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Subject: Wildlife Hazard Management/Wildlife Strikes

“Spring has sprung” and so has wildlife activity! Over the past few months wildlife reporting has increased in the Great Lakes Region. This is due in part to a conscious effort on behalf of airport operators with increased reporting in addition to higher wildlife activity in the seasonal months. As a reminder, to effectively manage wildlife hazards:

- Ensure procedures are in place to review and evaluate your wildlife hazard management plan (WHMP) every 12 consecutive months or following an event listed below:
 - an air carrier aircraft experiences multiple strikes
 - an air carrier experiences substantial damage from striking wildlife
 - an air carrier aircraft experiences an engine ingestion of wildlife
- Take immediate action to alleviate wildlife hazards whenever they are detected, to include wildlife of a size or in numbers capable of causing an event described above, and is observed to have access to any airport flight pattern or movement area.
- Certificated airports should contact their Airport Certification Safety Inspector if there is an event causing substantial damage to aircraft. Non-certificated airports should contact their respective Airports District Office Program Manager.
- Report all wildlife strikes! All airports, towered or non-towered, should report wildlife strikes. The effectiveness of successful wildlife hazard management requires accurate and consistent reporting.
- Maintain an airport wildlife log to document wildlife activity and the airport’s mitigation actions.
- Monitor your agricultural activity to ensure that standards are met (refer to [AC 150/5300-13A](#), Table3-5).
- Submit unknown type remains to Smithsonian Institution, Feather Identification Lab (refer to [AC 150/5200-32B](#) for instructions on how to submit remains for identification).
- Ensure depredation permits are accurate and current.
- Complete training in accordance with [AC 150/5200-36A](#) every 12 consecutive months.

Wildlife Training

As a reminder, the FAA will be hosting wildlife training for airport personnel in June. For additional information please [click here](#). Registration is required and forms must be faxed.