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RE: Girdwood Airport Lease ADA-09669 Proposal to Amend

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) opposes the amendment to increase the area of Lease ADA-09669, Parcel H. The proposed development and helicopter business is immediately adjacent to several private homes and is in obvious conflict with the nature of the neighboring residential community. Increasing the size of the lease area will merely increase the noise and dust pollution, and the fundamental issues of incompatible land uses in such close proximity.

Moreover, the GBOS requests that DOT&PF adhere to the State's governing documents for Girdwood Airport and rescind Airport Lease ADA-09669, which does not meet the goals of the recently adopted Girdwood Comprehensive Plan or the Girdwood Airport Master Plan. The property is not on the Girdwood Airport Layout Plan, and the creation of Parcel H is contrary to the Airport Master Plan, which states development shall be to the north of the airport. The lease also conflicts with Goal T5 of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan, a Municipality of Anchorage document, which states that development at Girdwood Airport should recognize the community, sense of place, and natural environment.

Given those stipulations, the GBOS requests that the lease be rescinded and that Parcel H be designated as a permanent noise and visual wooded buffer lot between the airport operations and the neighboring residences, in accordance with the Municipality's Girdwood Comprehensive Plan and the State of Alaska's Girdwood Airport Master Plan, Project No. 54743.

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