



MEMORANDUM

TO: Patty Wahto, Airport Manager

FROM: Andres Delgado, Airport Superintendent

DATE: September 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Airfield Operations Update

The following is an update of the completed and in-progress projects for the JNU Airfield Operations and Maintenance (AFM) staff:

- Brush clearing and campsite removal is continuing on airport property near the Glory Hall area outside of the protected stream buffer. Airport operations staff are monitoring this area closely and working in conjunction with Juneau Police Department and Glory Hall staff to improve safety and the user experience in this area. Additionally, we wish to thank the Glory Hall staff for graciously volunteering their time, efforts, and assistance with this ongoing project. (Ongoing)
- This summer, the Airport has received several inquiries from wide-body charter operators (up to Boeing 747) that wish to land in Juneau. Unfortunately, these aircraft have been turned away due to the inability to load or offload passengers. We are looking at estimates for an ADA-accessible boarding ramp that can accommodate these larger aircraft.
- AFM staff recently began performing semi-annual SREB (Snow Removal Equipment Building) door inspections. Several of the blue overhead lifting doors have shown signs of misalignment and damage stemming from regular operation, which may be the result of a manufacturer and/or engineering defect. Efforts are being made to resolve the issue with the installer and manufacturer. The procurement of a comprehensive, and expensive, list of spare parts is being reviewed.
- Update: It has been several months since the last reported incident, and concerns about stolen United Parcel Service (UPS) packages and bear activity in this area have been nearly completely eliminated. *Tree limbing and brush removal has been completed adjacent to the Juneau FSS (Flight Service Station). This area had been increasingly used by bears to tear apart trash bags and by transients who have stolen UPS packages to use as a prime hiding area in the previous year.* (Completed)
- Extensive brush and tree removal, berm modification and grading along the south float pond road has been underway for some time, allowing for improved mowing, vehicle accessibility, drainage, wildlife control, and snow removal operations. (Ongoing)

- Movement/non-movement area painting was completed fairly early in the summer season. The airport access roads, runway and taxiway edge and center lines have all received a fresh coat of paint, which includes Type 3B reflective beads on movement areas. (Completed)
- De-Ice materials have begun arriving in time for winter operations. We expect to have all materials ready for the season by mid-September. (Ongoing)
- With Part 139 Airport Certification inspection due in late November, AFM crew has ramped up efforts to keep the airfield spotless, with careful attention to movement area, fence lines, lighting, security, and general vehicle/building maintenance. (In Progress)