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RE: Girdwood Airport Lease ADA-09410; Parcel H

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) has a growing concern about potential development activities on Parcel H within the state-owned Girdwood Airport property. The parcel is immediately adjacent to several nearby residences, built in 1979, and has been serving as a wooded noise and visual buffer between the neighborhood and airport operations for more than 45 years. Notably, few conflicts have arisen during that time despite the close proximity of aviation and residential uses.

The recently approved lease for Parcel H does not meet the goals of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan or the State of Alaska Girdwood Airport Master Plan, Project No. 54743. It is also abundantly clear that daily aircraft operations within a few feet of residential homes are contrary to the health, safety, and welfare of our community's residents. The development is proceeding rapidly even though no building permits are in place.

GBOS respectfully requests the following actions from DOT:

- Clarification with the lessee that clearing and cutting on the property without all necessary permits is not allowed.
- Monitoring of Parcel H to assure the prospective lessee does not clear land, cut any vegetation, excavate, or grade the parcel before receiving all required state and municipal permits.
- Provide reports, guidelines or other studies which demonstrate that development of this parcel e.g. through the construction of hangars and operation of aircraft, would not impact the: public health, safety and welfare of the adjacent neighborhood; immediate and downstream watershed drainage; the valley ecosystem; and critical public infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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