

EIS Scoping Announcement

Additional Comments Requested

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Your input is important. Scoping comments or questions regarding the proposed land transfer will be accepted until December 31, 2007. Please send to:

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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is adding the transfer of lands from federal to state ownership for aviation uses to the list of projects analyzed within the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) currently being prepared by the FAA for the Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport. At this time, the FAA would like to receive scoping comments regarding the assessment of this additional proposed action within the EIS.

Scoping is an information-gathering process to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. FAA will use the scoping process to identify substantive environmental issues associated with the land transfer. Scoping also allows the FAA to identify available technical information and additional reasonable alternatives.

It has been determined that portions of property previously believed to be within Airport boundaries are not currently state owned. Instead, these lands are federally owned and managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The FAA is adding the transfer of the lands necessary for existing and future aviation uses as a proposed action that will be examined in the EIS. The federally owned lands needed for aviation uses include segments of filled land on Japonski Island and portions of submerged land surrounding the airport as well as filled lands on Charcoal Island that may be federally owned.

The transfer of lands is being added to the list of proposed actions which already includes: improvements to the runway safety area; installation of an approach light system; construction of a parallel taxiway; construction of a seaplane pullout; and repairs and improvements to the airport seawall.

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