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Dear Dr. Silver:

Administrator Huerta asked me to respond to your December 5, 2013, letter about your concern that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has not complied with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for proposed development at Grand Canyon National Park Airport (GCN) in Arizona.

The FAA takes its NEPA obligations seriously. We work with airport owners to ensure NEPA compliance for Federal actions such as approval of an Airport Layout Plan (ALP) or funding under either the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) or the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Program.

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is the owner and operator of GCN. In February 2013, ADOT proposed to remodel and expand the existing terminal building at GCN by 2,000 square feet. ADOT has since withdrawn this proposal. ADOT now proposes only internal remodeling to accommodate security needs and plans to fund the remodeling using state funds. The FAA has not received a request for Federal funding for this proposal. Should ADOT propose future airport development at GCN requiring approval of an ALP update or proposed AIP or PFC funding, FAA will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental review is conducted, including public participation as appropriate.

Should you have any questions about the FAA's role with respect to the development of GCN, please contact Mike N. Williams, Manager, Phoenix Field Office, at (602) 379-3021.

I trust this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Benito De Leon
Acting Associate Administrator
for Airports