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Scoping Period Initiated for Review of Jackson Hole Airport Use Agreement Extension

Grand Teton National Park Superintendent Mary Gibson Scott announced today that the National Park Service is reviewing a proposal by the Jackson Hole Airport Board to extend the current airport use agreement for two additional 10-year terms. The Jackson Hole Airport is located in Grand Teton National Park on 533 acres under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Public comments on this proposal will be accepted from November 18 through January 9, 2006.

The Jackson Hole Airport currently operates under the terms and conditions of a 50-year use agreement between the Jackson Hole Airport Board and the Department of the Interior; this agreement authorizes Jackson Hole Airport operations until April 27, 2033. However, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires that an airport have more than 20 years remaining on its lease or agreement in order to be eligible for Airport Improvement Program funds. To meet the 20-year threshold and ensure that the Jackson Hole Airport Board remains eligible for FAA funding beyond the year 2013, the existing airport use agreement must be extended. The current airport development footprint would be retained under this proposal.

Once the public scoping period ends, an environmental assessment will be prepared and available for a 30-day public review during the summer of 2006.

Please visit the National Park Service's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/> to review this proposal and provide comments. Public comments may also be mailed to Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park, Attn: Airport EA, P.O. Drawer 170, Moose, Wyoming, 83012.

In addition to the PEPC website, copies of the scoping notice are also available on the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/grte/plans/planning.htm>, and at the Moose Visitor Center, or the reference desk of the Teton County Library.

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