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Subject: Response to Letter Dated April 30, 2017

Dear Mr. Tuholske.

We received your letter dated April 30, 2017, requesting that we open a 60-day comment period for the *Final Environmental Assessment: Ravalli County Airport*. As you are aware, the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) and FAA's decision document (Finding of No Significant Impact/Record of Decision (FONSI/ROD)) were made available for public review on March 29, 2017. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) considered all public comments received on the 2014 Draft Environmental Assessment and these comments were considered in the preparation of the FEA and FONSI/ROD. The changes made to the document based on public input were summarized in the "Introduction" section of the FONSI/ROD. There were no substantive changes in the analyses or impacts anticipated from the project. Therefore, the FAA respectfully declines your request for a new public comment period for the FEA and FONSI/ROD.

The FONSI/ROD constitutes a final order of the FAA Administrator and is subject to the exclusive judicial review under 49 USC § 46110 by the US Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia or the US Circuit Court of Appeals for the circuit in which the person contesting the decision resides or has its principal place of business. Any party having substantial interest in this order may apply for review of the decision by filing a petition for review in the appropriate US Court of Appeals no later than 60 days after the order is issued in accordance with the provisions of 49 USC § 46110. The 60 day period for this order began on March 29, 2017, when the public review notice for the documents was published in the Ravalli Republic and Bitterroot Star. The notices detailed where the documents were available for review including the Bitterroot Public Library, Ravalli County Commissioner's Office, Federal Aviation Administration Airports District Office in Helena, Montana, and online through the Ravalli County website homepage.

Sincerely,

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