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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Request for public comment, Raleigh County Memorial Airport,
Beckley, West Virginia

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for Public Comment

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration is requesting public comment on the proposed release of 549.63 acres of land currently owned by the Raleigh County Commission, Sponsor for the Raleigh County Memorial Airport, Beckley, West Virginia. The parcel is located off the northwest end of the airport and descends in to “Fat Creek Gorge” to a depth in excess of 600ft below the airport elevation and has no aeronautical benefit. The land is dormant, no infrastructure exists and land has no practical use. Due to terrain, no future development opportunities exist for the airport. Once released, the land will be sold and placed in a Conservation Easement, with restriction of no future development. Proposed buyer would be placing the area of request in a conservation easement for wildlife enhancement, with no adverse impact to the airport. Land will remain as compatible use to the airport. Land will be sold as surface rights only, no conveyance of mineral rights. The airport land being released is not needed for airport

development as shown on the Airport Layout Plan. Fair Market Value has been determined based upon an appraisal of the Property.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before [Insert date which is 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address:

Connie Boley-Lilly
Program Specialist
Federal Aviation Administration
Beckley Airports Field Office
176 Airport Circle, Room 101
Beaver, West Virginia 25813

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Tom Cochran, Airport Manager of the Raleigh County Memorial Airport at the following address:

Thomas Cochran, Airport Manager
Raleigh County Memorial Airport
176 Airport Circle, Room 105

Beaver, West Virginia 25813

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Boley-Lilly, Program
Specialist, Beckley Airport Field Office, (304)252-6216 ext. 125, FAX (304)253-8028.
Email : Connie.Boley-Lilly@FAA.GOV

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public
comment on the request to release property at the Raleigh County Memorial Airport,
Beckley, WV. Under the provisions of AIR 21(49U.S.C. 47108 (h)(2)).

The Raleigh County Memorial Airport is proposing the release of approximately 549.6
acres of a 'surface rights only' release to be sold and land then placed in a Conservation
Easement with restriction of no future development. The release and sale of this property
will allow the Sponsor to take advantage of un-useable land and use the proceeds for that
sale, for the future development of the airport.

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