

Juneau Flightseeing Noise Study

Project Updates

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Monday July 31, 2000

On Thursday night, July 27th, members of the Juneau Flightseeing Noise Study team met with about 70 members of the public. At the start of the meeting, Cathryn Collis, the facilitator, explained that this was a technical meeting to discuss how the sound data would be gathered, not a policy debate about flightseeing. Paul Dunholter of BridgeNet then explained how the study would be conducted and answered questions from the public. Paul explained the different metrics that will be used to collect the noise data and how loudness, duration, frequency, timing and other parameters will be measured. Both at the meeting and in the ensuing days, the team solicited and received suggestions for placement of the sound monitoring equipment. In response to questions, the team reemphasized that the team has been contracted to measure the noise and recommend possible mitigation measures, but not to make policy choices. Such choices will be left to CBJ policy makers.

During the past week, members of the team have talked with a number of Juneau citizens concerned about this issue, met with CBJ staff, met with FAA representatives to discuss the study, plotted flightseeing flight paths, met informally with a representative of the Juneau Ranger District and discussed coordination of activities, and started the placement of the sound monitors.

Anyone with questions or suggestions about the study is welcome to e-mail McKie Campbell at McKie@worldnet.att.net or call him at 463-3171.

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Monday August 11, 2000

Over the past two weeks acousticians from BridgeNet have been measuring flightseeing sound around Juneau. The measurement portion of the study will continue at a variety of new sites over the next several weeks. Citizens of Juneau have been extremely helpful in making their yards and homes available for the study.

We have had residents on both sides of the issue contact us offering their homes. In some cases, those sites have worked well, but in others, environmental noise factors such as nearby creeks, barking dogs, or construction have caused us to use other sites nearby. For many of the sites, we have simply knocked on the door of people who live in good locations and asked if we could use their yard. Some folks have been hesitant because of the controversy surrounding this issue, but have been reassured when we explain the study and tell them that serving as a monitoring site does not indicate a position one way or the other on the issue.

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