



June 22, 2009

Ms. Victoria L. Catlett
Planning and Environmental Division, APP-400
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

RE: Notice of Proposed Airport Access Restriction and Opportunity for Public Comment; FAA-2009-0546

Dear Ms. Catlett:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) together represent the vast majority of the nation's pilots, and a broad cross section of the general aviation community. AOPA and EAA are committed to ensuring the viability and safety of community airports and their facilities as part of a national air transportation system.

To allow AOPA, EAA and local airport users adequate time to analyze and provide comments to the notice for proposed access restriction to Bob Hope Airport, we are requesting the comment period deadline be extended by 30 days. The proposed curfew restriction has the potential to impact many users, businesses and multiple airports in southern California.

It is also important to note that this is the first completed application for Stage III restrictions, in which the airport had to comply with 49 U.S.C. 47523 of the Airport Noise and Capacity Act (ANCA) and 14 CFR part 161. In light of this distinction, there are a number of concerns with regard to the impacts on the regional and national transportation system that the users will need time to adequately prepare.

For those reasons, our associations ask that the Federal Aviation Administration allow a minimum of 60 days for the public and impacted users the ability to provide input.

We appreciate the agency's consideration of this matter and anticipate your positive response.

Sincerely,

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Heidi J. Williams
Senior Director, Airports
AOPA

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Randy Hansen
Government Relations Director
EAA