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Reference: Your January 27, 2014 Email and News Release

Dear Dr. Silver,

In reviewing the Center for Biological Diversity's email and news release titled "ADOT Cancels Grand Canyon Airport Expansion Plan," it is important to note there may have been an oversimplification in the response the Center received from the Federal Aviation Administration regarding the Arizona Department of Transportation's plans for the Grand Canyon National Park Airport.

The Department did cancel a project to construct a modular building in the parking lot next to the current terminal facility. This project was an interim solution to provide a secure and comfortable passenger holding area for Transportation Security Administration compliance. The Department canceled the project after learning of additional, unforeseen expenses related to the proposed project. Instead, interim improvements will be made to the current facility.

It is important to note that the cancelation of the modular building project did not impact plans for replacing the existing, 49-year-old terminal facility or the water well project.

The Department is continuing the planning process to replace the aging terminal facility and provide a reliable source of water needed to protect the hundreds of thousands of travelers flying into the Grand Canyon National Park Airport. As with all of our projects, ADOT is committed to following all NEPA and NHPA requirements for our airport improvement projects.

Respectfully,



John H. Nichols

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