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Experts Initiate Wildlife Hazard Management Plan Process

Collaboration, expertise discussed as keys to a successful outcome.

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Jackson Hole, WY.... A diverse group of leading scientists, aviation experts, and government agency representatives assembled at the airport today starting the Wildlife Hazard Management Plan process that will address conflicts between aircraft and wildlife.

“We convened the region’s best scientists to work on this critical plan”, said Jim Waldrop, Vice President of the Jackson Hole Airport Board. “Nobody knows regional wildlife matters better than the experts here today”.

The process establishes a “working group” to discuss issues, generate draft policies and create a draft plan. Among those participating are Gary Pollock from Grand Teton National Park, Mike Pipas from the USDA, Bryan Bredosian from Beringia South, Joe Bohne from Wyoming Game & Fish, Craig Logan from the Jackson Hole Airport and a consultant team from Mead & Hunt and Wyoming Wildlife Consultants.

“We have a lot of good, smart people, working collaboratively, to move us forward”, said John Bauer, Manager of the FAA’s Denver Airport District Office. “I’m optimistic about the opportunity for a win-win-win here”.

Waldrop concurred, saying that “ongoing, cooperative input from diverse groups including other federal agencies, state officials, biological experts and aviation consultants will be necessary to resolve this issue”.

A steering committee consisting of Grand Teton National Park Superintendent Mary Gibson Scott, Airport Director Ray Bishop, and Airport Board Members Jerry Blann and Waldrop is also in place.

The Airport Board will provide regular updates at each of its monthly meetings. For further information about the Wildlife Hazard Management Plan process contact Ray Bishop at raybishop@jacksonholeairport.com or 307.733.7695.

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