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222 West 7th Avenue, #14
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Re: Notice Of Proposal To Establish Special Use Airspace (TMOAs)
Aeronautical Study No. 96-AAL-004NR

Dear Mr. Chord:

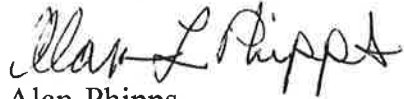
The State of Alaska has reviewed the above-referenced document. This letter represents the consolidated comments of the State's resource agencies.

The State appreciates the recent FAA and Air Force efforts to improve communication with the resource agencies, and the commitment to increase coordination with the State during long term planning of future military training exercises. We look forward to a continuing dialogue with FAA and the Air Force on ways to minimize or eliminate air safety hazards and potential adverse impacts to wildlife, subsistence and recreational activities associated with these training exercises.

In the immediate future, the State remains concerned about the adverse impacts to wildlife, subsistence activities, and recreational activities from low level jet aircraft flights. Specifically, the flights proposed below 3,000 feet AGL within Eielson Alpha, Eielson Bravo, Yukon 1"A", and Yukon 4 TMOAs during May 21-23 will occur during moose calving, caribou calving, Dall sheep lambing, waterfowl nesting, and raptor nesting. This is a more sensitive period than later in the year when the young are less dependent on maternal care and protection. The State resource agencies are available to discuss in more detail these potential impacts and ways that these impacts may be mitigated.

The State of Alaska appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 269-7476.

Sincerely,



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