extension of Runway 17-35 to the north would require a realignment of the airport's existing access road and instrument landing system (ILS) as depicted on **Exhibit B**. The road improvements are discussed further within the following section. Presently, the Double Eagle II Airport Instrument Landing System (ILS) is associated with Runway 22. Should Runway 17-35 be extended, the primary runway designation at the airport would change from Runway 4-22 to Runway 17-35. Based on this information, consideration is being given to moving the ILS from Runway 22 to Runway 17. The ILS is a navigational aid used by pilots to locate and land at the airport during periods of poor visibility and/or cloud coverage. **Exhibit B** depicts the alternative that includes the relocation of the ILS equipment including the medium intensity approach lighting system with runway alignment indicator lights (MALSR) to the Runway 17 end.

**Exhibit C** depicts the second airport development alternative which is currently under consideration. This alternative was evaluated within the airport's 1999 Airport Master Plan and results in Runway 4-22 being extended by 1,600 feet to a total length of 9,000 feet.

## **Realignment of Paseo Del Norte**

In 1994, an EA was prepared for the construction of an access road from the airport to Paseo Del Norte. At the time, access to the airport was limited to one corridor from the south, utilizing Haul Road, which ultimately connected to Interstate 40. The access road connected the airport to a thoroughfare north of the airport. The City's purpose in constructing the access road was to shorten the car travel for many of the region's aviation aircraft owners and potential airport users who live northeast of the airport. During the preparation of the EA, concerns were raised regarding the potential for the project to result in increased noise impacts on areas deemed sacred by the pueblos.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Albuquerque Aviation Department, the Sandia Pueblo, the Zia Pueblo, and the Santa Ana Pueblo was prepared to address concerns raised by the pueblos. As part of this MOU, the aviation department agreed to prepare plans for the road that followed the agreed upon Alternative E. This alternative was constructed and the "y" interchange was created. Since construction of the access road, the "y" intersection has become problematic as is evident on the attached aerial photograph by the dirt paths which have been made to straighten the intersection. As part of this NEPA effort, the placement of this access road will be revisited and evaluated as part of **Exhibit B** and **Exhibit C**.



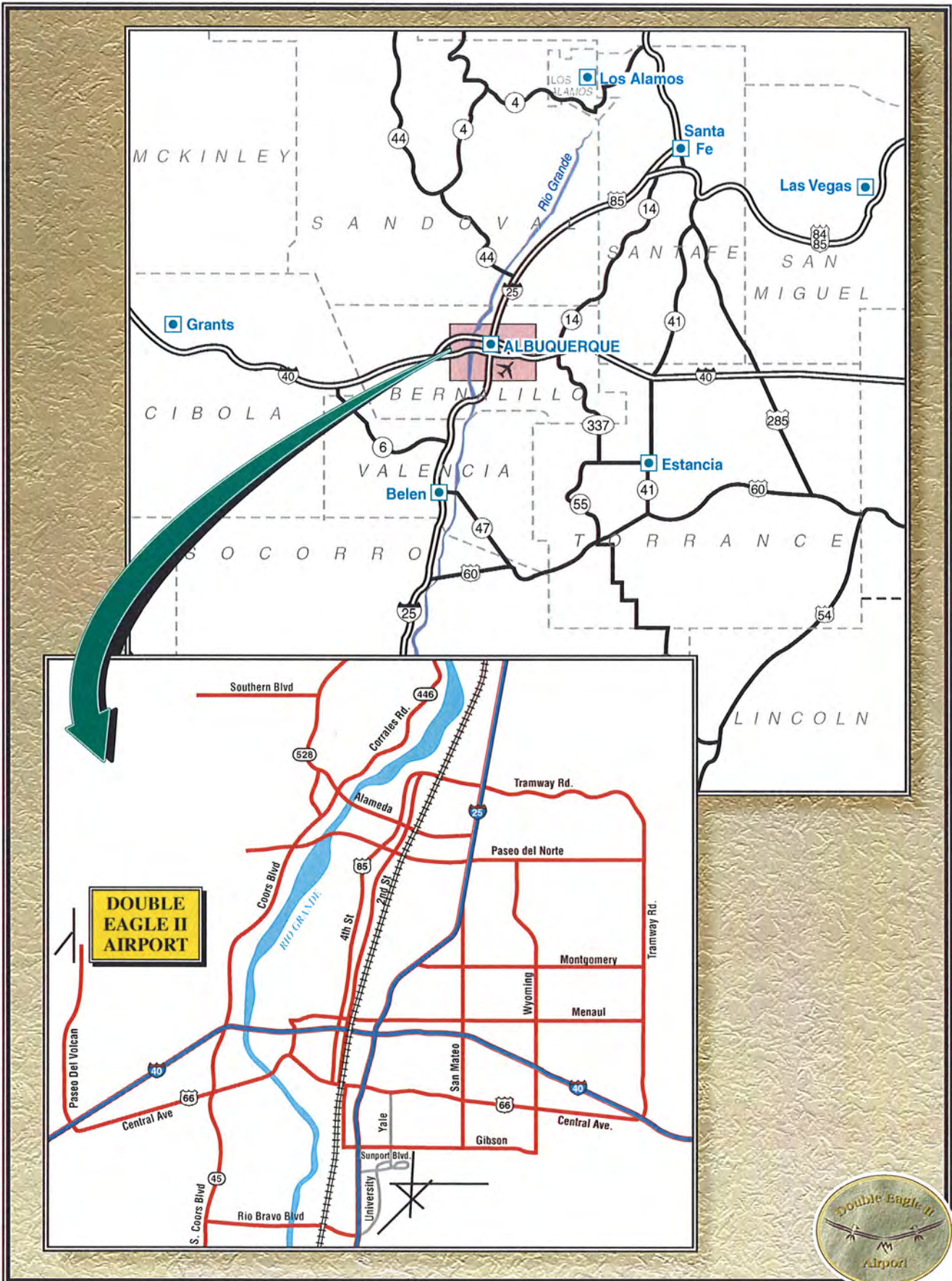


Exhibit A  
LOCATION MAP



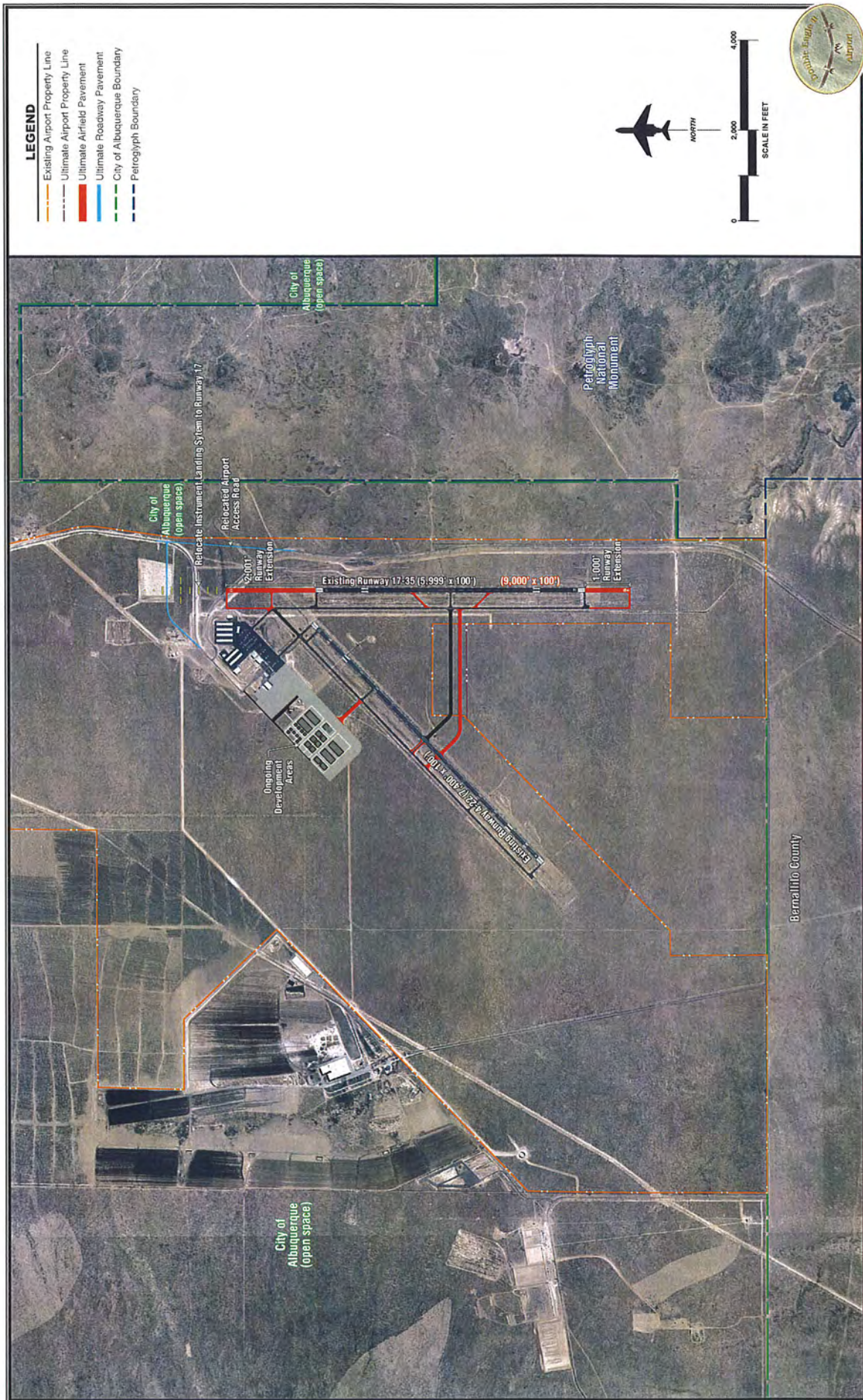


Exhibit B  
ALTERNATIVE A  
IMPROVEMENTS TO RUNWAY 17-35





Exhibit C  
ALTERNATIVE B  
IMPROVEMENTS TO RUNWAY 4-22



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
4101 JEFFERSON PLAZA NE  
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April 10, 2007

Operations Division  
Regulatory Branch

Ms. Molly Waller  
Coffman Associates  
237 NW Blue Parkway, Ste 100  
Lees Summit, MO 64063-1888

Dear Ms. Waller:

This replies to your April 4, 2007, letter regarding the proposed runway and access road improvements at the Double Eagle II Airport located in uplands in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. We have assigned Action No. SPA-2007-182-ABQ to this activity.

We have evaluated the information you provided and studied the project description, other records, and documents available to us. It appears that no waters of the United States are located within the project site. However, a site visit was not made and waters of the United States may be located on the site. The proposed runway and access road improvement project is not regulated under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and a Department of the Army permit will not be required if there are no Corps of Engineers' jurisdictional waters on the site.

Our disclaimer of jurisdiction is only for Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act. Other Federal, state and local laws may apply to the activities. Therefore, the City of Albuquerque should also contact other Federal, state and local regulatory authorities to determine whether the activities may require other authorizations or permits.

This letter contains an approved jurisdictional determination for the \*proposed project. If you or the City of Albuquerque object to this determination, you may request an administrative appeal under Corps' regulations at 33 CFR Part 331. Enclosed you will find a Notification of Appeal Process (NAP) fact sheet and Request for Appeal (RFA) form. If you request to appeal this determination a completed RFA form must be submitted to the South Pacific Division Office at the following address:

Mr. Douglas R. Pomeroy  
Division Review Office  
South Pacific Division, CESPDPDS-O  
1455 Market Street, Room 1760  
San Francisco, CA 94103-1399  
(ph (415)503-6574, fax (415)503-6646)

In order for an RFA to be accepted by the Corps, the Corps must determine that it is complete, that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR Part 331.5, and that it has been received by the Division Office within 60 days of the date of the NAP. Should you decide to submit an RFA form, it must be received at the above address by June 8, 2007.

It is not necessary to submit an RFA form to the Division office if you do not object to the determination in this letter.

This determination will be valid for 2 years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision of the determination within that time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (505) 342-3284 or e-mail me at [william.m.oberle@usace.army.mil](mailto:william.m.oberle@usace.army.mil). For more information about the regulatory program, please see our web site at [www.spa.usace.army.mil/reg/](http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/reg/)

Sincerely,



William M. Oberle  
Regulatory Specialist

Enclosures



**NOTIFICATION OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND  
REQUEST FOR APPEAL**

Applicant: City of Albuquerque, NM, Double Eagle Airport		File Number: SPA-2007-182-ABQ	Date: 04/10/07
Attached is:			See Section below
	INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of Permission)	A	
	PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of Permission)	B	
	PERMIT DENIAL	C	
X	APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	D	
	PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	E	

**SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <http://usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg> or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.**

**A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT:** You may accept or object to the permit.

**ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the DISTRICT ENGINEER for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.

**OBJECT:** If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the DISTRICT ENGINEER within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the DISTRICT ENGINEER will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the DISTRICT ENGINEER will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

**B: PROFFERED PERMIT:** You may accept or appeal the permit

**ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the DISTRICT ENGINEER for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.

**APPEAL:** If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the DIVISION (not district) ENGINEER (address on reverse). This form must be received by the DIVISION ENGINEER within 60 days of the date of this notice.

**C: PERMIT DENIAL:** You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the DIVISION (not district) ENGINEER. This form must be received by the DIVISION (not district) ENGINEER within 60 days of the date of this notice.

**D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION:** You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.

**ACCEPT:** You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.

**APPEAL:** If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the DIVISION (not district) ENGINEER (address on reverse). This form must be received by the DIVISION ENGINEER within 60 days of the date of this notice. Exception: JD appeals based on new information must be submitted to the DISTRICT ENGINEER within 60 days of the date of this notice.

**EXCEPTION:** Appeals of Approved Jurisdictional Determinations based on new information must be submitted to the District engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

**E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION:** You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

**SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT**

**REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS:** (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

**POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:**

If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal process you may contact:

**DISTRICT ENGINEER**

Albuquerque District, Corps of Engineers  
Attn: CESPA-OD-R, Regulatory Branch  
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109-3435  
(505) 342-3283

If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may also contact:

**DIVISION ENGINEER**

Army Engineer Division, South Pacific, CESPD-CM-O  
Attn: Doug Pomeroy, Administrative Appeal Review Officer  
333 Market Street, Room 923  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
(415-977-8035)

(Use this address for submittals to the DIVISION ENGINEER)

**RIGHT OF ENTRY:** Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15 day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.

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Signature of appellant or agent.

Date:

Telephone number:

## Molly A. Waller

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**From:** Dourte, Richard H. [RDourte@cabq.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2007 5:12 PM  
**To:** Molly A. Waller  
**Subject:** FW: Double Eagle II Airport

Molly Waller,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Environmental Assessment for Proposed Improvements at Double Eagle II Airport in Albuquerque, New Mexico and have the following issues.

Sincerely,

Richard Dourte

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**From:** Bingham, Brad L.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2007 3:49 PM  
**To:** Gallegos, Wilfred A.; Dourte, Richard H.  
**Subject:** RE: Double Eagle II Airport

The Hydrology section has no adverse comments to add to this EA. It has already been analyzed in the approved DEII DMP.

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**From:** Gallegos, Wilfred A.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2007 2:52 PM  
**To:** Dourte, Richard H.; Bingham, Brad L.  
**Subject:** Double Eagle II Airport

Richard,

The environmental assessment for the runway lengthening should include the impacts to rerouting the airport access road. In addition, the assessment should include an analysis of the impacts to the transportation network. I am assuming that the lengthening is being made to accommodate more air traffic which should create more vehicle traffic to the airport. This effect will need to be quantified.

Wilfred

**Molly A. Waller**

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**From:** Callahan, Tim [tcallaha@slo.state.nm.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2007 12:44 PM  
**To:** Molly A. Waller  
**Cc:** Martin, Jason  
**Subject:** Double Eagle Impacts to NM Trust Lands

Dear Ms Waller,

Thank you for the notice on your Environmental Assessment for proposed Improvements to the Double Eagle Airport. Of particular concern to the State Land Office (SLO) is the proposed 1,600 foot extension to the SW runway which may have noise or clear zone impacts to abutting Trust Lands located in Section 35 (approximately 250 acres, and Section 2, approximately 273 acres.

Could you please provide the SLO with an overlay map indicating current and proposed **Ldn** contours and clear zones on the abutting Trust Lands and possible impacts to existing zoning.

Thanks, Tim Callahan  
Project Manager, New Mexico State Land Office  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 505-272-7330.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109  
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Web site: [www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov)

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April 18, 2007

Ms. Molly Waller, Environmental Planner  
Coffman Associates  
237 N. W. Blue Parkway, Suite 100  
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

RE: Environmental Assessment for Proposed Improvements at Double Eagle II Airport  
in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Waller:

We have received your request for consultation on the above referenced project. There is no prime farmland or soils of statewide importance in the project area. The Natural Resources Conservation Service has no objections to the proposed project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis L. Alexander", is written over a large, faint circular watermark.

DENNIS L. ALEXANDER  
State Conservationist



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Ms. Molly Waller, Environmental Planner  
Coffman Associates Airport Consultants  
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Dear Ms. Waller:

The Bernalillo County Public Works Division (BCPWD) has reviewed the document, Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Improvements at Double Eagle II Airport in Albuquerque, New Mexico, submitted on April 10, 2007. The improvements to the airport are within the City of Albuquerque's jurisdiction.

The airport is accessed by two roads which have been designated as Limited Access Roadways by the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments. A portion of the northbound access road, Paseo Del Norte, is in the County's jurisdiction and is approximately 2.5 miles in length. The southbound access road, Paseo Del Volcan is maintained by the New Mexico Department of Transportation and connects to a County road approximately 7.25 miles south of the airport.

The BCPWD Infrastructure Planning Department will not require the submittal of a Traffic Impact Analysis. Lengthening the runway is not an independent variable used in the ITE Trip Generation Manual to assess increase in airport traffic volume. The length of the current runways is stated as not meeting the needs of current business jets using this type of facility. The City of Albuquerque may direct that a Traffic Impact Study be prepared. If so, BCPWD requests a copy for review. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Grovet at (505) 848-1532.

Sincerely,

Tim West  
Deputy County Manager for Public Works

Cc: Roger A. Paul, P.E., Technical Services Director  
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April 23, 2007

Molly Walker  
Coffman Associates  
237 N.W. Blue Parkway suite 100  
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Re: Environmental Assessment for Proposed Improvements a Double Eagle II Airport in Albuquerque, NM  
NMGF No. 11381

Dear Ms. Walker,

In response to your letter dated April 4, 2007, regarding the above referenced project, the Department of Game and Fish (Department) does not anticipate significant impacts to wildlife or sensitive habitats. For your information, we have enclosed a list of sensitive, threatened and endangered species that occur in Bernalillo County.

For more information on listed and other species of concern, contact the following sources:

1. BISON-M Species Accounts, Searches, and County lists: <http://www.bison-m.org>
2. Habitat Handbook Project Guidelines:  
[http://wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/habitat\\_handbook/index.htm](http://wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/habitat_handbook/index.htm)
3. For custom, site-specific database searches on plants and wildlife. Go to Data then to Free On-Line Data and follow the directions go to: <http://nmnhp.unm.edu>
4. New Mexico State Forestry Division (505-827-5830) or <http://nmrareplants.unm.edu/index.html> for state-listed plants
5. For the most current listing of federally listed species **always** check the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (505-346-2525) or <http://www.fws.gov/lfw2es/NewMexico/index.cfm>.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on your project. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Olson, Northwest Habitat Specialist, at (505) 222-4708 or [mark.olson@state.nm.us](mailto:mark.olson@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

Janell Ward, Assistant Chief  
Conservation Services Division

JW/mo

xc: Wally Murphy, Ecological Services Field Supervisor, USFWS  
Brian Gleadle, Northwest Area Operations Chief, NMGF  
Mark Olson, Northwest Area Habitat Specialist, NMGF

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For complete up-dated information on federal-listed species, including plants, see the US Fish & Wildlife Service NM Ecological Services Field Office website at <http://www.fws.gov/ifw2es/NewMexico/SBC.cfm>. For information on state-listed plants, contact the NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Division of Forestry, or go to <http://nmrareplants.unm.edu/>. If your project is on Bureau of Land Management, contact the local BLM Field Office for information on species of particular concern. If your project is on a National Forest, contact the Forest Supervisor's office for species information.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>NMGF</u>	<u>US FWS</u>	<u>critical habitat</u>
Rio Grande Chub	<i>Gila pandora</i>	s		
Rio Grande Silvery Minnow	<i>Hybognathus amarus</i>	E	E	Y
Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	E		
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	T		
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	T	T	
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	s	SOC	
Common Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>	T	SOC	
Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>	E	E	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	T	SOC	
Mountain Plover	<i>Charadrius montanus</i>	s	SOC	
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger surinamensis</i>		SOC	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	s	C	
Mexican Spotted Owl	<i>Strix occidentalis lucida</i>	s	T	Y
Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>		SOC	
Black Swift	<i>Cypseloides niger</i>	s		
Broad-billed Hummingbird	<i>Cynanthus latirostris</i>	T		
White-eared Hummingbird	<i>Hylocharis leucotis</i>	T		
Southwestern Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	E	E	Y
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	s		
Bell's Vireo	<i>Vireo bellii</i>	T	SOC	
Gray Vireo	<i>Vireo vicinior</i>	T		
Baird's Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus bairdii</i>	T	SOC	
Western Small-footed Myotis Bat	<i>Myotis ciliolabrum melanorhinus</i>	s		
Yuma Myotis Bat	<i>Myotis yumanensis yumanensis</i>	s		
Occult Little Brown Myotis Bat	<i>Myotis lucifugus occultus</i>	s		
Long-legged Myotis Bat	<i>Myotis volans interior</i>	s		
Fringed Myotis Bat	<i>Myotis thysanodes thysanodes</i>	s		
Spotted Bat	<i>Euderma maculatum</i>	T		
Pale Townsend's Big-eared Bat	<i>Corynorhinus townsendii pallascens</i>	s	SOC	
Big Free-tailed Bat	<i>Nyctinomops macrotis</i>	s		
Gunnison's Prairie Dog	<i>Cynomys gunnisoni</i>	s		
New Mexican Jumping Mouse	<i>Zapus hudsonius luteus</i>	T	SOC	
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	s		
Western Spotted Skunk	<i>Spilogale gracilis</i>	s		
Socorro Mountainsnail	<i>Oreohelix neomexicana</i>	s		
Slate Millipede	<i>Comanchelus chihuensis</i>	s	SOC	

## Molly A. Waller

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**From:** Kevin Grovet [kgrovet@bernco.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2007 6:33 PM  
**To:** Molly A. Waller  
**Subject:** FW: Double Eagle II Airport Runway Project

Molly,

Bernalillo County Public Works Division staff reviewed the information you submitted to Tim West regarding the Double Eagle II Airport Expansion project and from this review a letter was sent to you by Tim. In response to the following information request by one of the staff, I was wondering if you had the activity forecasts for the FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for the runway expansion or might know how to obtain it.

Thanks,

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Kevin, this Monday I received a newly published report on "Airport Aviation Activity Forecasting". It provides insight into the processes behind airport activity forecasting to obtain federal funding to expand a runway. I realize Double Eagle is within the City; however, if the opportunity arises, it would be interesting to receive a copy of the activity forecasts for the FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for the runway expansion. This could provide some insight into the traffic requirements, and why road improvements are under discussion.



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May 11, 2007

Geotechnical Engineering/HTRW Branch  
Engineering and Construction Division

Ms. Molly Waller  
Airport Environmental Planner  
Coffman Associates, Airport Consultants  
237 N.W Blue Parkway, Suite 100  
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Subject: Environmental Assessment for Proposed Improvements at  
Double Eagle II Airport in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Ms. Waller:

Per request in your letter submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District (USACE), dated April 4, 2007, the following information is provided regarding the proposed runway extension at Double Eagle II Airport. Of the two alternates presented, Exhibit C - Alternative B (runway 4-22) presents the least risk (Figure 1). Exhibit B - Alternative A (runway 17-35) includes the installation of the Instrument Landing System (ILS) within the boundaries identified as an area of imminent hazard during our Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) (Figure 2). The findings of the EE/CA recommended a removal action to depth of detect in this area, referred to as Ordnance Operable Unit (OOU) 4 (refer to Figures 3 and 4).

OOU 4 includes an area referred to as the "New" Demolition Area. This area was used for training pilots during World War II and is suspected of containing munitions as large as 250 lb High Explosives (HE) General Purpose (GP) bombs. During road work near Double Eagle II Airport, a 100 lb HE GP bomb was unearthed in 1996 (Figure 5). The exact road or the location of this bomb is not known and was not determined during the EE/CA, but Army records indicate this area was used for HE bombing practice. As noted in the Figures provided, there are large areas not surveyed in OOU 4 and many of the anomalies detected were not investigated. There is; however, sufficient historical information and field investigative data to lead us to conclude the area may contain



legacy munitions having the potential to cause serious injury and/or death, and therefore, this OOU was recommended for a removal action. The approval for the removal action is pending, and the exact time frame to execute the removal action is not known at this time.

Both Exhibits B and C indicate the "y" intersection is no longer an option, and the "Relocated Airport Access Road" appears to be the selected alternative. Of the two access roads, the "Relocated Access Road" presents the least risk. It should be noted though, this area was used to "train" and accuracy of these pilots may not have been of exceptional quality. Care should be taken anywhere near the HE target area vicinity. As noted above, there was an HE filled bomb unearthed in the past during road work near Double Eagle II Airport.

If USACE receives adequate notice, there may be an opportunity for USACE to acquire funding to provide construction support during intrusive activities. Please be mindful that funding requests for such actions require planning a minimum of one year in advance. As provided in the EE/CA report, the remaining lands (excluding the OOU 4) will be evaluated in the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). The RI/FS is a Comprehensive, Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) phase to establish long term mitigation strategies for the entire 15,000 acre site. The RI/FS will commence this year and will be completed in approximately 18 months. Alternatives noted in your letter are not within the boundaries of OOU 4 (the exception is the ILS), and therefore, there is no established or negotiated mechanisms in place, or decisions made, regarding how to mitigate safety hazards for the entire airport property. Once the RI/FS is complete, there will be established mechanisms in place to support these types of activities at and around Double Eagle II Airport.

USACE appreciates the opportunity to participate in these discussions. The earlier USACE is involved in future planning, the more effective we can be to ensure safety of workers and citizens when construction activities are undertaken. Please keep us informed as to the dates of this activity and other future development. USACE will provide as much assistance as practicable to support construction activities. As noted above; however, we do require time to budget for these activities.

In summary, of the two alternatives, alternative B presents the least risk to workers. The alternate road location should be considered as a safety concern due to the HE item discovered and detonated by Kirtland Air Force Base - Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit in 1996. We have not been able to ascertain the exact

location of the event. The southern portion of Double Eagle II Airport, south of both runways, found very few anomalies during the geophysical surveys performed while executing the EE/CA (Figures 3 and 4). Hence, this area is considered to present a lower risk in respect to areas north, northwest and west of the airport.

If you have any questions, concerns or require more information, please contact Mr. Henry of my staff at 505-342-3139 or email [david.w.henry@spa02.usace.army.mil](mailto:david.w.henry@spa02.usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

K. Carrol McKinney, R.P.G.  
Chief, Geotechnical and HTRW Branch

Cc: Mr. James Hinde, City of Albuquerque  
Mr. Tim Tandy, FAA  
Dr. Joseph Sanchez, Petroglyph National Monument  
Mr. Christopher Hugunin, Coffman Associates







Figure 2: Alternative A

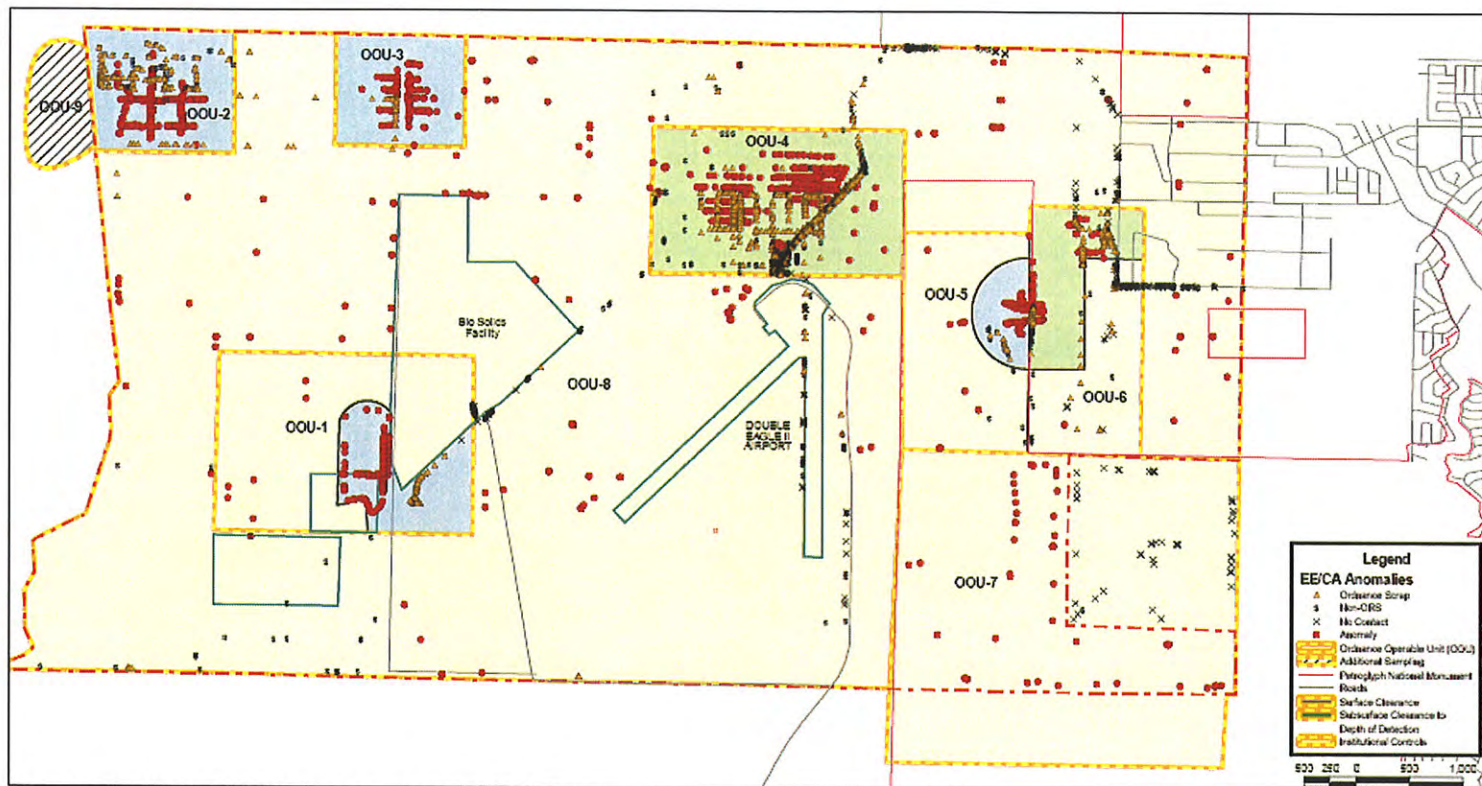
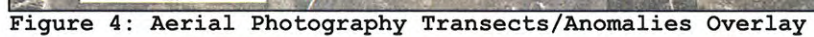


Figure 3: Property Ordnance Operable Units







WEST MESA *Albuquerque Journal 11 OCT 96*

## Bomb Found Near Airport

### Experts Detonate WWII Explosive

BY STEVE SHOUP  
*Journal Staff Writer*

A World War II bomb accidentally dug up by construction workers on a remote West Mesa road was safely detonated in a thunderous explosion Thursday.

No one was injured when the 100-pound bomb was intentionally exploded by bomb technicians where it was found north of the Double Eagle II Airport.

No one knew how the bomb got there, but technicians for the explosive ordnance disposal squad from Kirtland Air Force Base identified it as an AM series GP bomb from World War II, said Sgt. Ben Wyne of the Albuquerque Police Department bomb squad.

The bomb was found around 2:30 p.m. by workers building the Airport Interim Access Road, which links Paseo del Volcan and Paradise Boulevard NW.

Vince DeMenno, owner of DeMenno Construction Co., was running a large front-end loader, helping to build drainage channels.

"We were just moving some dirt and stacking it up and I saw this cylinder fall and thought it was an oxygen cylinder," DeMenno said. "Then I saw some hooks and marks and that Army green and I decided it was something different."

DeMenno said he called a friend who uses explosives in construction. The friend told him it was probably a bomb.

"He said it was (strong) enough to take out a pickup truck," DeMenno said.

APD and Kirtland bomb technicians moved the bomb into a 3-foot deep pit that had been dug near the road. With Albuquerque Fire Department, Albuquerque Ambulance personnel, bomb technicians and construction workers standing by about 100 yards away, the APD bomb squad detonated the 50-year-old bomb minutes before 5 p.m.

**THUNDEROUS END:** A World War II bomb was detonated by technicians Thursday. The explosive was found by construction workers north of the Double Eagle II Airport.

*DOUG ARMSTRONG/STAFF FOR THE JOURNAL*

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## Bomb Unearthed on West Mesa

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p.m.  
A geyser of dirt and smoke shot about 60 feet into the air in eerie silence for a heartbeat or two before the thunderclap reached observers.

"Dear God!" DeMenno said as the huge concussion hit. "Could you imagine if that would have gone off (when he dug it up), it would have made scrap of that tractor!"

Wyne said that his squad deals with a few grenades a year, but had never handled anything so big before.

Wyne said he was guessing that the bomb fell off or was dropped from a plane years ago.



**BLAST AFTERMATH:** A bomb technician displays pieces of a World War II bomb found and detonated on the West Mesa on Thursday.

Figure 5: 1996 Article

## Molly A. Waller

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**From:** Henry, David W SPA [David.W.Henry@spa02.usace.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 14, 2007 10:25 AM  
**To:** Molly A. Waller  
**Cc:** Beasley, Lara E SPA; Ostermann, Monique M SPA; Horner, Cecilia V SPA  
**Subject:** RE: DEII EA Response Letter

Molly:

That is good news. Hopefully, we would have conducted some clearance activity by then. We can certainly plan for funds to provide for construction support at a minimum (no guarantees though). I think it is fairly safe to say that we are two years out and can tentatively schedule construction support for Fiscal Year 2009.

**From:** Molly A. Waller [mailto:mwaller@coffmanassociates.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 14, 2007 9:16 AM  
**To:** Henry, David W SPA  
**Subject:** RE: DEII EA Response Letter

Henry,

We need to get through the EA process and select a preferred alternative (determine which runway will be extended). It will probably take 9 months to a year to complete the EA. Project design will begin at that point and will probably take 6 months to a year. I'd say that, best case, the project would begin construction in 1 ½ to 2 years.

Molly

**From:** Henry, David W SPA [mailto:David.W.Henry@spa02.usace.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 14, 2007 10:14 AM  
**To:** Molly A. Waller  
**Cc:** Ostermann, Monique M SPA  
**Subject:** RE: DEII EA Response Letter

Molly:

Do you have an idea of when the construction may start for this project.

**From:** Molly A. Waller [mailto:mwaller@coffmanassociates.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 14, 2007 9:11 AM  
**To:** Henry, David W SPA  
**Subject:** RE: DEII EA Response Letter

I got it this morning. Thanks for all of the great information! We will be in touch as the EA progresses.

**From:** Henry, David W SPA [mailto:David.W.Henry@spa02.usace.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 14, 2007 10:03 AM  
**To:** Molly A. Waller  
**Subject:** RE: DEII EA Response Letter

Molly:

The letter went out Friday, overnight. You should get it this morning or afternoon.

**From:** Molly A. Waller [mailto:mwaller@coffmanassociates.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2007 1:01 PM  
**To:** Henry, David W SPA  
**Subject:** RE: DEII EA Response Letter

No problem! Go have lunch!!

**From:** Henry, David W SPA [mailto:David.W.Henry@spa02.usace.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2007 1:32 PM  
**To:** Molly A. Waller  
**Subject:** RE: DEII EA Response Letter

Thanks. We should have this signed and in the mail today. Sorry about the choppy email. I think I need food.

**From:** Molly A. Waller [mailto:mwaller@coffmanassociates.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2007 12:17 PM  
**To:** Henry, David W SPA  
**Subject:** RE: DEII EA Response Letter

No problem. Here they are:

Jim Hinde  
Planning Manager  
City of Albuquerque Aviation Department  
P.O. Box 9948  
Albuquerque, NM 87119-1048

Tim Tandy  
Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-640  
2601 Meacham Boulevard  
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United States of America

Dr. Joseph Sanchez  
Petroglyph National Monument  
6001 Unser Blvd. NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Chris Hugunin is at the same address as I am.

Molly

**From:** Henry, David W SPA [mailto:David.W.Henry@spa02.usace.army.mil]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2007 1:14 PM  
**To:** Henry, David W SPA; Molly A. Waller  
**Cc:** jhinde@cabq.gov; Horner, Cecilia V SPA; Ostermann, Monique M SPA; Houidobre, Grace S SPA  
**Subject:** RE: DEII EA Response Letter

Ms. Waller:

Can you provide me the addresses of the CCed individuals?

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**From:** Henry, David W SPA  
**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2007 12:02 PM  
**To:** 'Molly A. Waller'  
**Cc:** [jhinde@cabq.gov](mailto:jhinde@cabq.gov); Horner, Cecilia V SPA; Ostermann, Monique M SPA  
**Subject:** DEII EA Response Letter

Ms. Waller:

Attached is a pdf of the our response to you request information regarding environmental issue at DEII. Hopefully, we will get this in the mail today for the May 15th deadline.

<< File: DEII Airport EA Response Letter\_05-07.pdf >>



**County of Bernalillo  
Zoning, Building, Planning and  
Environmental Health Department  
111 Union Square SE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
505-314-0350**

May 14, 2007

Molly Waller  
Airport/Environmental Planner  
Coffman Associates  
237 N.W. Blue Parkway, Suite 100  
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Dear Ms. Waller:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on proposed improvements to Double Eagle II Airport on Albuquerque's West Mesa. At this time the County of Bernalillo does not have any specific concerns regarding the potential improvements at Double Eagle II, but we would like to be kept informed as details of the project are developed. As indicated on the exhibits included with your letter, there is a large area of unincorporated land extending from south of the airport to Interstate 40 and beyond. There is also a small portion of unincorporated land northeast of the airport between the municipal limits of Albuquerque and Rio Rancho.

This county land is zoned A-1, with potential future development of a mixture of uses including residential, commercial and industrial, as well as open space and recreation activity. We would like to make sure that any changes at the airport, both for aircraft operations and access-road alignments, consider the potential impact on this territory, as well as on the adjacent lands of the Petroglyph National Monument.

You can direct future correspondence or questions to me at the address above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sanford Fish".

Sanford Fish, AICP  
Director





May 14, 2007

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(816) 524-3500 voice  
(816) 524-2575 fax

Re: Response to inquiry regarding Environmental Assessment for Proposed  
Improvements at Double Eagle-II Airport in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Waller:

Thank-you for your letter informing me that Coffman Associates will be preparing the EA for improvements at Double Eagle-II Airport. The area surrounding the Double Eagle –II Airport is becoming an important focal point in the upcoming development of Albuquerque's west mesa. The City is interested in helping the airport grow and the area surrounding the airport develop in the best possible way.

I see that the EA can be broken into two pieces; the first is an assessment regarding an airside facility, the extension of Runway 17-35 (both north and south) and various taxiways. Since this portion of the EA is 'within the fence' of the airport, I regard it as a function of airport uses. The other piece of the assessment concerns a landside facility – the access road, Paseo del Volcan. I am more interested with the landside facility as that is where my decisions matter. Also, the airside facility is a direct concern with the FAA and the City's Aviation Department, and therefore, they would be better at addressing this issue.

Since all of Paseo del Volcan is 'outside the fence' of airport operations, I will comment on it. The road is the only access for the airport and thus, essential to its operation as well as tying the airport to the continuing development of the west mesa. The road was initially built as access from Interstate-40, then another piece was added to access the developments north of the airport. These two roads have a common terminus at the operations area of the airport. Overtime, this road has become a commonly used transportation route connecting Albuquerque's far west mesa developments to I-40.

The elimination of the common terminus at the airport and connecting the two roads with a straight continuous piece will help this route to be easier to use. The

new road that accesses the airport also makes sense as it provides a direct connection from the 'straightened out' Paseo del Volcan. Further, this also will provide for the airport being a more secure facility by removing it as a necessary destination for vehicles traveling the north-south Paseo del Volcan route. One other obvious benefit from the realignment of the road and intersection of the airport's access road is that additional room will be provided for the possible northern extension of Runway 17-35.

I hope that your work will result in allowing the airport's runways to be upgraded and the access road to be realigned.

Thank-you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Dineen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Dineen, Planning Director  
City of Albuquerque

## Molly A. Waller

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**From:** STEVE tollefson [STOLLEFSON@ci.rio-rancho.nm.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 05, 2007 9:39 AM  
**To:** Molly A. Waller  
**Subject:** Double Eagle II Environmental Assessment

Ms. Molly Waller or Mr. Chris Hugunin,  
Please provide a copy of the Environmental Analysis to the City of Rio Rancho, New Mexico to my attention as this particular project impacts future development within two significant subdivisions comprising approximately 12,000 acres (Quail Ranch and Paradise West). Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Attn:  
City of Rio Rancho  
Development Services Department  
Steve Tollefson, AICP  
Principal Planner  
3900 Southern Boulevard SE #103  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

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**RON CURRY**  
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**CINDY PADILLA**  
DEPUTY SECRETARY

June 6, 2007

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MO 64063

Fax: 816.524.2575

Dear Ms. Waller:

**RE: EA: PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT DOUBLE EAGLE II AIRPORT IN ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) staff reviewed the information on the above-referenced project included in your April 4, 2007 correspondence to the Department. The review is based on the received correspondence.

**Surface Water Quality**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) requires National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit (CGP) coverage for storm water discharges from construction projects (common plans of development) that will result in the disturbance (or re-disturbance) of one or more acres, including expansions, of total land area. Because this project appears to exceed one acre (including staging areas, etc.), it may require appropriate NPDES permit coverage prior to beginning construction (small, one - five acre, construction projects may be able to qualify for a waiver in lieu of permit coverage - see Appendix D).

Among other things, this permit requires that a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) be prepared for the site and that appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) be installed and maintained both during and after construction to prevent, to the extent practicable, pollutants (primarily sediment, oil & grease and construction materials from construction sites) in storm water runoff from entering waters of the U.S. This permit

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also requires that permanent stabilization measures (revegetation, paving, etc.), and permanent storm water management measures (storm water detention/retention structures, velocity dissipation devices, etc.) be implemented post construction to minimize, in the long term, pollutants in storm water runoff from entering these waters. In addition, permittees must ensure that there is no increase in sediment yield and flow velocity from the construction site (both during and after construction) compared to pre-construction, undisturbed conditions (see Subpart 9.C.1)

You should also be aware that EPA requires that all "operators" (see Appendix A) obtain NPDES permit coverage for construction projects. Generally, this means that at least two parties will require permit coverage. The owner/developer of this construction project who has operational control over project specifications (probably the City of Albuquerque in this case), the general contractor who has day-to-day operational control of those activities at the site, which are necessary to ensure compliance with the storm water pollution plan and other permit conditions, and possibly other "operators" will require appropriate NPDES permit coverage for this project.

The CGP was re-issued effective July 1, 2003 (see **Federal Register/Vol. 68, No. 126/Tuesday, July 1, 2003** pg. 39087). The CGP, Notice of Intent (NOI), Fact Sheet, and Federal Register notice can be downloaded at:  
<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/cgp.cfm>

In addition, operation of these types of facilities requires Storm Water Multi-sector General Permit (MSGP - see **Federal Register/Vol. 65, No. 210/Monday, October 30, 2000**) coverage. This permit requires preparation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and installation of appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs), such as oil/water separators, dikes or berms, use of absorptive materials during fueling operations, use of dry cleanup methods, or other practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the United States (per the SWPPP). The City of Albuquerque/Double Eagle II Airport has NPDES permit coverage (NMR05A992) and has presumably implemented a SWPPP which addresses pollutants in storm water runoff, and drainage systems.

Activities at airports result in the creation of various pollutant sources including, but not limited to, the following:

- Aircraft, Ground Vehicle, and Equipment Maintenance and Washing - Spills and leaks of fuels, engine oils, hydraulic fluids, transmission oil, radiator fluids, and chemical solvents used for parts cleaning; disposal of used parts, batteries, oil, filters, and oily rags;
- Runway Maintenance - tire rubber, oil and grease, paint chips, and fuel from runway surface cleaning operations.

Generally, the airport authority (i.e., the City of Albuquerque) and all "tenants" of the airport that conduct "industrial activities" as described in **40 CFR Part 122.26(b)(14)** (e.g., fueling concession or other Fixed Base Operators, as well as all other facilities "engaging in industrial activity") are required to apply for NPDES storm water permit coverage for discharges from their areas of operation. The airport authority and tenants of the airport should work in partnership in the development and implementation of a SWPPP. However,

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SWPPPs developed separately for areas of the airport facility occupied by these tenants must be integrated into the SWPPP for the entire airport facility.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,



Gedi Cibas, Ph.D.  
Environmental Impact Review Coordinator

NMED File No. 2441ER



United States Department of the Interior  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION  
Petroglyph National Monument  
6001 Unser Blvd., NW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120

In reply refer to:  
L7619(PETR)

November 3, 2008

Ms. Molly Waller  
Coffman and Associates  
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Lee's Summit, Missouri 64063

RE: Double Eagle II Draft Environmental Assessment Comments

Dear Ms. Waller:

Thank you for the presentation you made to Petroglyph National Monument staff on the draft alternatives for the Double Eagle II Environmental Assessment. At the present time we support Alternative A, which appears to reduce the amount of landing overflight traffic on Petroglyph National Monument's northern boundary. We believe the primary designation (relocation of the ILS) and extension of Runway 17-35 will best protect the resources of Petroglyph National Monument.

Should you have any questions please contact Mike Medrano, Chief, Division of Resource Management at (505) 899-0205 ext. 334 or myself at 899-0205 ext. 221.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Sánchez, Ph.D.  
Superintendent



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December 5, 2008

Pawnee Tribal Business Council  
President Ron Rice  
P.O. Box 470  
Pawnee, OK 74058

**Re: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Runway  
Extension at Double Eagle II Airport, Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Dear President Rice:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the City of Albuquerque Aviation Department, with the assistance of the consulting firm Coffman Associates, intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed runway extension at Double Eagle II Airport. This EA will be prepared pursuant to the requirements of Section 102(2) of the *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969* and will conform to the requirements and standards set forth by the FAA as contained in FAA Order 1050.1E *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures* and FAA Order 5050.4B, *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*. We, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), will act as the lead agency for the project and are, through this letter, initiating government-to-government consultation for the proposed airport improvements. The National Park Service, proprietor of the adjacent Petroglyph National Monument, will participate as a cooperating agency.

This letter is sent to you for the following reasons:

1. To advise you of the initiation of the study.
2. To solicit comments from your tribe regarding known environmental, historical, cultural or archaeological resources and sensitive receptors associated with the proposed runway extension project.
3. To obtain an understanding of any issues, concerns, policies, or regulations that your tribe may have regarding the analysis that will be undertaken in the EA.

As part of the EA development process, we are requesting your comments on the proposed action. To assist in your response, we have included a project description (Enclosure 1), a map of the area surrounding the airport (Enclosure 2, Exhibit A), figures depicting the runway extension alternatives under consideration (Enclosures 3 and 4, Exhibits B and C), and a figure depicting the overflight/noise area of potential effect (Enclosure 5, Exhibit D).

We request that you include the name of the contact person for your tribe when responding. Please also indicate if you are interested in commenting on the Draft EA when it is published.

We would greatly appreciate receiving any response you may have within 30 days of receiving this letter. Your response should be directed to:

Federal Aviation Administration  
Attn: Mr. Tim Tandy  
Environmental Specialist  
Louisiana/New Mexico Airports Development Office, ASW-640  
Fort Worth, TX 76193-0640

If you have any questions or require further information, Mr. Tandy may also be reached at telephone (817) 222-5644 or e-mail [tim.tandy@faa.gov](mailto:tim.tandy@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

**Original signed by:**  
Lacey D. Spriggs, Manager  
Louisiana/New Mexico Airports Development Office

5 Enclosures

cc: w/enclosures

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Ms. Katherine Slick, State Historic Preservation Officer,  
Department of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division,  
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Joseph P. Sanchez, Ph.D., Superintendent,  
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December 5, 2008

Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma  
Chairman Jeff Houser  
Route 2, Box 121  
Apache, OK 73006

**Re: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Runway  
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Comanche Indian Tribe  
Chairman Wallace Coffey  
P.O. Box 908  
Lawton, OK 73502

**Re: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Runway  
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Ute Mountain Tribe  
Chairman Manuel Heark  
General Delivery  
Towaoc, CO 81334

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Pueblo of San Felipe  
Governor Ronald Tenorio  
P.O. Box 4339  
San Felipe Pueblo, NM 87001

**Re: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Runway  
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Governor Leon T. Roybal  
Route 5, Box 315-A  
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Pueblo of Santa Ana  
Governor Ulysses Leon  
2 Dove Road  
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Pueblo of Laguna  
Governor John Antonio, Sr.  
P.O. Box 194  
Laguna Pueblo, NM 87026

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Southern Ute Tribe  
Chairman Clement Frost  
P.O. Box 737  
Ignacio, CO 81137

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White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Chairman Ronnie Lupe  
P.O. Box 700  
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

**Re: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Runway  
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Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo  
Governor Arturo Sencclair  
119 South Old Pueblo Road  
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Hopi Tribe  
Chairman Wayne Taylor, Jr.  
P.O. Box 123  
Kykotsmvi, AZ 86039

**Re: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Runway Extension at Double Eagle II Airport, Albuquerque, New Mexico**

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Pueblo of Santo Domingo  
Governor Sisto Quintana  
P.O. Box 99  
Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM 87052

**Re: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Runway Extension at Double Eagle II Airport, Albuquerque, New Mexico**

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Pueblo of Taos  
Governor Paul T. Martinez  
P.O. Box 1846  
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**Re: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Runway  
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Pueblo of Tesuque  
Governor Robert Mora  
Route 42, Box 360-T  
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Pueblo of Pojoaque  
Governor George Rivera  
78 Cities of Gold Road  
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Ohkay Owingeh  
Governor Earl Salazar  
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San Juan Pueblo, NM 87566

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Pueblo of Nambe  
Governor Ernest Mirabal  
Route 1, Box 117-BB  
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Pueblo of Jemez  
Governor Paul Chinana  
P.O. Box 100  
Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024

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Pueblo of Isleta  
Governor Robert Benavides  
P.O. Box 1270  
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

**Re: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Runway  
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Pueblo of Acoma  
Governor Chandler Sanchez  
P.O. Box 309  
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Governor Ernest Suina  
P.O. Box 70  
Cochiti Pueblo, NM 87072

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Governor Leon T. Roybal  
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481 Sandia Loop  
Bernalillo, NM 87004

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Pueblo of Zuni  
Governor Norman Cooney  
P.O. Box 339  
Zuni, NM 87327

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Pueblo of Santa Clara  
Governor J. Michael Chavarria  
P.O. Box 580  
Española, NM 87532

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Navajo Nation  
President Joe Shirley, Jr.  
P.O. Box 9000  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

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December 5, 2008

Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma  
Chairman Billy Evans Horse  
P.O. Box 369  
Camegie, OK 73015

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Mescalero Apache Tribe  
President Mark Chino  
P.O. Box 227  
Mescalero, NM 88340

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Apache Tribe of Oklahoma  
Tribal Administrator Wallace Bitsedy  
P.O. Box 1220  
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Wichita and Affiliated Tribes  
President Gary McAdams  
P.O. Box 729  
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Jicarilla Apache Nation  
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## Description of Proposed Improvements at Double Eagle II Airport

### Background and Responsibilities

Coffman Associates has been contracted by the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed runway extension at Double Eagle II Airport, which is located adjacent to Petroglyph National Monument.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is acting as the lead federal agency for the EA. Due to the proximity of Petroglyph National Monument to the airport, the National Park Service is acting as a cooperating agency.

The proposed improvements at Double Eagle II Airport are being undertaken to meet the aviation needs of the users of the Albuquerque airport system. The improvements described below were presented before the All Indians Pueblo Council meeting on June 21, 2007.

The discussion below describes the current limitations of Double Eagle II Airport in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The four exhibits provide additional information regarding the project. **Exhibit A** depicts the location of the airport in its local and regional setting, **Exhibits B and C** depict the two runway extension alternatives under consideration, and **Exhibit D** depicts the area of potential effect (APE) for aircraft overflights and noise. Since the EA process may yield additional alternatives for evaluation, the precise location of the proposed improvements may differ at the conclusion of the environmental analysis and documentation.

### Runway Length Limitations and Extension Alternatives

Currently, Runway 04/22 is 7,400 feet long and Runway 17/35 is 5,999 feet long. After analysis of the current turbojet activity at Double Eagle II Airport and Albuquerque International Sunport, it was determined that these runway lengths do not meet the needs of many of the turbojets which currently utilize these airports. These findings were reinforced through surveys conducted with owners of turbojets operating in the Albuquerque area over the past year. It was determined that a runway length of 9,000 feet is needed to accommodate the types of business jets which currently operate in Albuquerque.

Two alternatives to accommodate a 9,000-foot runway at Double Eagle II Airport are being considered. The first alternative extends Runway 17/35 to 9,000 feet. **Exhibit B** depicts an extension of Runway 17/35 to the north, which would require a realignment of the airport's existing access road and instrument landing system (ILS) as depicted on **Exhibit B**. Presently, the Double Eagle II Airport Instrument Landing System (ILS) is associated with Runway 22. Should Runway 17/35 be extended, the primary runway designation at the airport would change from Runway 04/22 to Runway 17/35. Based on this information, consideration is being given to moving the ILS from Runway 22 to Runway 17. The ILS is a navigational aid used by pilots to locate and land at the airport during periods of poor visibility and/or cloud coverage. **Exhibit B** depicts the alternative featuring the relocation of the ILS equipment, including the medium intensity approach lighting system with runway alignment indicator lights (MALSR), to the Runway 17 end.

**Exhibit C** depicts the second airport development alternative. This alternative was evaluated during the airport's 1999 Airport Master Plan, and results in Runway 4-22 being extended by 1,600 feet to a total length of 9,000 feet.

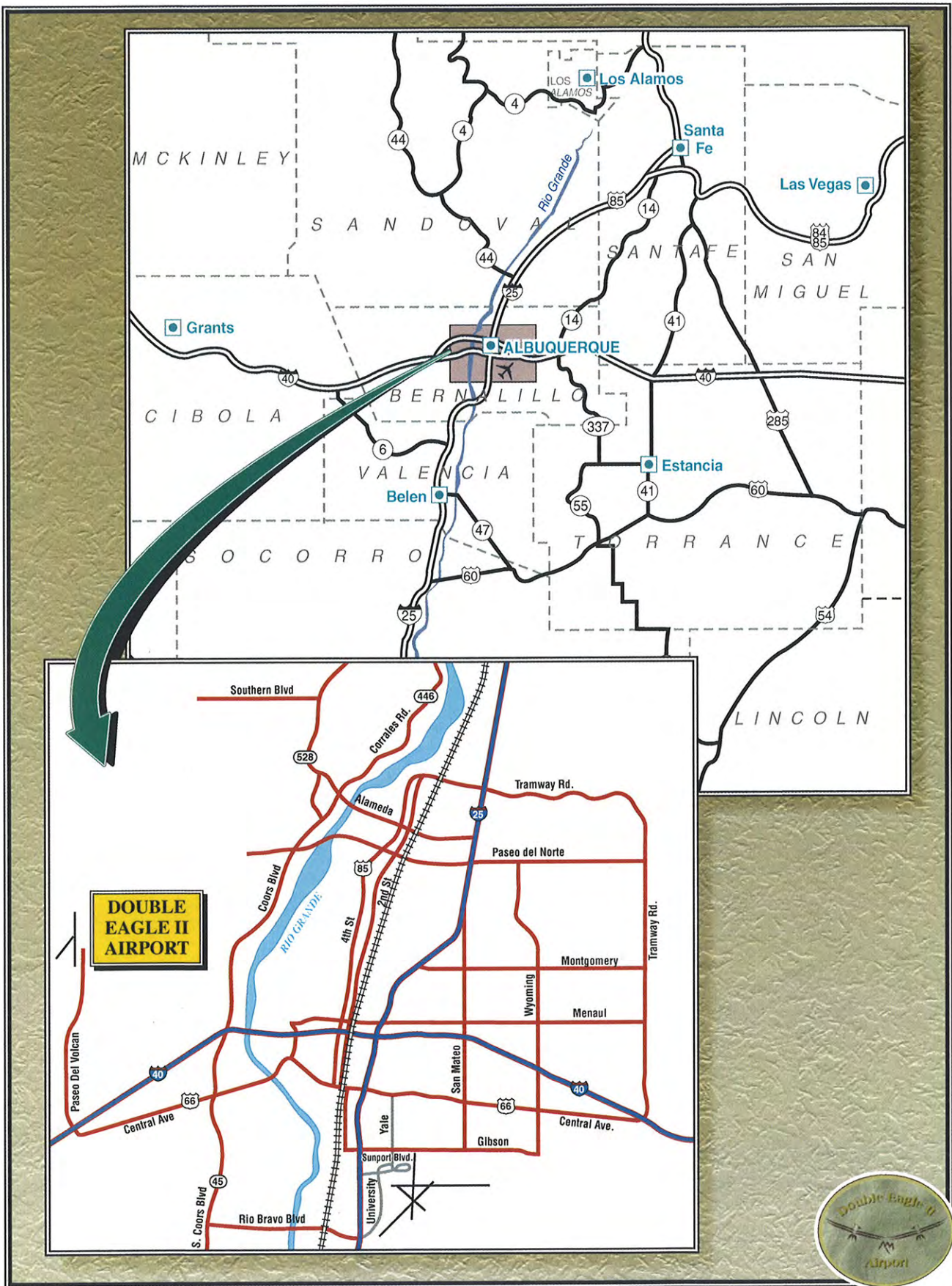


Exhibit A  
LOCATION MAP





Exhibit B  
ALTERNATIVE A  
IMPROVEMENTS TO RUNWAY 17-35





Exhibit C  
ALTERNATIVE B  
IMPROVEMENTS TO RUNWAY 4-22



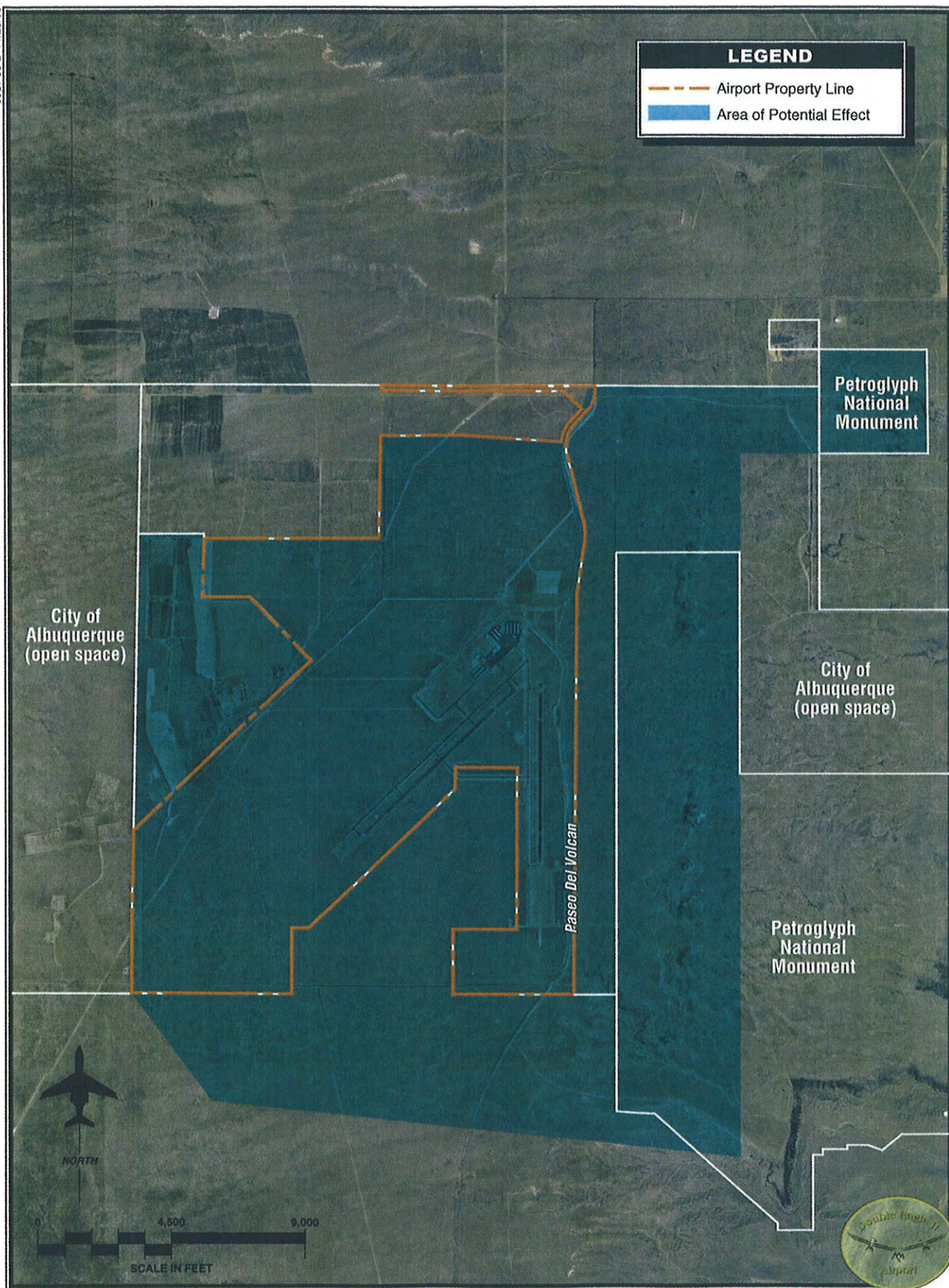
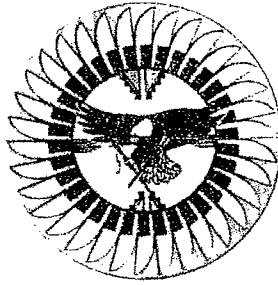


Exhibit D  
AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT





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December 17, 2008

Ms. Lacy Spriggs  
US Department of Transportation  
2601 Meacham BLVD  
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RE: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Runway Extension  
at Double Eagle II Airport

Dear Ms. Spriggs,

This letter is in response to your correspondence received on December 12, 2008 regarding the  
proposed project.

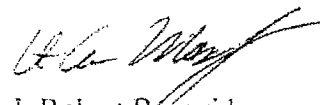
I am pleased to inform you that this project will not have an impact on religious or cultural sites  
affiliated with the Pueblo of Isleta.

However, in the event that discoveries are found during construction, we would appreciate being  
advised of such findings. Please forward all environmental assessment plans to our office.

Thank you for your consideration in contacting this office to express our concerns.

Sincerely,

PUEBLO OF ISLETA

  
J. Robert Benavides  
Governor

cc: files

**White Mountain Apache Tribe Heritage Program  
PO Box 507 Fort Apache, AZ 85926  
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**To:** Tim Tandy, Federal Aviation Administration Environmental Specialist.  
**Date:** December 19, 2008  
**Proposed Project:** EA for the Proposed Runway Extension at Double Eagle II Airport, NM.

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The White Mountain Apache Historic Preservation Office (THPO) appreciates receiving information on the proposed project, dated December 5, 2008. In regards to this, please attend to the checked items below:

► *There is no need to send additional information unless project planning or implementation results in the discovery of sites and/or items having known or suspected Apache Cultural affiliation.*

☐ The proposed project is located within an area of probable cultural or historical importance to the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT). As part of the effort to identify historical properties that maybe affected by the project we recommend an ethno-historic study and interviews with Apache Elders. The Cultural Resource Director, **Mr. Ramon Riley** would be the contact person at (928) 338-4625 should this become necessary.

☐ The proposed project is located within or adjacent to a known historic property of cultural concern and/or historical importance to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and will most likely result in adverse affect to said property. Considering this, please refrain from further steps in project planning and/or implementation.

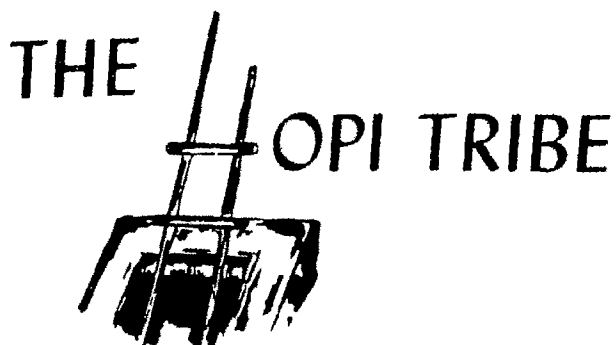
► Please refer to the attached additional notes in regards to the proposed project:

We have received and reviewed the information in regards to the above proposed project and we've determined the proposed action *will not have an effect to the White Mountain Apache tribe's Cultural Heritage Resources and/or historic properties and ADOT may move forward with the Phase I construction in these area. The project may proceed with the understanding that all ground disturbance should be monitored if there are reasons to believe that human remains and/or funerary objects are present. if they are encountered all construction activities are to be stopped and the proper authorities and/or affiliated tribe(s) be notified to evaluate the situation.*

We look forward to continued collaborations in the protection and preservation of places of cultural and historical significance.

Sincerely,

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December 22, 2008

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Dear Ms. Spriggs,

This letter is in response your correspondence dated December 5, 2008, regarding a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Runway Extension at Double Eagle II Airport in Albuquerque. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultures in New Mexico, and the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate the Federal Aviation Administration's solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office considers the prehistoric archaeological sites of our ancestors to be Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we are interested in reviewing and commenting on the draft Environmental Assessment. If prehistoric cultural sites are identified in the project area that will be adversely affected by project activities, we will also request to be provided with copies of the cultural resource survey report on the area of potential effect and any proposed draft treatment plans for review and comment.

In addition, appreciate that if any cultural features or deposits are encountered during project activities, these activities must be discontinued in the immediate area of the remains, and the State Historic Preservation Office and Hopi Tribe will be consulted to evaluate their nature and significance. If any Native American human remains and funerary objects are discovered they shall be immediately reported as required by law.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office at [tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us). Thank you for your consideration

Respectfully,

Leigh J. Kuwanwisivma, Director  
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

cc: Tom Hardy, FAA, LA / NM Airports Development Office, ASW-640 Fort Worth, TX 76120-6400  
New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office