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Robin A. Badger, Acting Manager Federal Aviation Administration System Management Branch, AAL-530 222 West 7th Avenue, #14 Anchorage, AK 99513-7587

Re: Notice of Proposal to Establish Special Use Airspace (TMOAs) Aeronautical Study No. 96-AAL-018NR

Dear Mr. Badger:

The State of Alaska resource agencies appreciate the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced document. As stated in previous letters responding to similar TMOA proposals, the State remains concerned about potential adverse impacts to wildlife, subsistence activities, and recreation from low level jet aircraft flights. However, the state resource agencies believe that the Air Force and FAA have done everything possible within the parameters of Air Force training requirements to lessen potential impacts to wildlife, subsistence, and recreation, from this exercise. The State therefore does not object to the proposed TMOA referenced above.

The state resource agencies appreciate the continuing dialogue with FAA and the Air Force, and remain eager to work together with the Air Force during the planning of future training exercises to minimize air safety hazards and potential adverse impacts, including cumulative impacts, to wildlife, subsistence, and recreational activities. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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