

**PROPOSED RUNWAY 12-30 SAFETY AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT THE BISHOP
AIRPORT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

Environmental Assessment

The Inyo County Department of Public Works provides notice that a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (42 United States Code §§ 4321 – 4355), to assess proposed improvements to the Runway 12/30 Runway Safety Area (RSA) at Bishop Airport (BIH) is available for review and comment. Approval and implementation of the Proposed Project requires one or more federal actions by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The Draft EA includes an analysis of a Proposed Project, alternatives, and potential environmental impacts. The Proposed Project comprises the following elements:

- Cutting, filling, and grading noncompliant portions of the Runway 12/30 RSA to provide a standard RSA
- Relocating segments of security fence to avoid encroachment into the RSA
- Relocating a segment of patrol road to avoid encroachment into the RSA

Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Inyo County CEQA Guidelines, Inyo County has also prepared an Initial Study (IS) for the Proposed Project and hereby gives notice of its intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

Public Workshop

Inyo County invites you to attend a Public Workshop to learn more about the environmental analyses conducted for the Proposed Project. The Public Workshop will be in an open house setting and there will be no formal presentation. Team members will be available to discuss the draft environmental documents, the NEPA and CEQA processes, and answer your questions.

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Location: Bishop Airport
703 Airport Road
Bishop, CA 93514

More information on the Public Workshop can be found at
<https://www.inyocounty.us/services/public-works>

Public Review

The Draft documents will be available for a 40-day public review beginning Thursday, April 11, 2024 and ending May 21, 2024.

The Draft EA and Draft IS/MND are available for review at:

- *Online* at <https://www.inyocounty.us/services/public-works>

- *Hard copy at Bishop Airport*
703 Airport Road
Bishop, CA 93514

Inyo County will provide a flash drive of either the Draft EA, Draft IS/MND, and/or the Public Workshop material upon request. Please call (760) 878-0200 to request a specific copy of the materials. Comments on the Draft EA and Draft IS/MND may be submitted electronically to ahelms@inyocounty.us.

Written comments may be submitted via U.S. Mail to the address below. Please ensure adequate time for receipt. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on May 21, 2024.

Inyo County Public Works
Attention: Ashley Helms,
Deputy Public Works Director – Airports
703 Airport Rd.
Bishop, CA 93514

All comments received will be responded to in the final documents.

PRIVACY NOTICE: Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.