

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Finding of No Significant Impact

Airport Name and Location

Meadow Lake Airport
Peyton, CO

Proposed Federal Action

The Meadow Lake Airport proposes the establishment of a turf runway to replace the existing glider runway and an update to the Airport Improvement Plan Airport Layout Plan depicting the new runway.

Purpose and Need

The primary purpose for the establishment of a new turf runway is to replace the existing inadequate glider runway and meet the needs of an active and growing glider community. A turf runway would allow for the glider and unpaved training operations to function separately from the active general aviation traffic on the primary runway.

Alternatives

The FAA explored and objectively evaluated reasonable alternatives that were considered practical and feasible in meeting the purpose and need; including the "no action" alternative and the "action" alternative of establishing the turf runway.

The proposed action of establishing the turf runway was selected as the preferred alternative of the airport owner and FAA concurred with this recommendation.

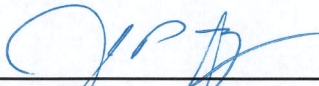
Environmental Impact and Reasons for Finding of No Significant Impact

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 C.F.R. Part 1500-1508). Additionally, the Final EA meets the guidelines identified in FAA Orders 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures* and 5050.4B, *NEPA Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*.

The environmental impact is described in the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA), dated May 2013. No thresholds of significance were found to be exceeded in the FEA. After review of the FEA, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was justified for the proposed airport improvements.

Environmental Finding and Approval

I have carefully and thoroughly considered the facts contained in the attached EA. Based on that information, I find the proposed Federal Action is consistent with existing national and environmental policies and objectives of Section 101(a) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and other applicable environmental requirements. I also find the proposed Federal action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment or include any condition requiring any consultation pursuant to section 102(2) (C) of NEPA. As a result, FAA will not prepare an EIS for this action.

APPROVED:  _____ Date: 5.3.2013

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