

United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Southern Nevada District
Pahrump Field Office
4701 North Torrey Pines Drive
Las Vegas, Nevada 89130
<http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.html>

JUN 24 2009

In Reply Refer to:
N-85470
2911 (NVS0300)

CERTIFIED MAIL 7008 1140 0003 4909 1603 -RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

DECISION

Federal Aviation Administration :
San Francisco Airports District Office : Airport Lease
831 Mitten Road, Room 210 :
Burlingame, CA 94010 :
Attn: Doug Pomeroy :

	600
	601
	602
	610
	611
	612
	613
	614
	615
	616
	620
	621
	622
	623
	624
	625
	626
	627
	628
	629
	630

Airport Lease N-85470 Environmental Analysis Determination

We received a lease application on July 28, 2008 from the Town of Pahrump for an airport encompassing 2,560 acres of public land located in the southwest area of Pahrump Valley.

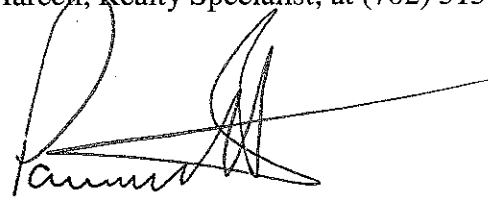
After further review by both the Pahrump and Barstow Field Offices, a few concerns have arisen including the purpose and need of the airport, and potential impacts to the surrounding residential communities, wilderness areas, and Death Valley National Park. These potential impacts include, but are not limited to:

- Air Quality
- Biotic Communities - Flora and Fauna
- Compatible Land Use
- Construction Impacts
- Endangered and Threatened Species of Flora and Fauna
- Energy Supply and Natural Resources
- Floodplains
- Impacts upon Public Recreation Areas and Historical/Cultural Resources
- Induced Socioeconomic Impacts
- Light Emissions
- Noise
- Social Impacts
- Solid Waste Impacts

- Traffic Impacts
- Visual resources
- Water Quality
- Wild and Scenic Rivers

According to 40 CFR 1502.4, Major Federal actions requiring the preparation of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) is required. Given these concerns, the Bureau of Land Management Pahrump Field Office recommends that a comprehensive NEPA analysis is needed. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for this application.

If you have any questions please contact Frederick Marcell, Realty Specialist, at (702) 515-5092.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Putnam", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Patrick Putnam
Pahrump Field Manager