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Ross E. Statham, Board Secretary  
Tri-County Airport Authority  
1983 Tri-County Airport Road (PO Box 756)  
Bonifay, FL 32425

Dear Mr. Statham,

Re: FAA Determination on Wildlife Hazard Site Visit  
Tri-County Airport (1J0)

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Orlando Airports District Office received the Wildlife Hazard Site Visit (WHSV) report for the Tri-County Airport (1J0) for review and comment on August 16, 2021.

We have completed our review of the WHSV and determined that the document meets the Agency's current guidance and regulatory requirements for WHSVs. We note that several of the recommendations discussed in the WHSV may require National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and / or Federal or state Permit applications prior to implementation. Specifically, these measures are:

- Filling on site wetlands that provide wildlife habitat, particularly the shrubby blackbird roosting area and forested wading bird rookery.
- If removal of attractive wetlands is not feasible, implement habitat management techniques to deter potentially hazardous species from using wetland habitat for roosting and nesting, such as individual tree removal or removal of shrubs.
- Where possible, exclude forested areas with fencing. If trees or shrubs are located within the perimeter fencing, remove them.
- Implement an egg oiling program.

Please coordinate with your ADO Program Manager prior to undertaking these activities. Based on the results and conclusions contained within the WHSV, it is the FAA's opinion that the airport should prepare a Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHMP) for 1J0. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (407) 487-7297.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Protection Specialist

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