

To: Alpine Airpark

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c/o Lynn Ferguson

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the safety and noise issues associated with the growth of the Alpine Airpark, where private jets and helicopters frequently operate. As residents of the nearby neighborhoods, we have observed and experienced firsthand the adverse effects of these operations on our quality of life and wellbeing. The increase in air traffic in recent years has made these issues even more apparent.

Firstly, safety concerns are paramount. The proximity of our homes to the chosen flight paths of these aircraft raises significant worries about the risk of accidents. The proximity of the runway to a busy road and many homes raises concerns about accidents during take-off and landing. An additional safety concern of ours is the storage of jet fuel directly adjacent to homes, and the ability of the airpark to respond to possible fire emergencies.

Secondly, the noise generated by the frequent take-offs, landings, and "low" flying of private jets and helicopters has become quite impactful. The disruptive noise levels not only disturb our daily lives but also affect our ability to enjoy our homes and outdoor spaces peacefully. As residents of Alpine we can all agree that our way of life here is based on being able to enjoy the beautiful outdoors and take advantage of the wide open spaces. For those neighborhoods closest to the airpark, the noise from these aircraft often exceeds tolerable levels, especially during early morning and late evening hours, disrupting sleep patterns and causing undue stress among residents.

In addition to these immediate concerns, the lack of community engagement regarding changes and guidelines at the airport has exacerbated our frustrations. Residents feel left out of the decision making processes that directly affect our lives and feel that our concerns are not taken seriously. We urge the airport management, Airpark homeowners, pilots and other regulatory parties to engage in open dialogue with the community, establish a formal grievance mechanism and update residents on any developments or changes in operations.

As neighbors and outdoor enthusiasts we recognize the joys and benefits of living in Wyoming, and recreating in such a beautiful area. For pilots & Airpark homeowners, this includes being able to

fly here as well. However, this benefit should not come at the expense of our safety, well-being, quality of life nor our ability to enjoy our properties. We ask the airport management and homeowners to address these issues by encouraging everyone who uses the airport to operate their aircraft as quietly as possible, especially during morning and evening hours and over town & residential areas. We also ask that the currently existing voluntary noise, flight path and dawn to dusk guidelines be adhered to as strictly as is safely possible.

In conclusion, we hope you will consider our concerns seriously and take proactive steps to alleviate the safety and noise issues caused by the operations of private jets and helicopters at the Alpine Airpark. We have included a list of questions below, and we look forward to reviewing the Airpark's responses.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Safety

- Jet Fuel Storage

- Where and how is fuel stored? Is it stored in epoxy lined tanks?
- Are fuel tanks inspected regularly for leaks and damage?
- Is fuel still stored in the residential neighborhood adjacent to the airpark?
- What sort of fire suppression protocol does the airpark have in place for a jet fuel fire? Are emergency response personnel all volunteers?

- Emergency Response Plan

- What is the airport's emergency response plan in case of a crash or fire?

- Low flying aircraft

- How are rules and guidelines shared with pilots before they access the airpark? How are these rules monitored and enforced? How many paid staff work at the airpark to ensure compliance?
- With the increase in jet traffic at the airpark, jets are flying alarmingly low

over adjacent residential neighborhoods upon landing with greater frequency. What is the airpark doing to prevent accidents? Most accidents occur on take-off and landing. Can planes use routes that minimize this impact on residences?

o o How is the jet aerobatics school monitored and how is the safety of the nearby residences protected?

Noise and Hours

- What rules and guidelines are shared with pilots regarding hours in respect to its impact on residences? There is a dusk to dawn policy but it's not always respected. Can this be enforced?
- Does the airpark take steps to ensure compliance with its voluntary rules and guidelines? Are quieter aircrafts encouraged at the airpark?
- The fighter jets and helicopters are much louder and disruptive to town and nearby residents. Can these aircraft be subject to stricter guidelines and flight paths to mitigate their impact on residents and preserve the natural beauty and peace that residents all want to enjoy?