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A PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT/AGENCY COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION

A.1 Public Involvement

NOTE: Much of the material in this portion of the appendix, particularly information associated with scoping and the Draft EIS, refers to the prior Proposed Action, which included multiple trajectory ranges, a larger lift-class vehicle, and landings; however, these are no longer part of the Proposed Action.

A.1.1 Public Scoping

FAA gathered input from the public during the scoping process, which is an early and open process for determining the range of issues to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Scoping provides an opportunity for the general public, government agencies, and interested groups to learn about the purpose and need, the Proposed Action, and alternatives for implementing the Proposed Action. The scoping process also provides an opportunity for the public to help define the scope of the EIS, the proposed action and/or alternatives, and the analyses by suggesting alternative approaches that meet the purpose and need and raising concerns and issues. During the public scoping comment period for this *Spaceport Camden EIS*, FAA requested input from government agencies, Native American tribes, organizations, interest groups, and the public on issues of concern and alternatives to be analyzed.

Scoping for this *Spaceport Camden EIS* began with the publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS, open a public scoping period, and hold a public scoping meeting in Camden County, Georgia, on November 6, 2015 (80 Federal Register [FR] 68893). The NOI provided the date and time for the public scoping meeting and a summary of the Proposed Action; invited interested agencies, organizations, Native American tribes, and members of the public to submit comments; and formally initiated the public scoping comment period. FAA also notified, by postcard or email, individuals; Federal, State, and local agencies; elected officials; and various groups that were likely to be interested in the Proposed Action and the scoping process. The NOI was also posted on the FAA's *Spaceport Camden EIS* website: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/camden_spaceport. This appendix contains materials and information from the scoping process, specifically the *Scoping Summary Report*.

The public scoping comment period was originally scheduled to close on January 4, 2016, but in response to public requests, it was extended to January 18, 2016. The extension was announced by issuing a notice of extension of public scoping comment period in the *Federal Register* on January 11, 2016 (81 FR 1280), posting a notice on the FAA's *Spaceport Camden EIS* website, and sending email notifications to those on the FAA's Spaceport Camden mailing list.

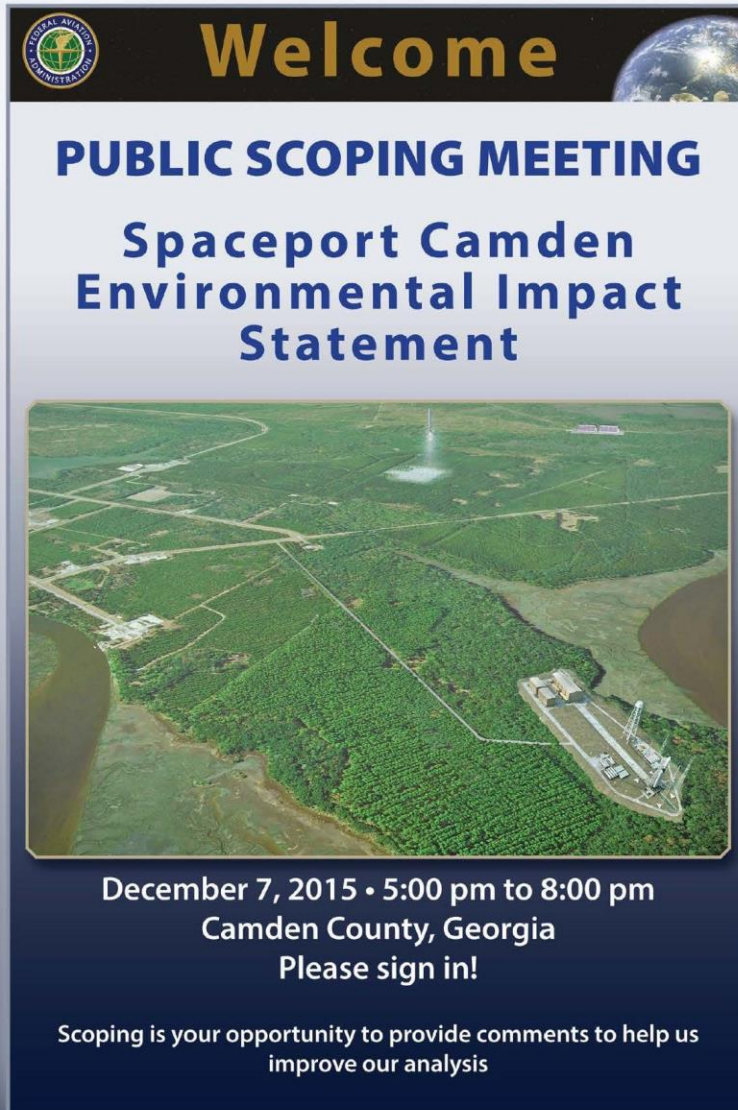
Two scoping meetings were held for the *Spaceport Camden EIS*, one for the public and one for agencies with an interest or involvement in the project.

Public Scoping Summary Report

This section presents a copy of the *Scoping Summary Report*, including the associated appendices that contain the Federal Register NOI, correspondence/communication regarding the scoping meetings, newspaper advertisements, Government-to-Government correspondence and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation initiation letters, as well as Agency comments received during the scoping period.

Scoping Summary Report

April 2016



The poster features the Federal Aviation Administration logo in the top left corner. The word "Welcome" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, the text "PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING" is in blue, followed by "Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement" in a larger blue font. A central image shows a satellite view of a coastal area with a rocket launch site and a ship. Below the image, the meeting details are listed: "December 7, 2015 • 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm", "Camden County, Georgia", and "Please sign in!". At the bottom, a message states: "Scoping is your opportunity to provide comments to help us improve our analysis".

Welcome

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

**Spaceport Camden
Environmental Impact
Statement**

December 7, 2015 • 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Camden County, Georgia
Please sign in!

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**Federal Aviation
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**Office of Commercial
Space Transportation**

Executive Summary

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is preparing the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential impacts of the Camden County, Georgia, Board of Commissioners' (the County's) proposal to develop a commercial space launch site ("Spaceport Camden"). Under the Proposed Action presented during the public scoping comment period, the County would construct and operate Spaceport Camden, which would consist of a vertical launch site, a landing zone, a control center complex, and another facility similar to the control center that would include provisions for visitors and viewing launches. The County plans to offer the site for up to 12 vertical launches and up to 12 landings of associated launch vehicle first stages per year. Prior to conducting operations at the proposed Spaceport Camden, the County must obtain a Launch Site Operator License from the FAA. In addition, launch vehicle operators proposing to launch from Spaceport Camden must obtain a launch license(s) from the FAA for the operation of their vehicle(s) from Spaceport Camden. The Spaceport Camden EIS will evaluate the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts that may result from the Proposed Action of constructing and operating Spaceport Camden, including related activities and actions considered connected to the Proposed Action.

Scoping is a required component of the EIS process and is conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations (Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1500-1508 [40 CFR Parts 1500-1508]); the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970, as amended (Title 42 United States Code, Section 4371 et seq.); executive orders; FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*; and other applicable FAA orders, directives, and guidance. Scoping is an open process for determining the range of issues to be addressed in the EIS and identifying potential significant issues related to a Proposed Action, including environmental concerns, from government agencies and the public.

This Scoping Summary Report provides an overview of the activities conducted and the comments received during the public scoping comment period for the Spaceport Camden EIS, which began with issuance of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS, Open a Public Scoping Period, and To Hold a Public Scoping Meeting in Camden County, Georgia (80 *Federal Register* 68893) on November 6, 2015. The NOI provided the date and time for the public scoping meeting and a summary of the Proposed Action; invited interested agencies, organizations, Native American tribes, and members of the public to submit comments; and formally initiated the public scoping comment period. The FAA also notified, by postcard or email, individuals; Federal, State, and local agencies; elected officials; and various interest groups that were likely to be interested in the Proposed Action and the scoping process. The public scoping comment period was originally scheduled to close on January 4, 2016, but in response to public requests, the period was extended by the FAA an additional 14 days (81 *Federal Register* 1280).

The FAA held a public scoping meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Camden County Public Services Authority Recreation Center located at 1050 Wildcat Drive in Kingsland, in Camden County, Georgia. The public scoping meeting began with an open-house poster session from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., during which members of the public could speak to FAA representatives and view posters about the proposed project, the Spaceport Camden EIS, and the NEPA process. After the open house, the FAA began the formal meeting with a brief presentation about the proposed project and the licensing and NEPA processes, followed by the public comment session. Speakers were called during the comment session in the order in which they signed up to speak.

A total of 909 comment submissions were received during scoping; this total includes 770 comment submissions received during the time the public scoping comment period was officially opened (November 6, 2015 to January 18, 2016). **Table ES-1** summarizes the number of comment submissions

provided through the various methods available to the public. All comments received during the scoping period are being given equal consideration in the preparation of the draft EIS.

Table ES-1. Comment Submission Method Summary

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Written Comments at Scoping Meeting	45
Oral Comments at Scoping Meeting	53
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The potential impacts from the Proposed Action and alternatives on the environmental impact categories (or resource areas) listed in Paragraph 4-1 of FAA Order 1050.1F will be analyzed as part of the draft EIS. Additional resource areas recommended by commenters which are not listed in FAA Order 1050.1F, Paragraph 4-1 will be analyzed, as relevant.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CAA	Clean Air Act
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DoD	U.S. Department of Defense
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOI	Notice of Intent
NPCA	National Parks Conservation Association
NPS	National Park Service
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

1.0 Introduction

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is preparing the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential impacts of the Camden County, Georgia, Board of Commissioners' (the County's) proposal to develop a commercial space launch site ("Spaceport Camden"). Under the Proposed Action presented during the public scoping comment period, the County would construct and operate Spaceport Camden, which would consist of a vertical launch site, a landing zone, a control center complex, and another facility similar to the control center that would include provisions for visitors and viewing launches. The County plans to offer the site for up to 12 vertical launches and up to 12 landings of associated launch vehicle first-stages per year. Prior to conducting operations at the proposed Spaceport Camden, the County must obtain a Launch Site Operator License from the FAA. In addition, launch vehicle operators proposing to launch from Spaceport Camden must obtain a launch license(s) from the FAA for the operation of their vehicle(s) from Spaceport Camden. The Spaceport Camden EIS will evaluate the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts that may result from the Proposed Action of constructing and operating Spaceport Camden, including related activities and actions considered connected to the Proposed Action.

Scoping is a required component of the EIS process and is conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations (Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1500-1508 [40 CFR Parts 1500-1508]); the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970, as amended (Title 42 United States Code, Section 4371 et seq.); executive orders; FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*; and other applicable FAA orders, directives, and guidance. Scoping is an open process for determining the range of issues to be addressed in the EIS and identifying potential significant issues related to a Proposed Action, including environmental concerns from government agencies and the public. The scoping process helps the FAA identify issues that will be analyzed in depth in the Spaceport Camden EIS, identify any other environmental reviews and consultation requirements necessary for the Proposed Action, and assign responsibilities among lead and cooperating agencies for inputs to the EIS. Scoping also serves to identify issues not requiring detailed analysis and issues that have been addressed by prior environmental review, set the temporal and geographic boundaries of the EIS, determine reasonable alternatives, and identify available technical information. During the public scoping comment period, the FAA requested input from government agencies, Native American tribes, organizations, interest groups, and the public on issues of concern and alternatives to be analyzed.

This Scoping Summary Report provides an overview of the activities conducted and the comments received during the public scoping comment period for the Spaceport Camden EIS, which began with issuance of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS, Open a Public Scoping Period, and To Hold a Public Scoping Meeting in Camden County, Georgia (80 *Federal Register* 68893) on November 6, 2015. The public scoping comment period was originally scheduled to close on January 4, 2016, but in response to public requests, the period was extended by the FAA an additional 14 days. This extension was announced by:

- Issuing a Notice of Extension of Public Scoping Comment Period in the *Federal Register* on January 11, 2016 (81 *Federal Register* 1280);
- Posting a notice on the FAA Spaceport Camden website that the comment period was extended: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/camden_spaceport/; and
- Sending email notifications to those on the FAA's Spaceport Camden mailing list.

Copies of the *Federal Register* notices are provided in Appendix A to this Scoping Summary Report. Copies of the email notifications are provided in Appendix B.

2.0 Scoping Process

Scoping provides an opportunity for the general public, government agencies, and interested groups to learn about the Purpose and Need, the Proposed Action, and alternatives for implementing the Proposed Action. The scoping process also provides an opportunity for the public to help define the scope of the draft EIS, the alternatives, and the analyses through suggesting alternative approaches that meet the Purpose and Need and raising concerns and issues.

The NOI to prepare an EIS, Open a Public Scoping Period, and To Hold a Public Scoping Meeting in Camden County, Georgia was published on Friday, November 6, 2015, in the *Federal Register*. The NOI provided the date and time for the public scoping meeting and a summary of the Proposed Action; invited interested agencies, organizations, Native American tribes, and members of the public to submit comments; and formally initiated the public scoping comment period. The FAA also notified, by postcard or email, individuals; Federal, State, and local agencies; elected officials; and various interest groups that were likely to be interested in the Proposed Action and the scoping process. As discussed in Section 1.0, the public scoping comment period was extended by 14 days. Copies of the postcard and email notifications are provided in Appendix B to this Scoping Summary Report.

Advertisements announcing the public scoping meeting were placed in *The Brunswick News* and the *Tribune & Georgian* newspapers in the 2 weeks preceding the public scoping meeting (Table 1). *The Brunswick News* and the *Tribune & Georgian* provide service to the potentially affected communities in proximity to the proposed project. The newspapers determined the placement of the notices. The advertisements summarized the Proposed Action; provided the time, date, and location of the public scoping meeting; and described the methods for submitting scoping comments. Copies of the advertisements as they appeared in print are provided in Appendix C to this Scoping Summary Report.

Table 1. Scoping Meeting Notices – Publication Dates for Newspapers

<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>Publication Date</i>	<i>Page Number</i>
The Brunswick News	November 28, 2015	2A
	December 5, 2015	4A
Tribune & Georgian	November 26, 2015	5A
	December 3, 2015	6A

In December 2015, the FAA mailed letters to the leaders of the following Native American tribes, initiating formal government-to-government consultation: Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Seminole Tribe of Florida, and Thlopthlocco Tribal Town. In January 2016, the FAA mailed National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation letters to the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers of the aforementioned tribes, and the Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council, Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee, and the Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe. The FAA also emailed a NHPA Section 106 consultation letter to the Chair of the Gullah Geechee Commission. See Appendix D to this Scoping Summary Report for copies of these letters.

3.0 Public Scoping Meeting

The FAA held a public scoping meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Camden County Public Services Authority Recreation Center located at 1050 Wildcat Drive in Kingsland, in Camden County, Georgia. Meeting attendees were welcomed at the entrance of the Recreation Center and were asked to fill out scoping meeting sign-in cards. Members of the public who wished to speak during the public comment portion indicated their intention to speak when they registered. Speakers were then called during the comment session in the order in which they signed up to speak.



3.1 Format and Public Meeting Materials

The public scoping meeting began with an open-house poster session from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., during which members of the public could speak to FAA representatives and view posters about the proposed project, the Spaceport Camden EIS, and the NEPA process. Posters provided information on the NEPA process and environmental impact categories (or resource areas); an overview of the Proposed Action, activities, and facilities; the FAA licensing and permitting process; and the public involvement process. These and other materials presented at the public scoping meeting can be found on the FAA Spaceport Camden website: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/camden_spaceport/.



After the open house, the FAA began the formal meeting with a brief presentation about the proposed project and the licensing and NEPA processes, followed by the public comment session. During the poster session and after the public comment session, FAA project team representatives were available to explain the proposed project and alternatives, answer questions about the project, and describe the environmental impact analysis process and related timeline. Representatives from the Spaceport Camden Project were also present to answer questions about the proposed project.



Handouts about the Proposed Action, the NEPA process, how to provide comments, and other relevant information were available in various locations in the meeting and poster session rooms, and handouts of the posters were available at each poster table. Comment forms and pens were available for attendees to fill out and submit comments at the public scoping meeting, or the comment forms could be taken home and mailed to the FAA after the meeting. A court reporter was present during the open house to record oral comments for those who did not wish to speak publically at the

meeting and to record the public comment session (see the FAA Spaceport Camden website for the transcript of the public comment session:

http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/camden_spaceport/).

3.2 Attendance

A total of 460 individuals signed in at the public scoping meeting. Attendees included members of the public, representatives of Federal and State elected officials, city government agencies, and the community groups shown in **Table 2**.

Table 2. Elected Officials, Agencies, and Community Groups at the Public Scoping Meeting

<i>Attendee</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
Jared Downs	on behalf of U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson
Representative Jeff Jones	Georgia House of Representatives, District 167, Brunswick
Representative Jason Spencer	Georgia House of Representatives, District 180, Woodbine
Kenneth E. Smith	Mayor, Kingsland
Louise V. Mitchell	City of Woodbine Council (Mayor Pro-tem)
Steve Howard	Camden County Administrator
Michael J. Fender	Camden County Board of Commissioners, Director of Finance and Budget
Charles Clark	Camden County Board of Commissioners, District 2 Commissioner
Jimmy Starline	Camden County Board of Commissioners, Chairman and District 3 Commissioner
Gary Blount	Camden County Board of Commissioners, District 4 Commissioner
Al Crace	Charlton County Board of Commissioners
Julie T. Martin	Brunswick City Commission
Linda Williams	St. Marys City Council
Elaine Powierski	St. Marys City Council
Rachel Baldwin	Camden County Chamber of Commerce
Douglas Cooper	Camden County Chamber of Commerce
Amy Hendricks	Camden County Chamber of Commerce
Gary Straight	Camden County Chamber of Commerce, St. Marys Downtown Development Authority
M.H. Woodside	Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce
Michael B. Johnson	Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce
Missy Nev	Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce
Mike Henley	Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce
Brittany Miller	Camden County Joint Development Authority
James Coughlin	Camden County Joint Development Authority
Teira Cole	Camden County Joint Development Authority
Charlie Smith, Jr.	Camden County Joint Development Authority
Mel Baxter	Brunswick and Glynn County Development Authority
Shavona Williams	Glynn County Airport Commission
John J. Holman	City Manager, City of St. Marys
Sandra Rayson	City Administrator, City of Woodbine
Kyle Tibbs	City Administrator, City of Woodbine
Ken Kessler	Planning & Zoning Director, City of Kingsland
Jeffrey S. Adams	Community Development Director, City of St. Marys

3.3 Media

Representatives from seven television, radio, and print media organizations attended the public scoping meeting. **Table 3** lists the media organizations present at the meeting (media sign-in sheets can be found on the FAA Spaceport Camden website: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/camden_spaceport/).

Table 3. Media Attendees at the Public Scoping Meeting

<i>Television</i>
NBC 12 WTLV First Coast News, Jacksonville
<i>Radio</i>
NPR Atlanta, WABE 90.1
<i>Print Media</i>
The Brunswick News
Camden County Press
Florida Times-Union
St. Marys Magazine
Tribune & Georgian

4.0 Scoping Comments

Five methods were available to the public for providing comments:

- submitting written comments at the public scoping meeting;
- providing oral comments during the public scoping meeting;
- providing oral comments privately to the court reporter during the poster session preceding the comment portion of the public scoping meeting;
- submitting comments electronically to FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com; and
- sending written comments by U.S. mail to Ms. Stacey M. Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist for the Spaceport Camden EIS.

The FAA's written public comment form included the following statement regarding personally identifying information: "Please Note: Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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." A good faith effort was made to remove personally identifying information from the comment submissions provided during the public scoping comment period.

Table 4 identifies the number of comment submissions and the method by which they were received.

Table 4. Comment Submission Method Summary

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^b A total of 125 comment submissions were received prior to the scoping comment period and 14 comment submissions were received after the conclusion of the scoping comment period.

As indicated in Table 4, a total of 909 comment submissions were received. This total includes 770 comment submissions received during the time the public scoping comment period was officially opened (November 6, 2015 to January 18, 2016). Of these 770 comment submissions, 355 comment submissions were provided as part of a campaign by the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA). Prior to the initiation of the public scoping comment period, 125 comment submissions were received, 124 of which were from a campaign by the Wild Cumberland Organization. After the close of the public scoping comment period, another 14 comment submissions were received, 10 of which were additional NPCA campaign letters. Comment submissions are posted on the FAA's Spaceport Camden EIS website at: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/camden_spaceport/.

Commenters at the public scoping meeting had 2 minutes in which to make their public statements so that everyone who wanted to speak had the opportunity. This time limit was announced in the NOI to allow speakers to prepare in advance. Attendees also had the opportunity to speak to the court reporter during the open house poster session before the formal FAA presentation and comment session. The court reporter captured these oral comments verbatim (the scoping transcript can be found on the FAA Spaceport Camden website: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/camden_spaceport/). There were 53 oral commenters at the public scoping meeting: 51 spoke during the comment session and two spoke privately to the court reporter.

4.1 Public Mailing List

In addition to providing comments during the public scoping comment period, the public, government agencies, and interested groups were encouraged to continue their participation by requesting their contact information be added to the FAA's project mailing list on sign-in sheets, comment forms, and the FAA website. In all, 28 commenters specifically requested to be added to the mailing list during the public scoping comment period. Those who attended the public scoping meeting and signed in, and

Comment Submission – A communication in the form of a transcript from a public meeting; a paper communication (letter or comment form); or an electronic communication that contains comments from a Native American tribe, government agency, organization, or member of the public regarding the Spaceport Camden EIS.

Comment – A statement, question, or suggestion to assist in identifying significant environmental issues and in determining the appropriate scope of the EIS.

Campaign – A coordinated response, often initiated and organized by a group or organization with a special interest in the Spaceport Camden EIS, resulting in the submission of multiple similar, if not identical, comment submissions. Campaigns often utilize common text or content which is then signed and forwarded by individuals, occasionally with additional commentary.

those who provided comments during the public scoping comment period and provided contact information, were added to the mailing list (unless they expressed a desire not to be added).

4.2 Comments and Issues Analysis

This section describes the number of comment submissions that were received from members of the public (including comments received prior to and after the public scoping comment period), and the range of comment topics.

Concerns raised by commenters about the Proposed Action included the following:

- Disturbance of the natural habitat and visitor experience on Cumberland Island National Seashore;
- Conflict between the Proposed Action and the wilderness designation of portions of the Cumberland Island National Seashore under the Wilderness Act;
- Decreases in tourism and eco-tourism, Cumberland Island visitation, and other local outdoor commerce;
- Impacts on the public and threatened and endangered species from noise, vibration, chemical use and release, and lighting;
- Potential for hazards to the public, land, and wildlife from accidents or failed launches;
- Impacts on Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, especially from a failed launch or accident;
- The effectiveness of emergency response and preparedness in the event of an accident, including the suitability of the existing road network and water evacuation routes;
- A lack of specific information about the Proposed Action (trajectories, frequency, duration, and vehicle specifications);
- Safety issues with, and lack of precedent for, launches over populated areas and the failure rates of commercial rockets at other launch sites;
- Impacts of evacuations and land and water closures (including closure of the Intracoastal Waterway) on local residents;
- Lowered property values and increased insurance rates;
- Overall reduction in local quality of life;
- Financial liability of Camden County and its residents;
- Impacts on cultural and historic sites from noise and vibration, including those listed on the National Register of Historic Places;
- Potential for vibrations to cause the release of residual hazardous materials from onsite soils;
- Degradation of air quality and the potential for release of toxic fumes during launches;
- Degradation or contamination of groundwater and surface waters;
- Impacts on salt marshes, barrier islands, tidal areas, and other coastal resources; and
- De-confliction of both military and commercial airspace.

Positive impacts of the Proposed Action cited by commenters included the following:

- Ideal setting of site (prior land use, location, isolation, natural buffers);
- Creation of new jobs/high paying jobs;
- Regional economic stimulus;
- Increased tourism; and
- Increased educational opportunities and the retention of graduates with technical degrees.

All comments received during the scoping period are being given equal consideration in the preparation of the draft EIS. The potential impacts from the Proposed Action and alternatives on the environmental impact categories (or resource areas) listed in Paragraph 4-1 of FAA Order 1050.1F will be analyzed as part of the draft EIS. Additional resource areas recommended by commenters which are not listed in FAA Order 1050.1F, Paragraph 4-1 (e.g., airspace; geology and soils; health and safety; transportation) will be analyzed and presented in appendices to the draft EIS.

Appendix A

Federal Register Notices

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Office of Commercial Space
Transportation; Notice of Intent To
Prepare an Environmental Impact
Statement (EIS), Open a Public
Scoping Period, and To Hold a Public
Scoping Meeting in Camden County,
Georgia

AGENCY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is the lead Federal agency. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration and National Park Service are cooperating agencies for this EIS.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS, open a public scoping period, and hold a public scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: This Notice provides information to Federal, State, and local agencies; Native American tribes; and other interested persons regarding the FAA's intent to prepare an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of issuing a Launch Site Operator License to the Camden County Board of Commissioners for a proposed commercial space launch site ("Spaceport Camden"). The Camden County Board of Commissioners proposes to construct and operate Spaceport Camden in an unincorporated area of Woodbine, in Camden County, Georgia. The FAA will prepare the EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 United States Code 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations parts 1500–1508), and FAA Order 1050.1F. *Environmental Impacts: Policies and*

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Procedures, as part of its licensing process. Concurrent with the NEPA process, the FAA is initiating National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation to determine the potential effects of the Proposed Action on historic properties. The FAA is also consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act regarding potential impacts on federally-listed threatened and endangered species. Pursuant to the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966, this EIS will comply with the requirements of Section 4(f) of the Act. Additional information is available online at: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/camden_spaceport/.

DATES: The FAA invites interested agencies, organizations, Native American tribes, and members of the public to submit comments or suggestions to assist in identifying significant environmental issues and in determining the appropriate scope of the EIS. The public scoping period starts with the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. To ensure sufficient time to consider issues identified during the public scoping period, comments should be submitted to Ms. Stacey M. Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist, by one of the methods listed below no later than January 4, 2016. All comments will receive the same attention and consideration in the preparation of the EIS.

ADDRESSES: Comments, statements, or questions concerning scoping issues or the EIS process should be mailed to: Ms. Stacey M. Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist, Spaceport Camden County EIS c/o Leidos, 20201 Century Boulevard, Suite 105, Germantown, MD 20874. Comments can also be sent by email to FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA is preparing an EIS for the Camden County Board of Commissioners to construct and operate Spaceport Camden, a proposed commercial space launch site in an unincorporated area of Woodbine, in Camden County, Georgia. The County will be required to obtain a Launch Site Operator License from the FAA for the operation of the launch site. The EIS will consider the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative;

however, based on comments received during the scoping period, the FAA may analyze additional alternatives. The successful completion of the environmental review process does not guarantee that the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation would issue a Launch Site Operator License to the Camden County Board of Commissioners. The project must also meet all FAA requirements of a Launch Site Operator License. Individual launch operators proposing to launch from the site would be required to obtain a launch license.

Proposed Action

The Proposed Action is for the FAA to issue a Launch Site Operator License to the Camden County Board of Commissioners that would allow the Camden County Board of Commissioners to offer the commercial space launch site, Spaceport Camden, to commercial launch providers to conduct launch operations of liquid-fueled, medium-lift-class, orbital and suborbital vertical launch vehicles. Under the Proposed Action, the Camden County Board of Commissioners would construct and operate Spaceport Camden, which would include a vertical launch site, a landing zone, a control center complex, and a facility that includes visitor-viewing areas. Spaceport Camden would accommodate up to 12 vertical launches and up to 12 associated launch vehicle first-stage landings per year. In addition, there would be up to 12 static fire engine tests and up to 12 wet dress rehearsals per year.

The Camden County Board of Commissioners has signed an option to purchase approximately 4,000 acres of an approximately 12,000-acre industrial site on which to construct the spaceport, and is considering purchasing approximately another 7,800 acres of adjoining property in the same industrial complex. The proposed Spaceport Camden property is located in an unincorporated area of Woodbine, in Camden County, approximately 11.5 miles due east of the town of Woodbine, Georgia, in the extreme southeastern part of the state. Access to the site is at the eastern termination of Union Carbide Road, an extension of Harriett's Bluff Road (Exit 7 from I-95). The site is on the coast, surrounded by salt marshes to the east and south, and the Satilla River to the north. The property comprises uplands, salt marshes, and fresh water wetlands. Approximately 100 non-contiguous upland acres would be used for the launch pad, landing site, control center, and supporting facilities. Each of these facilities would be fenced

to provide security and access control, as would the approximately 400 acres of uplands on which these facilities would be located. The remainder of the site, much of which is marshland, would be used as buffer.

The vertical launch facility would be approximately 23 acres in size and would include a launch pad and stand with its associated flame duct; propellant storage and handling areas; vehicle and payload integration facility; storage tanks; lightning protection systems; deluge water systems for local sound and vibration suppression; and other launch-related facilities and systems. The landing area would be approximately 11 acres in size and include a proposed 400 foot by 400 foot concrete pad located roughly in the center of the area, with fuel and oxidizer "off load" tanks, and related infrastructure. The control center complex would be located on the property at a safe distance from the launch and landing areas. The control center complex would house the site administration offices, a control room with related equipment, payload processing/check-out area, and a first-responder facility. This complex would be situated in an area of approximately 2.75 acres, and would consist of two buildings with a parking lot between them. There would be a similar facility constructed near the main entrance of the property that would mirror the control center complex in size, design and facilities, but would also include provisions for visitors and viewing launches.

Operations would consist of up to 12 launches and up to 12 associated launch vehicle first-stage landings per year. In addition, other operations could occur, including up to 12 static fire engine tests and up to 12 wet dress rehearsals per year. All vehicles would launch to the east over the Atlantic Ocean. Under the Proposed Action, the first stage of the launch vehicle could return to and land at Spaceport Camden, or would land in the Atlantic Ocean, either in the water or on a barge.

The potential environmental impacts of all proposed construction and operational activities, including those from launching orbital and suborbital vertical launch vehicles, will be analyzed in the EIS. The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with air quality; biological resources (including fish, wildlife, and plants); climate; coastal resources; Department of Transportation Act, Section 4(f); farmlands; hazardous materials, solid waste, and pollution prevention; historical, architectural, archeological and cultural resources;

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land use; natural resources and energy supply; noise and noise-compatible land use; socioeconomic, environmental justice, and children's health and safety risks; visual effects; water resources (including wetlands, floodplains, surface waters, groundwater, and wild and scenic rivers). This analysis will include an evaluation of potential direct and indirect impacts, and will account for cumulative impacts from other relevant activities in the area of Camden County, Georgia.

Issued in Washington, DC, on: November 2, 2015.

Daniel Murray,
Manager, Space Transportation Development Division.

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Alternatives

The alternatives under consideration include the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative; however, based on comments received during the scoping period, the FAA may analyze additional alternatives. Under the No Action Alternative, the FAA would not issue a Launch Site Operator License to the Camden County Board of Commissioners.

Scoping Meeting

A public scoping meeting will be held to solicit input from the public on potential issues that may need to be evaluated in the EIS. The scoping meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Camden County Public Services Authority Recreation Center Community Room, 1050 Wildcat Drive, Kingsland, Georgia 31548. The meeting format will include an open-house workshop from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The FAA will provide an overview of the environmental process from 6:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., followed by a public comment period from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. During the public comment period, members of the public may provide up to a 2-minute statement. The FAA will transcribe oral comments. Members of the public also may submit written or emailed comments. All comments received during the scoping period, whether provided in writing or verbally, will be given equal weight and will be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Draft EIS.

More information on the proposed project and the NEPA process is available on the project Web site at: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents/progress/camden_spaceport/.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Office of Commercial Space
Transportation; Notice of Extension of
Public Scoping Comment Period for
the Spaceport Camden Environmental
Impact Statement.

AGENCY: DOT, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), lead Federal agency; and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and National Park Service, cooperating agencies.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public scoping comment period.

SUMMARY: A Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, open a public scoping period, and hold a public scoping meeting for the proposed Spaceport Camden was published in the **Federal Register** by the Federal Aviation Administration on November 6, 2015. The comment period for the Draft EIS was to end on January 4, 2016 (more than 45 days after publication of the Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register**). This notice extends the comment period to January 18, 2016 to allow the public additional time to provide scoping comments.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 18, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments, statements, or questions concerning scoping issues or the EIS process to Ms. Stacey M. Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist, Spaceport Camden County EIS c/o Leidos, 20201 Century Boulevard, Suite 105, Germantown, MD 20874. Comments can also be sent by email to FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stacey M. Zee, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Suite 325, Washington, DC 20591; email Stacey.Zee@faa.gov; or phone (202) 267-9305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 6, 2015, the FAA published a Notice of Intent to prepare an

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Environmental Impact Statement, open a public scoping period, and hold a public scoping meeting for the proposed Spaceport Camden in the **Federal Register** and requested comments. The public scoping period was originally scheduled to close on January 4, 2016, but the FAA extended the comment period an additional 14 consecutive days, changing the deadline for submitting public scoping comments from January 4, 2016 to January 18, 2016.

Additional information regarding the proposed project is available online at: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/camden_spaceport/.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 5, 2016.

Daniel Murray,

Manager, Space Transportation Development Division.

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SPACEPORT CAMDEN EIS

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Commercial Space Transportation is in the initial planning stages of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate a proposed commercial space launch site (known as Spaceport Camden) in Camden County, Georgia.

Public Scoping Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2015, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Camden County Public Service Authority Recreation Center, Community Room
1050 Wildcat Drive, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

You are invited to attend the public scoping meeting, which includes an open-house workshop from 5:00-6:00 PM, an FAA presentation of the environmental process from 6:00-6:15 PM, and a public comment period from 6:15-8:00 PM.

During the public comment period, members of the public may provide up to a 2-minute statement.



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Comments, statements, questions, and requests to be added to the project mailing list can be sent by email to FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com. They may also be mailed to: Ms. Stacey Zee, Spaceport Camden EIS, c/o Leidos, 20201 Century Boulevard, Suite 105, Germantown, MD 20874. In all communications, please include your first and last name, and email address.

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From: [FAACamdenSpaceportEIS](mailto:FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com)
Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Upcoming Spaceport Camden Public Scoping Meeting
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015 3:29:54 PM

Dear Interested Party:

You are receiving this email to inform you about the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Commercial Space Transportation is preparing an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Camden County Board of Commissioners' proposal to construct and operate Spaceport Camden, a commercial space launch site. The proposed launch site is located in an unincorporated area of Woodbine, in Camden County, Georgia, approximately 11.5 miles due east of the town of Woodbine, Georgia. On November 6, 2015, the FAA issued a Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS, open the public scoping period, and hold a public scoping meeting in Kingsland, Camden County, Georgia.

The EIS will consider the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. Based on comments received during the scoping period, the FAA may analyze additional alternatives. The Proposed Action is for the FAA to issue a Launch Site Operator License to the Camden County Board of Commissioners that would allow the County to offer the commercial space launch site to commercial launch providers to conduct launches of liquid-fueled, medium-lift-class, orbital and suborbital vertical launch vehicles.

To help determine the scope of the EIS, the FAA is hosting a public scoping meeting at the following date, time, and location:

Monday, December 7, 2015

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Camden County Public Service Authority Recreation Center
Community Room
1050 Wildcat Drive
Kingsland, Georgia 31548

The meeting format will include an open-house workshop from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, followed by a formal comment session. During the open house, there will be a table with comment forms for writing your comments, or you may speak to a stenographer who will record your comments. After the open house, the formal session will begin. The FAA will provide an overview of the environmental process from 6:00 PM to 6:15 PM, followed by a public comment period from 6:15 PM to 8:00 PM. During the public comment period, members of the public may provide up to a 2-minute statement. A stenographer will transcribe oral comments.

Comments, statements, or questions concerning scoping issues or the EIS process should be mailed to: Ms. Stacey M. Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist, Spaceport Camden County EIS, c/o Leidos, 20201 Century Boulevard, Suite 105, Germantown, MD 20874. Comments may also be sent by email to FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com.

All comments received during the scoping period, whether provided in writing or orally, will be given equal weight and will be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Draft EIS.

More information on the proposed project and the NEPA process, and the Notice of Intent, are available on the project website at: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/camden_spaceport/

Media inquiries, please contact Hank Price at 202-267-3447.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Stacey.Zee@faa.gov [mailto:Stacey.Zee@faa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 9:07 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Upcoming Spaceport Camden Agency Scoping Meeting

Dear Invitee:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Commercial Space Transportation issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) on November 6, 2015, to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Camden County Board of Commissioners' proposal to construct and operate a commercial space launch site ("Spaceport Camden") in unincorporated Woodbine, Camden County, Georgia. The Proposed Action is for the FAA to issue a Launch Site Operator License to the Camden County Board of Commissioners that would allow the County to offer Spaceport Camden to commercial launch providers to conduct launches of liquid-fueled, medium-lift-class, orbital and suborbital vertical launch vehicles. Under the Proposed Action, the Camden County Board of Commissioners would construct and operate Spaceport Camden, which would include a vertical launch site, a landing zone, a control center complex, and a facility that includes visitor-viewing areas.

The FAA issued the attached NOI to prepare an EIS for the project, initiate a public scoping process, and hold a public scoping meeting.

Additional information about the proposed project can be found at:

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In addition to the public scoping meeting listed in the NOI, the FAA will host an agency scoping meeting on Tuesday, December 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at:

Camden County Emergency Operations Center

131 North Lee Street

Kingsland, GA 31548

Conference Call Line - 1-877-423-6338; passcode 338-658-9502#

Immediately following the agency scoping meeting, a site visit is planned from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Attached to this email notification is the list of staff invited to the agency scoping meeting. In some instances, multiple staff from the same agency have been invited. Please review the list of staff and determine the most appropriate attendee(s) from your agency.

If you or members of your staff plan to attend this agency scoping meeting and site visit, please contact me at (202) 267-9305 or Stacey.Zee@faa.gov <mailto:Stacey.Zee@faa.gov> by Friday, December 4. Please note whether you will attend in person or via phone. I look forward to your participation in the environmental review process.

Stacey M. Zee

Environmental Specialist

Office of Commercial Space Transportation

Federal Aviation Administration

800 Independence Ave, SW

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From: [FAACamdenSpaceportEIS](#)
Subject: Spaceport Camden EIS – Notice of Scoping Period Extension
Date: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 11:04:26 AM

Dear Interested Party:

You are receiving this email to inform you about the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has received a number of requests to extend the scoping period. Therefore, we are extending the scoping comment period until **January 18, 2016**.

In compliance with FAA policy and procedures (FAA Order 1050.1F) for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the FAA initiated a scoping period for the Spaceport Camden EIS through publication of a *Federal Register* Notice of Intent on November 6, 2015. The FAA held an open house public meeting on December 7, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Camden County Public Service Authority Recreation Center, located at 1050 Wildcat Drive, Kingsland, Georgia 31548. The public had the opportunity to speak with project representatives one-on-one and submit written comments or provide oral comments to a stenographer. The public scoping period was originally scheduled to close on January 4, 2016, but the FAA is extending the comment period an additional 14 consecutive days, changing the deadline for submitting public scoping comments from January 4, 2016 to January 18, 2016.

The FAA encourages all interested parties to provide comments concerning the scope of the EIS by January 18, 2016. Comments, statements, or questions concerning scoping issues or the EIS process should be mailed to: Ms. Stacey M. Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist, Spaceport Camden County EIS, c/o Leidos, 20201 Century Boulevard, Suite 105, Germantown, MD 20874. Comments may also be sent by email to FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com.

All comments received during the scoping period, whether provided in writing or verbally, will be given equal weight and will be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Draft EIS.

More information on the proposed project and the NEPA process, the Notice of Intent, and the Scoping Meeting Information are available on the project website at: http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents/progress/camden_spaceport/

We look forward to receiving your comment by January 18, 2016. After the close of the public comment scoping period, we will prepare a scoping report and post it to the project website.

For media inquiries, please contact Hank Price at 202-267-3447.

Thank you,

Stacey Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist
Office of Commercial Space Transportation

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Subject: RE: Spaceport Camden Agency Scoping Meeting

All –

Based on a number of requests from the public – we are extending the Spaceport Camden EIS scoping period to January 18, 2016. Attached is the notice that is going out to the general distribution list. We will post a notice in the Federal Register. A notice also will be posted to the project website- http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/

Thank you to all of you who have submitted comments so far. We look forward to working together on this project.

Stacey M. Zee
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Cc: Murray, Daniel (FAA); Searight, Howard (FAA); Czelusniak, Daniel (FAA); 'Groome, Chadi D.';
Gallagher, Daniel W.; Schanel, Pam; Elyse Mize; Underwood, Pam (FAA)
Subject: Spaceport Camden Agency Scoping Meeting

All –

- I've attached a list of attendees with roles/responsibilities and a summary of the December 8th Spaceport Camden Agency Scoping Meeting. Please review the files and send any corrections back in redline.
- Please let me know if your agency is interested in participating as a cooperating agency or coordinating agency on the EIS – or as a consulting party in the Section 106 process.
- Please remember to submit your scoping comments by Monday, January 4th.
- As a reminder – the project website can be found here -
http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/revi
[ew/documents/progress/camden_spaceport/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/revi)
- Also for your reference - below are links to the FAA NEPA Implementing Order – FAA Order 1050.1F -
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Have a wonderful New Year!

Stacey M. Zee
Environmental Specialist
Office of Commercial Space Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20591
202-267-9305

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Attachment to January 5, 2016 Email

Subject – Spaceport Camden EIS – Notice of Scoping Period Extension

Dear Interested Party:

You are receiving this email to inform you about the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has received a number of requests to extend the scoping period. Therefore, we are extending the scoping comment period until **January 18, 2016**.

In compliance with FAA policy and procedures (FAA Order 1050.1F) for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the FAA initiated a scoping period for the Spaceport Camden EIS through publication of a *Federal Register* Notice of Intent on November 6, 2015. The FAA held an open house public meeting on December 7, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Camden County Public Service Authority Recreation Center, located at 1050 Wildcat Drive, Kingsland, Georgia 31548. The public had the opportunity to speak with project representatives one-on-one and submit written comments or provide oral comments to a stenographer. The public scoping period was originally scheduled to close on January 4, 2016, but the FAA is extending the comment period an additional 14 consecutive days, changing the deadline for submitting public scoping comments from January 4, 2016 to January 18, 2016.

The FAA encourages all interested parties to provide comments concerning the scope of the EIS by January 18, 2016. Comments, statements, or questions concerning scoping issues or the EIS process should be mailed to: Ms. Stacey M. Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist, Spaceport Camden County EIS, c/o Leidos, 20201 Century Boulevard, Suite 105, Germantown, MD 20874. Comments may also be sent by email to FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com.

All comments received during the scoping period, whether provided in writing or verbally, will be given equal weight and will be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Draft EIS.

More information on the proposed project and the NEPA process, the Notice of Intent, and the Scoping Meeting Information are available on the project website at:
http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents/progress/camden_spaceport/

We look forward to receiving your comment by January 18, 2016. After the close of the public comment scoping period, we will prepare a scoping report and post it to the project website.

For media inquiries, please contact Hank Price at 202-267-3447.

Thank you,

Stacey Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist
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Time and Date

December 7, 2015, 5 - 8 p.m.

Open House: 5 - 6 p.m.

Formal Presentation: 6 - 6:15 p.m.

Public Comment Period: 6:15 - 8 p.m.

Location

Camden County Public Service Authority

Recreation Center Community Room

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Kingsland, Georgia 31548

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- 12. Kemp's office has denied a request from AP for documents and records on the data release, citing an exemption for open investigations in Georgia's Open Records Act.

The League of Women Voters of Georgia this week asked Gov. Nathan Deal to order an independent investigation, calling the breach "an obvious threat to the voter registration process." Deal told media outlets that he wouldn't intervene.

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- 13. of music that has given so many people happiness and great memories. The memories are many, and they run deep for us," the statement read. "We know amidst the good and the bad you struggled, time and time again. It's what made you who you were."

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Time and Date
December 2, 2015, 5 - 8 p.m.
Open House: 5 - 6 p.m.
Formal Presentation: 6 - 6:15 p.m.
Public Comment Period: 6:15 - 8 p.m.

Location
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, November 27

Crestal Georgia Audubon will meet at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, on the Audubon's island runway to look for sparrows. Gene Kotel will lead the group as they look for some elusive marsh sparrows. In particular, the Nelson's sparrow, the seaside sparrow, and the salt marsh sparrow. The tide will be high, so waterproof boots are recommended. Anyone interested in joining the hunt is welcome. Andrew's Island is off Newcastle Street by the marina just a few blocks north of downtown Brunswick. It's deserted, living water, snacks and insect repellent. For additional information, call Bob Sattelmeyer at (912) 217-7382.

Saturday, December 5

Tai Chi in the Park will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, by the location or nearby in a shady spot at Howard Gilmer Memorial Park in downtown St. Marys. Those who wish to participate should wear flat-soled shoes and comfortable clothing.

The Santa Express train ride will depart at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, from Theatre by the Tree. Children of all ages — from 1 to 92 — will be called upon to help rescue Santa and his sleigh full of presents. Each ride lasts about an hour and a half and takes guests through woodlands and meadows to the Village where it makes the turn-around. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$17 for children. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.santayainstmarys.com or call (912) 209-0225.

Tuesday, December 1

Single Angel meets at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month in the side room of the Wine Pub. The next meeting will be held Dec. 1. Anyone interested in making new friends and enjoying activities while creating a positive lifestyle is welcome. Dress is casual and the conversation is lively. Attendees learn from those who have divorced, death of a spouse or the end of a long-term relationship. Change can be hard but is made easier with the support of others. Those interested are invited to share their ideas for making life better. For media and address, visit www.winepub.com.

Wednesday, December 2

The children's reading hour at the Camden County Public Library will be held at 8:30 a.m. for book bags ages 6 to 10 months, and at 10:15 a.m. for toddlers 2 years old. Story time will be held at 11 a.m. for ages 3, 4 and 5. The times will be on Wednesdays, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16.

Friday, December 4

The Star of Hope gala for firefighters will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the Woodbine Community Center. The center is

located at 305 Camden Ave. Pasta, one's choice of sauce, garlic bread and a drink will be provided for \$7. All proceeds will go to support the 2015 Star of Hope program which helps provide for those less fortunate during the holiday season. For more information, call Katie Bishop at (912) 576-5651.

The officers and members of the Woodbine Community Choir will hold their annual Christmas celebration at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Westlight Missionary Baptist Church on Old Jefferson Highway in Woodbine. The theme is "A Gospel Christmas" and everyone is invited.

Monday, December 7

The Camden Roundtable will gather Monday, Dec. 7, for its first meeting of 2015 at Laurel Island Links. There will be an open discussion on a topic at programs for 2016. Everyone is invited to participate but anything presented must be supported by facts and shared in a civil manner. A continental breakfast will be served for \$7 a person at 8:30 a.m., with the program starting at 9 a.m. The Roundtable has no membership requirements or fees and welcomes any residents of Camden County.

The Federal Aviation Administration will present information and gather comments from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at the Camden Community Recreation Center, which is located at 1050 Wildcat Drive in Kingland. There will be an open house from 5 to 6 p.m., where residents can submit their comments to the FAA in writing. An FAA representative will provide an overview on the environmental impact statement process at 6 p.m. Residents can make verbal comments from 6:15 to 8 p.m. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes.

The St. Marys Public Library will host a pajama party with Santa Claus at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the cafeteria conference room at the hospital in St. Marys. Cash and most major credit cards will be accepted.

The Southwest Georgia Health System Camden Campus Auxiliary is hosting a \$5 jewelry sale featuring a selection of rings, necklaces, handbags, scarves and accessories. The sale will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the cafeteria conference room at the hospital in St. Marys. Cash and most major credit cards will be accepted.

Tuesday, December 8

Superior Elementary School will hold its council meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. All parents and community members are invited to attend.

Camden Middle School will hold a parent night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the school. Parents can come learn about the Georgia Milestones assessment, score categories, why scoring has changed, national percentile ranks, what the test looks like and how to interpret the results.

Wednesday, December 9

Story time at the Camden County Public Library is held at 9:30 a.m. for book bags ages 6 to 10 months, and at 10:15 a.m. for toddlers 2 years old and 11 a.m. for ages 3, 4 and 5. The times will be on Wednesdays, Dec. 9, and Dec. 16.

Thursday, December 10

The Woodbine Citizens Steering Committee will host the annual Woodbine Community Christmas at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at Woodbine United Methodist Church. The program will include local choir solos, a children's book reading and scripture reading. All church denominations are invited to join together to celebrate this special season. For more information or to participate in the program call Denise Proctor at (912) 526-5069 or (912) 892-4927.

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SECOND GIVE-AWAY PLANNED — John Francis Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goodman of Jacksonville, was awarded the pony in a recent giveaway staged for the Cancer Crusade in Camden County. As the Goodman had no place to stable the pony, they returned it to Mrs. Thomas, Cancer Drive Chairman in Camden County, to be given away in a second fund-raising effort on a date to be announced. From left to right are Dr. G.W. Barker, who donated the pony; Mrs. Thomas, John Francis Goodman; and Sandra Phillips, who sold the winning ticket as well as the greatest number of tickets in the money-making venture.

Submitted from May 14, 1970 edition of the Camden County Tribune

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Appendix D

Government-to-Government Letters and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation Initiation Letters

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Spaceport Camden Project Description and Proposed Project Location

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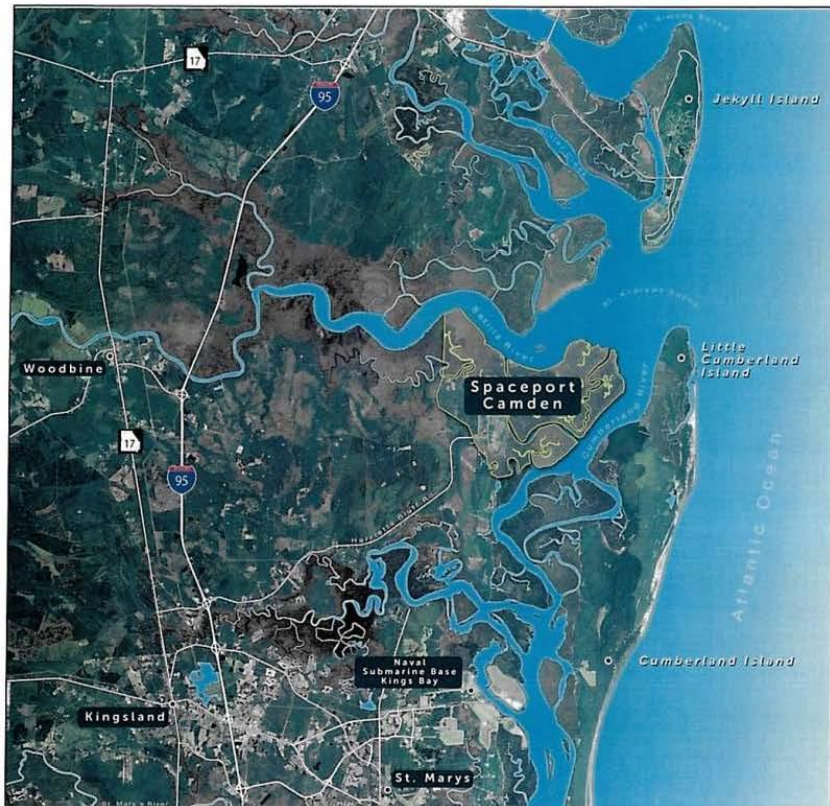
The Camden County Board of Commissioners (the County) proposes to construct and operate a commercial space launch site (Spaceport Camden) in an unincorporated area of Woodbine, in Camden County, Georgia. The County has signed an option to purchase approximately 4,000 acres of an approximately 12,000-acre industrial site on which to construct the spaceport, and is considering purchasing approximately another 7,800 acres of adjoining property in the same industrial complex. The County will be required to obtain a Launch Site Operator License from the FAA for the operation of the launch site.

The proposed Spaceport Camden property is located in an unincorporated area of Woodbine, in Camden County, approximately 11.5 miles due east of the town of Woodbine, Georgia, in the extreme southeastern part of the state. Access to the site is at the eastern termination of Union Carbide Road, an extension of Harriett's Bluff Road (Exit 7 from I-95). The site is on the coast, surrounded by salt marshes to the east and south, and the Satilla River to the north. The property comprises uplands, salt marshes, and fresh water wetlands. Approximately 100 non-contiguous upland acres would be used for the launch pad, landing site, control center, and supporting facilities. Each of these facilities would be fenced to provide security and access control, as would the approximately 400 acres of uplands on which these facilities would be located. The remainder of the site, much of which is marshland, would be used as buffer.

The vertical launch facility would be approximately 23 acres in size and would include a launch pad and stand with its associated flame duct; propellant storage and handling areas; vehicle and payload integration facility; storage tanks; lightning protection systems; deluge water systems for local sound and vibration suppression; and other launch-related facilities and systems. The landing area would be approximately 11 acres in size and include a proposed 400-foot by 400-foot concrete pad located roughly in the center of the area, with fuel and oxidizer "off load" tanks, and related infrastructure. The control center complex would be located on the property at a safe distance from the launch and landing areas and would house the site administration offices, a control room with related equipment, payload processing/check-out area, and a first-responder facility. This complex would be situated in an area of approximately 2.75 acres, and would consist of two buildings with a parking lot between them. A similar facility would be constructed near the main entrance of the property mirroring the control center complex in size, design and facilities, but would also include provisions for visitors and viewing launches.

Operations would consist of up to 12 vertical launches and up to 12 associated launch vehicle first-stage landings per year. In addition, other operations could occur, including up to 12 static fire engine tests and up to 12 wet dress rehearsals per year. All vehicles would launch to the east over the Atlantic Ocean. The first stage of the launch vehicle could return to and land at Spaceport Camden, or would land in the Atlantic Ocean.

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Location of Proposed Spaceport Camden Project

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Mr. George Scott, Town King
Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
PO Box 188
Okemah, Oklahoma 74859

Dear Mr. Scott:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultation with the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town regarding the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement in Camden County, Georgia. The primary purpose of government-to-government consultation, as described in Executive Order 13175, *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 1210.20, *American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Consultation Policy and Procedures*, is to ensure that federally-recognized Tribes are given the opportunity to provide meaningful and timely input regarding proposed FAA actions that uniquely or significantly affect Tribes.

The Camden County Board of Commissioners is seeking a Launch Site Operator License from the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation to develop and operate a commercial space launch site (known as Spaceport Camden) in an unincorporated area of Woodbine, in Camden County, Georgia. The project has been determined to be an "undertaking" subject to compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800, as amended. The proposed project and its associated activities are also subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the FAA has initiated preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement to meet its regulatory obligations. For your reference, a description and map of the project area showing the location of the proposed project is enclosed with this letter.

The FAA would like to know your Tribe's interest to consult with us regarding the broader range of impacts assessed under NEPA, including those to tribal lands and resources such as plant gathering areas and religious sites. Early identification of Tribal concerns will allow the FAA to consider ways to avoid and minimize potential impacts to Tribal resources and practices.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail, please contact Stacey Zee of my staff at 202-267-9305, or via email at Stacey.Zee@faa.gov. Additional information is also available on the project website at: https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review_documents/progress/camden_spaceport/.

Your timely response will greatly assist us in incorporating your comments into project planning. Please respond to Ms. Zee at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Dr. George C. Nield
Associate Administrator for
Commercial Space Transportation

Enclosure
Location of the proposed Spaceport Camden Project
Spaceport Camden Project Description

cc: Charles Coleman, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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Principal Chief Leonard M. Harjo
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
PO Box 1498
Wewoka, Oklahoma 74884

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Sincerely,



Dr. George C. Nield
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cc: Alan D. Emarthle, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Natalie (Deere) Harjo, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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Chairperson Stephanie Bryan
Poarch Band of Creeks
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, Alabama 36502

Dear Ms. Bryan:

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cc: Robert Thrower, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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Principal Chief George Tiger
Muscogee (Creek) Nation
PO Box 580
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

Dear Mr. Tiger:

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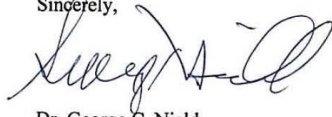
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cc: Johnnie Jacobs, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Emman Spain, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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Chief Gary Batton
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
PO Box 1210
Durant, Oklahoma 74702-1210

Dear Mr. Batton:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultation with the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma regarding the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement in Camden County, Georgia. The primary purpose of government-to-government consultation, as described in Executive Order 13175, *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 1210.20, *American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Consultation Policy and Procedures*, is to ensure that federally-recognized Tribes are given the opportunity to provide meaningful and timely input regarding proposed FAA actions that uniquely or significantly affect Tribes.

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cc: Dr. Ian Thompson, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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Governor Bill Anoatubby
Chickasaw Nation
PO Box 1548
Ada, Oklahoma 74821

Dear Mr. Anoatubby:

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cc: Ms. Virginia Nail, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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Chairman James E. Billie
Seminole Tribe of Florida
6300 Stirling Road
Hollywood, Florida 33024

Dear Mr. Billie:

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cc: Dr. Paul N. Backhouse, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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Ms. Jennifer Dixon
Environmental Review & Preservation Planning Program Manager
DNR Historic Preservation Division
Jewett Center for Historic Preservation
2610 GA Hwy 155, SW
Stockbridge, GA 30281

RE: Section 106 Consultation Initiation for the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement, Camden County, Georgia

Dear Ms. Dixon:

The Camden County Board of Commissioners is seeking a Launch Site Operator License from the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation to develop and operate a commercial space launch site (known as Spaceport Camden) in an unincorporated area of Woodbine, in Camden County, Georgia. The project has been determined an "undertaking" subject to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations under Section 106 (36 CFR Part 800, as amended). A project description and map are attached to this letter. The proposed project and its associated activities are also subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the FAA has initiated preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement to meet its regulatory obligations. The agency intends to complete Section 106 in conjunction with the NEPA process.

This letter is intended to initiate Section 106 consultation and solicit any initial comments you may have on the proposed undertaking. The FAA is inviting the following tribes to participate in this consultation: *Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council, Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee, Lower Muscogee Creek Tribe, Muscogee Creek Nation, Poarch Band of Creeks, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town*. The FAA may also identify additional consulting parties through the NEPA scoping process.

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The FAA will provide you with a determination of the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the proposed project and a proposed level of effort for the identification of historic properties. If you have initial comments or questions on this undertaking, please contact Stacey Zee of my staff at 202-267-9305, or via email at Stacey.Zee@faa.gov.

Sincerely,



Daniel Murray
Manager, Space Transportation Development Division

Attachments: Spaceport Camden Project Description, Location Map

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Eric Wilkerson
Tribal Representative
Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council
Saint George, Georgia 31646

RE: Section 106 Consultation Initiation for the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement, Camden County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wilkerson:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate consultation with you under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the above-referenced project and to learn whether your organization is interested in participating as a Consulting Party.

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Attachment A.
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Virginia Nail
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Chickasaw Nation
PO Box 1548
Ada, Oklahoma 74821

RE: Section 106 Consultation Initiation for the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement, Camden County, Georgia

Dear Ms. Nail:

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Dr. Ian Thompson
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
PO Box 1210
Durant, Oklahoma 74702-1210

RE: Section 106 Consultation Initiation for the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement, Camden County, Georgia

Dear Dr. Thompson:

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Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee
PO Box 1915
Cumming, Georgia 30028

RE: Section 106 Consultation Initiation for the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement, Camden County, Georgia

To Whom It May Concern:

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Marian S. McCormick
Principal Chief
Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe
106 Tall Pine Drive
Whigham, Georgia 39897

RE: Section 106 Consultation Initiation for the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement, Camden County, Georgia

Dear Ms. McCormick:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate consultation with you under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the above-referenced project and to learn whether your organization is interested in participating as a Consulting Party.

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Johnnie Jacobs and Emman Spain
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Muscogee (Creek) Nation
PO Box 580
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

RE: Section 106 Consultation Initiation for the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement, Camden County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Spain:

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Robert Thrower
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Poarch Band of Creek Indians
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, Alabama 36502

RE: Section 106 Consultation Initiation for the Spaceport Camden Environmental Impact Statement, Camden County, Georgia

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Dear Dr. Sumpter:

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Dear Mr. Murray:

The National Park Service (NPS) has reviewed the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) November 6, 2015, Federal Register Notice announcing its Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of issuing a Launch Site Operator License to the Camden County Board of Commissioners for a proposed commercial space launch site, Camden County, Georgia.

As a cooperating agency, the NPS formally submits comments in developing the EIS for all phases of the study which have the potential to affect the Cumberland Island National Seashore (CUIS).

The NPS has special expertise regarding the resources and values of CUIS and the surrounding areas, which would aid the FAA in its environmental impact analysis and ultimate decision regarding the issuance of a Launch Operator License for the Camden County site. Consideration of NPS concerns will help ensure that pertinent NPS mission statements, legislative authorities, and policies are duly considered when developing any alternatives, related management actions, or options that could potentially affect CUIS.

Specific Comments

Development of launch facilities adjacent to CUIS with launch trajectories and first stage recoveries over CUIS could have several primary affects, including temporary or permanent closures which would restrict visitor access, impacts to CUIS' significant natural, scenic, and cultural resources; and potential threats to visitor safety. The NPS offers the following questions and comments, specifically:

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1. Unit of the National Park Service
 - a. As such CUIS is committed to the legislated purpose of the National Park Service, which is "...to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." The proposed launch facility and its associated activities could potentially have an impact on the NPS responsibility and ability to achieve that purpose.
2. Visitor access restrictions
 - a. Closures and other restrictions associated with the proposed launch facility will impact the visitor enjoyment and experience for many. In many cases this may affect once in a lifetime opportunities, months or years of planning, financial obligations, time commitments, and/or other commitments. Moreover, some closures/restrictions may occur with little notice and create further, more severe hardship.
3. The island contains 9,886 acres of Designated Wilderness and 10,500 acres of Potential Wilderness (16 U.S.C. §§ 1131-1136). What will the impacts be to Wilderness during flight operations for both launch and recovery? What will the impacts be from daily facility operations?
 - a. The Cumberland Island Wilderness was established in 1982 under Public Law 97-250. Wilderness laws, regulations, and policies restrict conditions and activities that can occur in association with these protected areas. NPS Director's Order 41 delegates to the parks the responsibility for stewardship for all categories of eligible, proposed, recommended, and designated wilderness areas.
 - b. The Wilderness Act of 1964 defines Wilderness as "...areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size as to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value."
 - c. The Cumberland Island Wilderness area covers the northern half of the island. Activities associated with the proposed launch facility have the potential to impact

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Wilderness character and values and may conflict with established laws, regulations, and policies.

4. Five historic districts and two archeological districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) are located on Cumberland Island. What are the potential impacts to these resources?
 - a. The CUIS historic and archeological districts were deemed significant due to their association with people, events, architecture, and/or cultures from Native American inhabitation, European contact, the colonial period, the plantation era, the gilded age, and other periods of history.
 - b. The NRHP districts are:
 - Dungeness Historic District, located on the island's south end
 - Greyfield Historic District, located on the south within privately held property
 - Stafford Plantation Historic District, located mid-island
 - Plum Orchard Historic District, located mid-island
 - High Point – Half Moon Bluff Historic District, located on the north end
 - Table Point Archeological District, located mid-island
 - Rayfield Archeological District, located mid-island
5. The island contains 91 historic structures on the NPS List of Classified Structures. There are also 64 known archeological sites. What are the potential impacts to these resources?
 - a. The 91 historic structures on the island date to the early 19th century and later. The majority are contributing features to one of the NRHP listed Historic Districts, with the remainder listed as a single resource in the NRHP.
 - b. The archeological sites are the remnants of over 4,000 years of human habitation on the island. Some of the sites are contributing features to the NRHP historic districts. The others are located throughout the island outside of a defined historic district.
6. What will the impacts be to native flora and fauna on the island, including multiple Federal and State protected species?
 - a. The island and/or its environs support 22 species of animals on Federal and/or State protected species lists, ranging from rare to endangered. Critical nesting habitat is involved for some species. There are also potentially six plant species that are State listed, ranging from rare to threatened. In addition, there are species that are protected under other Federal laws such as the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
 - b. There are 22 identified biological communities on the island with approximately 30 species of mammals, 300 bird species, 55 species of reptiles and amphibians, 85 fish species, and 498 plant species.

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7. Government and private inholdings within the CUIS. These properties vary in size, number of residential structures, and volume and period of occupancy. What are the potential impacts to these properties and their occupants?
 - a. The U.S. Navy owns Drum Point Island, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers owns portions of the Beach Creek marsh, and the State of Georgia owns large amounts of salt marsh habitat. These properties sustain native habitat and are generally undeveloped.
 - b. There are ten private, fee simple properties on Cumberland Island ranging in size from 1.6 acres to 210 acres. The properties support various functions including undeveloped land, a cemetery, an inn, and multiple private residences. Volumes and periods of occupancy will vary from fulltime permanent residency to continuous short-term guests to infrequent visitation.
 - c. There are eleven properties on the island with lifetime reserve agreements for private use and occupancy. The properties range in size from 0.3 acres to 186 acres. Each of the properties contain at least one residential structure and others as many as nine. Volumes and periods of occupancy vary from fulltime permanent residency to occasional overnight occupancy.
8. Will cooperating agencies have access to the operator license application once it is submitted by Camden County?
 - a. The NPS needs to review the application as early as possible to gather further detail on the proposed facility and activities in order to assess potential impacts to the CUIS.
9. What is the trajectory and flight path for vertical take-offs? What is the trajectory and flight path of a "first stage of the launch vehicle" returning to land at the spaceport? FAA representatives spoke of parameters that the spaceport would have to work within for trajectory and flight path. That information is essential for determining the potential impacts along those courses.
10. In previous conversations with the NPS, the FAA has indicated that the operator permit would not restrict the number of launches. That point needs to be established and/or clarified in the EIS to allow full assessment of potential impacts.
11. FAA representatives indicated that individual launch providers are responsible for launch trajectory and closure areas, among other responsibilities. How many different launch providers can be anticipated and how consistent/inconsistent will coordination be with affected agencies and the public?
 - a. Multiple launch providers with varying requirements have the potential to create additional and repeated burdens on CUIS and the NPS. It is possible that multiple

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Memorandums of Agreement will have to be established with each provider and potentially for the various launch vehicles/payloads.

12. How often will launch providers seek to launch vehicles outside the parameters of the operator license and what will the burden be to affected agencies?
 - a. Additional launch specifications and requirements have the potential for further and possibly greater impacts to CUIS.
 - b. The FAA has indicated that launches outside the defined parameters of the launch site permit would require additional environmental evaluation and compliance, which would create additional burdens to the NPS and CUIS.
13. What sort of discharge of fluids, chemicals, materials, and/or other substances from launched and returning vehicles occur during flight?
 - a. When a rocket is launched and/or a stage returns to the launch site what materials and/or substances are released from the rocket and fall back to earth during the operation?
 - b. Materials and/or substances falling onto Cumberland Island and its surrounding waters have the potential to cause short and long term impacts, particularly if they are hazardous materials. Aquatic systems, such as wetlands, could be particularly vulnerable as well as vegetation communities. Visitors, residents, staff, and wildlife encountering these items could also be harmed, even well after the launch has occurred
14. What are the contents of payloads and what potential hazards might they contain? Are there any limits/restrictions on payloads?
 - a. Will any potential payloads contain hazardous materials? In the event of a launch failure and a payload landing on the island or its environs, is there potential for the release of the materials? Health and safety and threats to the island's natural and cultural resources are a concern directly from the materials and indirectly from any recovery/containment operations.
15. In the event of a catastrophic failure, detonation, or abort what will the impacts be to Cumberland Island? Potential impacts whether the failure occurs over the island or offshore? Could guidance failure or other mishap cause a vehicle to travel beyond the trajectory cone and/or the proposed closure areas?
 - a. Such a failure or mishap could have long term effects on the island, potential impairment to the island's natural and cultural resources, and major consequences for enjoyment of the island by future generations..

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16. What is the statistical probability of a catastrophic failure occurring over the island or outside park boundaries, but still having an impact to the island?
 - a. The level of risk is needed to properly assess the potential for adverse impacts and/or impairment. Specific statistical information on commercial operators or other entities that may use the facility would be particularly helpful. Risk assessment data should be available, especially for insurance companies such that actuaries can calculate premium rates. At the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport they've had eleven launches in 9 years with one (catastrophic) failure. Other sources indicate their record as 12 and 2.
17. How far in advance will a launch schedule be known?
 - a. A launch schedule will be critical to park planning for normal park operations and activities, as well as preparation for CUIS operations and actions related to the launch. In addition, the information is needed for visitors as they plan and make reservations to visit CUIS.
18. What are the details of the closure requirement... lead time, duration, scrub and rescheduling, enforcement, cost and economic responsibility, etc.?
 - a. The closure requirements will be critical for CUIS to plan, manage, and implement the necessary closure actions and to manage other, unrelated activities that will be disrupted by the closures. In addition, potential rescheduling will require the park to develop contingency plans.
 - b. Planning and enforcing closure requirements on the island will place a significant burden on CUIS with respect to staff time and financial costs.
19. Impacts of launches and potential repeated launch delays to park visitation, activities, and operations; particularly considering variable factors such as weather?
 - a. The park takes reservations for visitor activities up to six months in advance such as tours to the north end of the island, backcountry camping permits, and ferry transportation. Launch schedules and reschedules would significantly influence those activities and will surely upset visitors' plans and experiences due to cancellations, evacuations, or other disruptions. Other activities such as public hunts are scheduled through the State of Georgia for a two year cycle. Resource Management activities such as wild horse census and bird surveys are set on specific seasonal and environmental conditions and would potentially be disrupted by schedules/reschedules/closures. Other activities also must be planned well in advance and launches will surely create inconveniences at minimum and major disruptions (scientific, financial, visitor conflicts, logistics, etc.) at the worst.
20. What will the impacts be to natural sound during flight operations for both launch and recovery? What will the impacts be from daily facility operations? The NPS is concerned

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about the potential of the proposed action to adversely affect the acoustic environment and soundscapes at CUIS.

- a. Natural and cultural sounds are integral components of the suite of resources and values that NPS managers are charged with preserving and restoring. NPS evaluates federal actions which may impact the human and natural environment within our parks with respect to our Organic Act mandates, including “...to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such a manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” The “scenery,” includes the natural soundscape, as well as the landscape (NPS 2006). NPS Director’s Order 47 delegates to the parks the responsibility to preserve natural soundscapes and eliminate or mitigate inappropriate noise sources.
- b. The acoustic environment of a national park, like air, water, or wildlife is a valuable resource that can easily be degraded or destroyed by inappropriate sound levels and frequencies. Intrusive sounds are of concern to the management of national parks because they can impede the ability to accomplish the NPS mission of resource protection. Visitors at many NPS units come with expectations of seeing, hearing, and experiencing phenomena associated with a specific natural or cultural environment, yet in many cases these environments are being increasingly impacted by artificial sounds due to noise associated with aircraft overflights.

21. What will the impacts be to scenic views?

- a. In cooperation with surrounding landowners and partners the NPS strives to preserve the scenic views associated with the island. Such viewshed preservation is even more important in wilderness areas. Unobstructed views of natural and cultural landscapes are important to visitor enjoyment, experience, and understanding. The NPS is concerned about the potential of the proposed facility to adversely affect scenic views at CUIS.

22. What will the impacts be to night sky due to facility operations?

- a. NPS Management Policies dictate that the Service will preserve, to the greatest extent possible, the natural lightscapes of parks, which are natural resources and values that exist in the absence of human-caused light. Natural nighttime light conditions (moon, stars, planets) are part of the visitor experience and enjoyment, and natural light conditions are also important in animal behavior. The NPS is concerned about the potential of the proposed facility to adversely affect the lightscapes at CUIS.

23. Will operation of the facility have any impact to adjacent air quality?

- a. The NPS is concerned that routine or accidental emissions from the facility, either through a launch or other operations, may impact the air quality on the island and

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in turn have an adverse effect to human health and safety, plant and animal life, water quality, and/or cultural resources.

24. What are the surface water and/or groundwater requirements for the operation? Where will they be drawn from and at what quantity? Potential effects to groundwater quantity and quality? Potential effects to surface water quality?
- a. The NPS is concerned that drawdowns from underground aquifers will have an impact on the island, including surficial aquifers on down to the major Floridan aquifer. Withdrawals from these aquifers could affect wells or surface water.
 - b. The NPS is concerned that the discharge of waste water from the facility could have an impact to waters that surround the island and flow tidally into marshes and streams.
25. Other than space vehicles what type of other flight activity can be expected in association with the facility?
- a. Is the facility expected to have any fixed wing or rotary aircraft activity? Is an airstrip proposed? Will they have to apply for an additional license from the FAA for such operations? The NPS is concerned that such activities may have further impacts on CUIS.
26. Is additional transportation infrastructure and/or other support facilities or operations involved such as a port facility or dredging?
- a. The NPS is concerned that supplemental activities not specifically identified in the NOI or public meetings may have impacts on CUIS.
27. What are the operational, logistical, and fiscal burdens placed on Cumberland Island National Seashore to ensure policies, regulations, and other requirements are met in conjunction with proposed space port activities? What is the potential NEPA/NHPA burden placed on Cumberland Island National Seashore in light of actions that may be required on the island to support/address space port activities? What will the NPS have to do to ensure safety and protection of resources.
- a. CUIS has a limited staff.
 - b. Will additional Law Enforcement Rangers and emergency responders for medical and fire be needed?
 - c. Will the NPS have to erect gates to enforce closures, will we be responsible for evacuating residents, will we have to monitor specific natural or cultural resources to ensure they are not harmed, etc.

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- d. Will the NPS have to complete our own National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and/or Wilderness compliance to put any of these requirements in place?
- e. Of particular concern is the variability from one launch permit/operator to the next. Moreover, if any of these operators wants to go outside the parameters of the site permit then that triggers another round of NEPA compliance.

28. Any seismic effects from launches, landings, firing tests, and wet dress rehearsals?

- a. The NPS is concerned that any seismic effects could have an impact on island resources such as slope and bank erosion, historic structures (some with existing stability problems), or other structures.

29. Notice of Intent states "All vehicles would launch to the east over the Atlantic Ocean", which fails to recognize that launches would also be over CUIS.

- a. This misconception that rockets will be directly launched and landed over the ocean has been stated elsewhere in other materials and venues and can be misleading to those reviewing the proposed activities. The NPS is concerned that this oversight will leave many with the false impression that the facility and its activities will have little or no effect on CUIS.

30. The NOI describes possible landing of first stage in Atlantic Ocean on a barge or in the water.

- a. More specific information is needed on these possible operations for the NPS to address any potential concerns.

31. What is a wet dress rehearsal?

- a. In the FAA NOI states that the proposed action includes 12 wet dress rehearsals per year. However, there is no explanation of what that activity entails. The NPS cannot address any potential concerns without such information.

Section 4(f) Comments

The NOI identified alternatives under consideration include the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. The Proposed Action has been identified as one specific site location within Camden County, Georgia. Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, resides in the United States Code at 49 USC § 303 and 23 USC § 138. Section 4(f) protects publicly owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges of national, state, or local significance and historic sites of national state, or local significance from use by transportation projects. These properties may only be used if there is no prudent or feasible alternative for their use and the program or project encompasses all possible planning to minimize harm resulting

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from its use. Constructive use occurs when impacts of a project in proximity to an adjacent or near-by Section 4(f) property are so severe that the activities, features, or attributes that qualify the property for protection under Section 4(f) are substantially impaired.

The CUIS enabling legislation states that it was created "...to provide for public outdoor recreation use and enjoyment of certain significant shoreline lands and waters of the United States, and to preserve related scenic, scientific, and historical values, there is established in the State of Georgia the Cumberland Island National Seashore." The legislation further states that "Except for certain portions of the seashore deemed to be especially adaptable for recreational uses,... which shall be developed for such uses as needed, the seashore shall be permanently preserved in its primitive state, and no development of the project or plan for the convenience of visitors shall be undertaken which would be incompatible with the preservation of the unique flora and fauna or the physiographic conditions not prevailing..." In addition, considering the number of proposed closures for actual launches and the anticipated two additional closure backup dates for each individual launch for this proposal as communicated to NPS personnel in 2013, coupled with CUIS' General management Plan maximum daily visitation number of 300 visitors per day; cumulatively, activities within CUIS would be severely limited by these proposed actions. Previous conversations with FAA staff indicate the proposed launch permit would not restrict the number of launches; therefore, it is theoretically possible the number of launches could increase. Given all of these factors, the NPS under Section 4(f) would view this as a constructive use of CUIS. Therefore, we strongly recommend the consideration of other alternative site locations to determine the extent to which other areas would be considered prudent and feasible under the standard of Section 4(f).

We appreciate your coordination with us and look forward to working with the FAA on this important project and EIS. Should you have any questions, or need additional information concerning this request, please contact Mr. Gary Ingram, Superintendent, Cumberland Island National Seashore, by calling (912) 882-4336, extension 227.

Sincerely,



Stan Austin
for Regional Director
Southeast Region

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-----Original Message-----

From: Durig, Brock CIV NAVFAC SE, EV [<mailto:william.durig@navy.mil>]

Sent: Friday, December 18, 2015 9:15 AM

To: Zee, Stacey (FAA)

Subject: Navy Region Southeast Scoping Response Letter. Ref Camden Spaceport EIS

Stacy:

Navy Region Southeast has completed our review of the Camden Spaceport NOI and associated actions. Attached is the official response letter that has been mail to you (via Leidos).

There is one correction to the letter. Within the second comment (b.) we reference the Warning Area W-157. The Warning Area numbering was revised earlier this year with the FAA and the former W-157 has now been broken into smaller sub areas and renumbered.

I have attached an updated Jacksonville Operations Area Map with the associated numbering and coordinates. For a point of reference the proposed Spaceport would be located just north of the SSI (and west of W-136C, W-137C, etc).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further information and/or mapping. Have a great holiday season and happy new year.

r/

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Dear Ms. Zee:

SUBJECT: SCOPING COMMENTS ON THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO EVALUATE THE ISSUANCE OF A LAUNCH SITE OPERATOR LICENSE TO CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROPOSED SPACEPORT CAMDEN

As the Navy's Region Environmental Coordinator for Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) has reviewed the FAA's Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of issuing a Launch Site Operator License to the Camden County Board of Commissioners for a proposed commercial space launch site (Spaceport Camden). CNRSE also participated in the agency scoping meeting held on December 8, 2015.

We would request the FAA consider the following comments, questions, and areas of concern relating to Navy training and operations conducted on or in the vicinity of Naval Submarine Base (SUBBASE) Kings Bay during the EIS analysis and process:

- a. Impacts to Navy air operations within Military Operating Areas (MOA's) in the vicinity of Camden County, GA.
- b. Impacts to Navy training and operations at sea and within the Jacksonville Operations Area (primarily Warning Area W-157).
- c. Coordination with the Navy (Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility Jacksonville) for proposed air and sea space scheduling or de-confliction issues and procedures.
- d. Any explosive safety concerns with respect to SUBASE Kings Bay. The proposed launch area is only approximately 8 miles from the Navy installation.
- e. Proposed vehicle flight trajectory limitations.
- f. Any cumulative impacts with respect to residential or commercial development that may have the potential to encroach upon SUBASE Kings Bay.

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The Navy understands the importance of developing the commercial space program and we look forward to working with the FAA and Camden County during the EIS process.

My point of contact for future coordination and for any additional information that you may require will be Mr. W. Brock Durig who can be reached at commercial: (904) 542-6966 or email: william.durig@navy.mil.

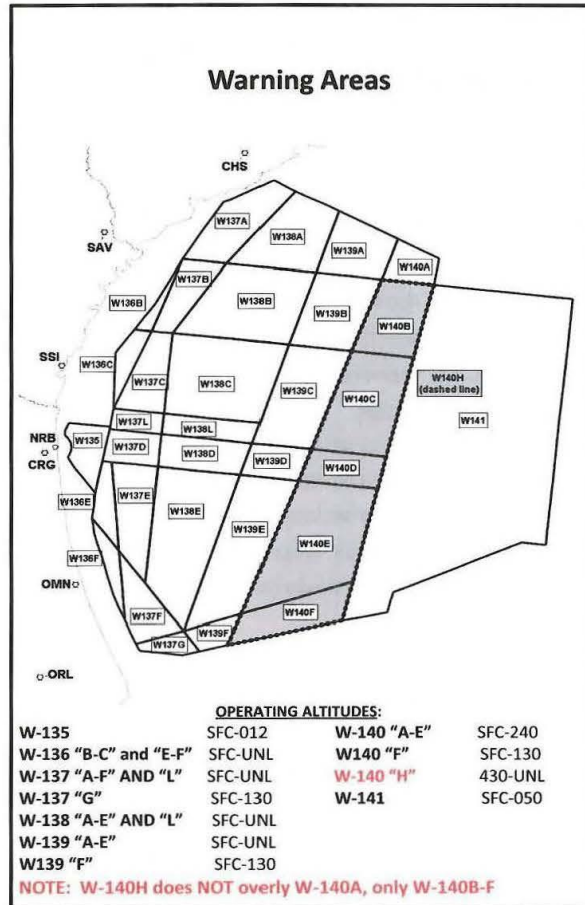
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Regional Environmental Director
By direction
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Warning Area Coordinates

W-135

N30°36'00" W081°19'27" to
N30°36'00" W080°57'39" to
N30°34'53" W080°57'48" to
N30°19'00" W080°59'47" to
N30°03'21" W081°01'44" to
N30°14'43" W081°14'23" to
N30°19'27" W081°18'19";
thence counterclockwise via a
7.4 nautical mile radius arc of
N30°23'29" W081°25'28"
(NAS MAYPORT) to
N30°29'46" W081°20'56" to
N30°31'57" W081°21'18" to
beginning

W-136B

N32°00'00" W080°29'00" to
N31°24'00" W080°41'09" to
N31°24'00" W080°50'23" to
N31°37'00" W080°41'00" to
Beginning

W-136C

N31°24'00" W080°50'23" to
N31°24'00" W080°41'09" to
N30°45'00" W080°56'55" to
N31°12'00" W080°59'00" to
beginning

W-136E

N30°19'00" W080°59'47" to
N30°19'00" W080°54'52" to
N29°36'38" W080°45'42" to
N29°51'15" W081°02'02" to
N30°03'21" W081°01'44" to
beginning

W-136F

N29°51'15" W081°02'02" to
N29°36'38" W080°45'42" to
N29°03'16" W080°38'35" to
Beginning

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W-137A

N32°42'10" W079°45'27" to
N32°37'31" W079°33'24" to
N32°00'00" W080°05'44" to
N32°00'00" W080°29'00" to
N32°29'27" W080°10'36" to
beginning

W-137B

N32°00'00" W080°29'00" to
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W-137C

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W-137D

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W-137E

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beginning

W-137F

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W-137G

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N28°52'39" W079°57'17" to
N28°50'00" W080°06'15" to
N28°50'00" W080°29'00" to
beginning

W-138A

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N32°34'31" W079°21'59" to
N32°30'25" W079°08'52" to
N32°00'00" W079°17'38" to
N32°00'00" W080°05'44" to
Beginning

W-138B

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N31°24'00" W079°27'51" to
N31°24'00" W080°30'00" to
beginning

W-138C

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N30°45'00" W080°30'00" to
beginning

W-138D

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Beginning

W-138E

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W-139A

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Beginning

W-139B

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Beginning.

W-139C

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beginning

W-139D

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Beginning

W-139E

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Beginning

W-139F

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N28°52'39" W079°57'17" to
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**Warning Area Coordinates
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W-140A

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Beginning

W-140B

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Beginning

W-140C

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beginning

W-140D

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beginning

W-140E

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Beginning

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**Warning Area Coordinates
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**Warning Area Coordinates
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beginning

W-138L

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IN REPLY REFER TO
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Subject: SCOPING COMMENTS ON THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO EVALUATE THE ISSUANCE OF A LAUNCH
SITE OPERATOR LICENSE TO CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA, BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROPOSED SPACEPORT CAMDEN

Dear Ms. Zee,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Agency Scoping Meeting regarding the FAA's intent to prepare an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of issuing a Launch Site Operator License to the Camden County Board of Commissioners for a proposed commercial space launch site, "Spaceport Camden." Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort has reviewed the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS.

Background: In January 2014, the Marine Corps completed The Environmental Impact Statement for the Modernization and Expansion of Townsend Bombing Range (TBR), GA. TBR is located approximately 50 miles north of the proposed site. The Air Station and TBR are connected by approximately 2,500 square miles of Special Use Airspace in Georgia and South Carolina. The Marine Corps is working with the FAA to acquire airspace for this expansion. The additional airspace will exclude non-participating aircraft from intruding into hazardous operations, as required by FAA regulations.

We request the FAA consider the following comments, questions, and areas of concern relating to Marine Corps training conducted on or in the vicinity of Townsend Bombing Range and Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort during the EIS analysis and process:

- a. Air Operational impacts will require coordination with MCAS Beaufort as the Using Agency for TBR R-3007, Coastal MOAs, Military Training Routes, Warning Areas 137-140, and the Strike Altitude Reservation (ALTRV).
- b. Launch trajectory limitations should be developed to include the recovery pattern/path with specifics of first stage recovery plan and impact area.
- c. Ensure that the Letter of Agreement (LOA) procedure to deconflict air space scheduling issues is signed by appropriate authority.
- d. The Marine Corps requests to be included as a signatory for each Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) to quantify the exact size and duration.
- e. Frequency spectrum impact (i.e., radar, radio restrictions).
- f. Impacts (if any) on explosive safety.

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Point of Contact for MCAS Beaufort is Laurel Rhoten at (843) 228-7372 or email laurel.rhoten@usmc.mil. Please add her name to the email notification list for future updates. We look forward to working with the FAA and Camden County during the EIS process.



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Natural Resources and
Environmental Affairs Officer
By direction of the
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Re: USFWS File Number 2016-0135

Dear Ms. Zee:

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of Commercial Space Transportation's Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Environmental Review 15-0617, to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of issuing a Launch Site Operator License to the Camden County Board of Commissioners (County) for a proposed commercial space launch site, Spaceport Camden, in Camden County, Georgia. The County proposes to construct and operate Spaceport Camden in an unincorporated area approximately 11.5 miles due east of Woodbine on a 4,000 acre tract that could be expanded to 12,000 acres. All land would be owned or leased by Spaceport Camden. Our comments are provided in accordance with provisions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended; (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*).

Spaceport Camden would include a number of facilities: a vertical launch facility with propellant tank farm, water tower, launch pad with deluge system and water capture tank and shops/integration facility, a landing zone facility with fuel and oxidizer off-load tanks, a barge landing facility, a launch control center with payload processing facility, and an alternate launch control center with visitor center facility. There would be fencing around each facility and around the spaceport. Proposed operations would include up to twelve launches per year of liquid-fueled, medium-lift-class orbital and suborbital vertical launch vehicles. All launches

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would be conducted to the east over Cumberland Island and the Atlantic Ocean. Also up to twelve static fire engine tests, twelve wet dress rehearsals, and twelve returns of first stage launch vehicles per year are proposed. The first stage returns could land at the landing zone at Spaceport Camden, on a barge in the Atlantic Ocean and be returned, or land in the ocean without recovery.

Under the proposed action, the County would be issued a Launch Site Operator License by the FAA to operate Spaceport Camden. All future vehicle operators would be required to apply to the FAA for a launch license prior to conducting launch operations.

Endangered Species Act Comments

Our resources of concern for any geographic area, including this one, can be found on our Information for Planning and Conservation (IPaC) website; <http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>. The website has links to species information. Appropriate threatened and endangered species surveys should be conducted based on the habitats present on the site. The lack of a documented occurrence mentioned here may indicate lack of a survey rather than the lack of species presence. Our comments on the species as they are listed in IPaC:

The striped newt (*Notophthalmus perstriatus*) is a federal candidate species. There have been two element occurrences of the newt four miles to west in 2008. Similar habitats are anticipated on the project site. The Service encourages voluntary cooperative conservation efforts for the newt since it does warrant future protection under the ESA.

The listed shore birds, the piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*) and the red knot (*Calidris rufa*) are found to the east around the sounds, marshes, and beaches. The red knot should be considered in the EIS if it is found to be in the within the 'hazardous airspace' of Spaceport Camden, this is discussed later in the general comments.

The red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) has no known habitat on or near the project site. The site should be surveyed for potential habitat.

Potential foraging habitat exists in the wetlands on the project site for the wood stork (*Mycteria americana*). Extensive foraging habitat for the wood stork is found in close proximity to the site and throughout the coastal counties of Georgia. The Service considers wood stork rookeries in Georgia to have a 13-mile core foraging radius. Wetlands within this distance will be used when the rookeries are active during the months of February through August. The Spaceport Camden site is encompassed by the core foraging radii of five known active wood stork rookeries.

The Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*) and the shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) are known to occur in waterways of the county. The shortnose sturgeon has been documented adjacent to the site in the Satilla River. Both sturgeon species are under the jurisdiction of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries. Maintaining the water quality leaving the site may be important to the health of any fish nearby.

There are no known occurrences of hairy rattlesnake (*Baptisia arachnifera*) near the site.

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The North Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*) and its designated critical habitat occur off the coast. The right whale is under the jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries.

The West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) is known to occur in waters adjacent to the site. Any construction in tidal waters associated with this project should be conditioned with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers "Standard Manatee Conditions and Procedures for Aquatic Construction". All barge and vessel traffic should be aware of the potential presence of manatees especially when approaching docks, wharfs, and moorings. Any warm and/or fresh water discharges into waters that may hold a manatee should be diffused and possibly metered to prevent them from being a manatee attractant.

The eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon couperi*) and the gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) are both known to occur on the site. The indigo snake is federally listed as threatened. The gopher tortoise is a candidate species for federal listing. The Service encourages voluntary cooperative conservation efforts for the tortoise since it does warrant future protection under the ESA. We encourage coordination with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for gopher tortoise conservation efforts. The indigo utilizes gopher tortoise burrows during the cold weather months and forages in wetlands during warm months. Project development on gopher tortoise habitat would impact both species. Connectivity between gopher tortoise habitats on and near the site should be considered in the project layout and design to allow movement of tortoises. Consideration of connectivity for the indigo snake to move between the gopher tortoise burrow uplands and the foraging area wetlands should also be considered in project layout and design. Both species show site fidelity. Surveys for both species should be conducted early in project planning. Project facility layout on the site should consider avoiding impacts to habitat for both species.

Three species of sea turtle nest on area beaches to the east of the project site. The closest nesting beach is 7.5 miles to the east. The loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*) accounts for most of the nesting. The leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) and green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) occasionally nest. Facility lighting has the potential to cause mis-orientation of nesting sea turtles and hatchlings on the beaches. This could be through sky glow or the lights may be directly visible from Little Cumberland or Jekyll island beaches. We recommend the project be designed with as little light as necessary for the tasks, with lights mounted as low as possible and fully shielded so that neither the luminary nor any reflective surface is visible from the beaches.

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act Comments

The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) has been documented as nesting on the site. Nests can be abandoned due to disturbance in the area. Currently five nests are documented nearby; three active and two inactive. These nests are within two miles of an assumed center-point for the Spaceport at the Bayer Crop Science Runway (aka Union Carbide plant strip). One of the active nests is on Pompey Island, approximately one half mile north of the currently proposed launch facility. There is another eagle nest four miles to the south on Grover Island. Also there are at least three active eagle nests on Cumberland and Little Cumberland islands approximately six to eight miles generally to the east. Nesting activities occur October through June.

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The proposed development will cause the level of human related activities to dramatically increase on this tract. The BGEPA and MBTA prohibit anyone from taking or disturbing bald eagles and their nests. The applicant is responsible for determining if a federal BGEPA permit is necessary. We recommend a thorough survey of the area for all avian concerns. If there are active eagle nests closer than 0.5 miles, or within the proposed hazardous area as defined in a Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Management Plan (discussed later), we recommend the applicant consult with the Service's Migratory Bird Eagle Permitting Program as a permit would likely be advised under 50 CFR 22.26 (disturbance), or 50 CFR 22.27 (nest take) depending upon the activity being proposed.

The National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines (Guidelines) (U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, May 2007) contain recommendations for activities near bald eagle nests. Blast zones from rocket tests and launches would be categorized in the Guidelines as being in Category H: blasting and other loud, intermittent noises. The Guidance states: 'Avoid blasting and other activities that produce extremely loud noises within ½ mile of active nests, ...'. As mentioned previously, the Pompey Island eagle nest is approximately ½ mile from the proposed launch pad. Much of this distance is across an 'open vista' of marsh and open water. Visibility is a factor because, in general, eagles are more prone to disturbance when an activity occurs in full view. For this reason, we recommend that people locate activities farther from the nest structure in areas with open vistas, in contrast to areas where the view is shielded by trees, or other screening factors.

For construction activities, the Guidelines generally prescribe a minimum 660-foot no disturbance buffer around any active eagle nest and recommend applying for an eagle take permit if there is any disturbance planned within that distance. This guideline is based on there being similar scope activities within one mile of the eagle nest. Based on preliminary evaluation of the project site, it appears that all the nests are greater than one mile from any neighboring activity considered similar in scope. Consideration should be given to timing construction activities that are near active nests to be outside of nesting season.

Todd Schneider (Georgia Department of Natural Resources - personal communication, December 15, 2015), reports the brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) has a nesting colony on an island in the Satilla River approximately 1.5 miles northeast of the proposed launch pad. The colony has been extant for over 20 years and has up to 400 nesting pairs per year.

General Comments

We recommend a Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Management Plan be prepared by USDA Wildlife Services, or APHIS. Plan recommendations should be considered in the EIS. For the plan and for the EIS, a systematic survey for active raptor nests should be conducted within the 'hazardous airspace'. The distance for this should be defined by APHIS. Any other MBTA nests should be noted. Information from any other surveys necessary for the Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Management Plan should also be considered in the EIS.

Consider adjusting the locations, or siting, of the proposed facilities on the site to avoid and accommodate wildlife species and habitats of concern, and sensitive natural environments. In addition, during Spaceport Camden operations there may be unintended leaks or releases of

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chemicals into the environment. During project planning, facilities with the highest potential for leaks or releases should be sited away from the most environmentally sensitive areas on and near the project site, such as protected species habitats and tidal marsh environments. Forested uplands should serve as buffers between the facilities and the sensitive habitats. For example, the site has documented occurrences of the federally threatened eastern indigo snake. The snake is a commensal species of the gopher tortoise, a federal candidate species. The site should be surveyed to identify gopher tortoise habitat so that it may be avoided in siting the facilities of the project. Currently the Launch Control Center and Payload Processing Facility are adjacent to or sited on possible gopher tortoise habitat. As another example, the launch facility is currently proposed close to the brackish tidal marsh and an active eagle nest on Pompey Island. We recommend moving it inland to the southeast at least 1.25 miles to create a much wider forested buffer to protect the marsh. This would also serve to lessen any potential impacts to the active eagle nest and the pelican nesting colony. Also connectivity between habitats utilized by species of concern should be considered. The indigo snake moves between upland gopher tortoise burrows in cold weather months and wetlands in warm months. Impediments to these type movements should be avoided. If avoidance is not possible, they should be minimized, or as a last resort they should be mitigated for.

The site has known environmental contaminants and potentially has unknown contaminants. These need to be discovered on the site, defined, and considered in the project and EIS. Soils on site are sandy allowing for hydrological movement within the soil. Ground disturbing activities may free contaminants confined in the soil.

The Service considers the proposed development to be on and adjacent to environmentally sensitive natural resources. Development causes increased impervious surface on site. Stormwater runoff volumes and pollutant loads generated on the site are increased and have the potential to impact the water quality of the habitats present both on site and in the immediately adjacent tidal marshes and rivers. The impacts include changes in hydrology, decreased water quality, due to increased levels of sediment, nutrients, metals, hydrocarbons, bacteria and other pollutants, increased water temperatures, reduced dissolved oxygen levels, degradation of habitat and an overall decline in wildlife health, abundance, and diversity (CSS 2009). The stormwater will carry pollutants from the development that will degrade the wetlands and potentially harm wildlife living there. This will be indirect and cumulative adverse effects of the action. The Service recommends not routing stormwater into wetlands. Pollutants carried in runoff from the development have the potential to leave the project area and adversely impact the adjacent marshes and open waters of the Satilla and Cumberland Rivers. A downstream analysis should be performed to identify any additional overbank or extreme flooding that may result from an increase in stormwater runoff rates and volumes on the development site.

Due to the proximity of the site to tidal wetlands, we recommend provisions be made for stormwater to be treated and held on site. We recommend following the criteria in the Coastal Stormwater Supplement to the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual sections 4.4.3, 4.4.5 and 4.5.1 for primary conservation areas, extreme flood protection, and special criteria. We further recommend a conservation easement or similar protective instrument be placed on all wetlands in the development site for their long-term protection.

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. We will continue to coordinate with your office as needed and welcome questions and comments at any time. If you have any further questions, please contact our Coastal Georgia Sub Office staff biologist, Bill Wikoff, at 912-832-8739 extension 5.

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Dear Ms. Zee:

I refer to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Commercial Space Transportation Notice of Intent dated November 6, 2015, to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Camden County Board of Commissioners' proposal to construct and operate a commercial space launch site to be known as "Spaceport Camden". In addition, I refer to the agency scoping meeting and the on-site inspection we participated in on December 8, 2015. The proposed project would include the construction of a vertical launch site, a landing zone, a control center complex, and a facility that includes visitor viewing areas. The proposed facility would conduct launches of liquid-fueled, medium-lift-class, orbital and suborbital vertical launch vehicles. This project is located at the eastern termination of Union Carbide Road, 11.5 miles east of the town of Woodbine, in Camden County, Georgia (Latitude 30.9042, Longitude -81.5268). This project has been assigned number SAS-2015-00823. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence.

Based on a review of the information provided during the agency scoping meeting and our on-site inspection, it appears that this project site may contain jurisdictional wetlands and other waters of the United States. I would recommend that a formal wetland delineation be accomplished by a qualified environmental consultant. I would also recommend that this delineation be provided to our office in order to receive a written jurisdictional determination prior to performing any work on this site. By establishing U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's jurisdictional limits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 United States Code (U.S.C.) 1344) and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), potential impacts to waters of the United States can be considered and/or avoided during your planning process/environmental review. Based on our on-site inspection of the approximate 12,000 acre site, there appears to be a substantial amount of upland areas not subject to our jurisdiction. A jurisdictional determination would allow project planners to consider alternative designs that would avoid areas subject to our jurisdiction to the maximum extent possible. If the

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project is designed to avoid all waters of the United States, no Department of the Army (DA) permit would be required. Additionally, if you would like to discuss any of the requirements in regards to our program, policy, and procedures, you may contact us directly.

If the proposed project would cause the loss of 0.5 acre of waters of the United States or less, the project would likely qualify for our Nationwide Permit Program, which is an expedited permit process to authorize certain activities that have minimal impacts to waters of the United States, both individually and cumulatively. However, I must point out that if the project would impact more than 0.5 acre of waters of the United States, including wetlands, the application would likely be evaluated under our Individual Permit (IP) Program. Processing of an IP application requires issuance of a Joint Public Notice which solicits comments from federal, state and local agencies, the general public, and other interested parties so that we can consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project.

Since the FAA is the lead federal agency on the proposed project, if a DA permit is determined to be necessary, we would need to discuss our involvement as either a coordinating or cooperating federal agency for the EIS process. If we do become a coordinating or cooperating federal agency due to the need for a DA permit, we would like to have the opportunity to review survey scopes of work for both Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 in order to make sure that our requirements would be met by the EIS process.

Should an IP be required, the Corps would need to be much more involved in the EIS process to ensure that the EIS contains all the documentation required for a DA permit decision. An important step in our review of an Individual Permit application is to determine the basic purpose of the project. A project's basic purpose acts to guide the scope of review pursuant to the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines of the Clean Water Act as outlined in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, published in the Federal Register on December 24, 1980. A stated project purpose cannot be made so specific that it effectively precludes all other potential project sites from consideration. At the same time, the project purpose cannot be so general that we cannot make a determination that the preferred alternative is the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative. For example, filling wetlands for the purpose of creating high ground for sale of a property is not an acceptable basic project purpose.

The 404(b)(1) guidelines are sequential and require that permit applicants: (1) avoid unnecessary impacts to waters of the United States on the preferred alternative to the maximum extent practicable; (2) minimize to the maximum extent practicable the

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unavoidable adverse impacts to waters of the United States on-site; and (3) provide a compensatory mitigation plan to replace the wetland and/or stream functions lost as a result of unavoidable adverse impacts associated with the project. The Corps can only issue a permit for the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative that meets the project's basic purpose. Therefore, the basic project purpose is a critical element in our evaluation for compliance with the 404(b)(1) Guidelines.

Please be advised that for projects impacting 0.1 acre or more of wetlands or open water and/or 100 linear feet or more of stream, compensatory mitigation will be required to replace any lost wetland and/or stream function(s). In addition, if either wetland or stream impact threshold is exceeded, compensatory mitigation would be required for all impacts. The most preferable method of compensatory mitigation is the purchase of mitigation credits from a Corps-approved mitigation bank that services the project area. A complete list of Corps-approved mitigation banks in the State of Georgia can be found on the website at: https://ribits.usace.army.mil/ribits_apex/f?p=107:2. In the event that sufficient mitigation credits are not available, mitigation may be accomplished by restoring, enhancing and/or preserving wetlands and/or streams on or near the project site. Please be advised that submission of an application with an acceptable mitigation plan does not guarantee that a permit will be issued. The application form and information on the Regulatory Program are available on our website at: <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.

Please also be advised that due to past land management practices within the project site, portions of this site have a high potential to be contaminated. Therefore, we would recommend contaminant testing be conducted in any areas where land disturbing activities would be performed.

Lastly, the applicant may want to consider transferring the existing dock facility if/when they own the property if any work on the dock facility is proposed and/or any dredging for the "deep water" access is necessary.

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Thank you in advance for completing our Customer Survey Form. This can be accomplished by visiting our web site at: http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey, and completing the survey on-line. We value your comments and appreciate your taking the time to complete a survey each time you interact with our office.

If you have any questions, please call me at 912-652-5086.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Zee:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Southeast Regional Office, reviewed the Federal Aviation Authority's (FAA's) Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of issuing a Launch Site Operator License to the Camden County Board of Commissioners for a proposed commercial space launch site ("Spaceport Camden"). The FAA announced their NOI to prepare the document in the *Federal Register* on November 6, 2015 (80 FR 68893). Based on the NOI and supporting materials, NMFS provides the following comments to guide development of the EIS.

Threatened and Endangered Species/Marine Mammals

The only known North Atlantic right whale calving area is located off the Southeast U.S. Atlantic Coast, including oceanic waters off southeast Georgia and northeast Florida. Calving right whales and other segments of the endangered North Atlantic right whale population use the area from November 15 through April 15 (calving season), annually.

NMFS has implemented a number of important measures to reduce human-induced injuries and mortalities from vessel collisions and fishery gear entanglement. To protect North Atlantic right whales from vessel collisions, NMFS has implemented vessel speed restrictions in times and areas where right whales occur (50 CFR 224.105). To protect this and other large whale species from fishery gear entanglement, NMFS has implemented the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (50 CFR 229.32) and supports and administers a response network that focuses on rescuing entangled and injured large whales. Emergency response efforts can include teams of individuals that represent varying agencies and organizations (contingent upon response type) and may include boat and/or air-based operations at unscheduled times and places.

Additionally, NMFS implements a number of important programs to monitor the species' status including aerial surveys and biopsy sampling cruises. The monitoring and other above-mentioned efforts occur off southeast Georgia and northeast Florida and are restricted to good-weather days (i.e., Force 3 or less on the Beaufort Wind Scale and good visibility) and should be considered in the EIS.

Under the Endangered Species Act, the NMFS proposed to replace critical habitat for right whales in the North Atlantic with two new areas: a foraging area (Unit 1) and a calving area (Unit 2). The area proposed as calving area critical habitat (Unit 2) extends from Cape Fear,



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North Carolina, south to New Smyrna Beach, Florida. We anticipate that the final rule designating North Atlantic right whale critical habitat will publish in early 2016.

The physical features essential to the conservation of the North Atlantic right whale, which provide calving area functions in Unit 2 are: sea surface conditions associated with Force 4 or less on the Beaufort Scale; sea surface temperatures of 7 to 17°C; and water depths of 6 to 28 meters, where these features simultaneously co-occur over contiguous areas of at least 231 square nautical miles. Based on the limited information provided in the NOI and on the website, we are unable to determine possible routes of effects from the proposed action on these calving area physical features.

Atlantic (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*) and Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) may also occur in the estuarine waters immediately adjacent to the proposed Spaceport Camden. Adult Shortnose sturgeon spawn in the rivers where they were born. Adults typically spawn well upriver in the late winter to early spring and spend the rest of the year in the vicinity of the saltwater/freshwater interface (Collins and Smith 1993). Shortnose sturgeon rely on a variety of water quality parameters to successfully carry out their life functions. Low dissolved oxygen and the presence of contaminants modify the quality of sturgeon habitat and, in some cases, restrict the extent of suitable habitat for life functions.

Similar to Shortnose sturgeon, Atlantic sturgeon are long-lived, late-maturing, estuarine-dependent, anadromous fish distributed along the eastern coast of North America (Waldman and Wirgin 1998). Atlantic sturgeon spend the majority of their lives in nearshore marine waters, returning to their natal rivers to spawn (Wirgin et al. 2002). Young sturgeon may spend the first few years of life in their natal river estuary before moving out to sea (Wirgin et al. 2002). Sturgeon are omnivorous benthic (bottom) feeders and filter quantities of mud along with their food. Adult sturgeon diets include mollusks, gastropods, amphipods, isopods, and small fishes, especially sand lances (*Ammodytes* sp.) (Scott and Crossman 1973).

Although not listed as an endangered species, the Southern Georgia Estuarine System Stock of bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) are found in the area of the proposed Spaceport Camden. The minimum population estimate for this stock is 185. A portion of the stock's range is highly industrialized, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has included four sites within the Brunswick area on its National Priority List of hazardous waste sites (EPA 2008). The high levels of PCBs recorded in dolphins from this stock, along with demonstrated PCB-related health effects, raise concern for the long-term health and viability of the stock. Given that this stock is already compromised as a result of nearby hazardous waste sites, additional chemical exposure as the result of the construction and operation of a spaceport in this area should be considered.

In summary, we recommend the EIS consider:

1. Right whales and bottlenose dolphins may be injured or killed as the result of collisions from first stage ocean landings or vessel traffic.

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- a. Consider prohibiting first stage landings and Spaceport Camden-related vessel traffic during the calving season and within the calving area¹.
- b. If vessel traffic is necessary in the calving area during the calving season, consider the following:
 - i. Minimize traffic
 - ii. Vessels 43' in overall length and greater should be restricted to 10 knots or less
 - iii. Vessels 43' in overall length and greater should be equipped with and operating automatic identification systems transceivers
2. Efforts to rescue injured and entangled right whales and monitor the population by aerial surveys, biopsy sampling, and other means may be hampered or prevented if air space or oceanic waters are restricted.
 - a. Consider not restricting air space or oceanic waters to NMFS and partners within the calving area during the calving season.
 - b. If certain activities will require restricting air space or oceanic waters, those activities should be prohibited in the calving area during the calving season.
 - c. If air space or oceanic waters are restricted to NMFS and partners within the calving area during the calving season, the following factors should be assessed:
 - i. Inability or restricted ability to rescue distressed right whales
 - ii. Restricted ability to effectively monitor the right whale population
3. Construction and operation of the spaceport may introduce chemical contaminants into the estuarine environment and effect bottlenose dolphins and Atlantic and Shortnose sturgeon through physical contact or ingestion/feeding.

It would be prudent to take extra precautions to prevent any chemicals associated with the facility from leaching into the nearby salt marsh.

Furthermore, any actions taken to reduce high speed boat traffic and landings would also benefit dolphins as they may be injured or killed as the result of collisions from first stage ocean landings or vessel traffic.

Essential Fish Habitat Provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act)

Habitats in and around the proposed spaceport include salt marsh, tidal creeks, and oyster reefs associated with the Satilla River and St. Andrew Sound. The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) identifies these habitats as essential fish habitat (EFH) for penaeid shrimp, including white shrimp (*Litopenaeus setiferus*) and brown shrimp (*Farfantepenaeus aztecus*), and for estuarine-dependent species of the snapper-grouper complex (such as gray snapper, *Lutjanus griseus*). The SAFMC also designates oyster reefs as a Habitat Area of Particular Concern for estuarine-dependent species of the snapper-grouper complex. The SAFMC made these designations because larvae or juveniles concentrate, feed extensively, and shelter within these habitats. Consequently, growth rates are high and predation rates are low, making these habitats effective nursery areas for shrimp and fish. The SAFMC provides additional information on EFH and its support of federally managed species in Volume IV of the *Fishery Ecosystem Plan of the South Atlantic Region* (available at www.safmc.net).


¹ NMFS can provide the FAA with technical assistance on identifying the calving area.

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The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on activities that may adversely affect EFH, and the Magnuson-Stevens Act defines "adverse effect" to be any impact reducing the quality or quantity of EFH, including direct, indirect, or cumulative effects. Based on the limited information available, the NMFS believes potential effects to EFH from construction of the spaceport include filling freshwater wetlands adjacent to salt marsh and tidal creeks, which may increase runoff into the salt marsh and tidal creeks and may decrease organic material flowing into these habitats. These impacts can be minimized by having vegetated upland buffers, generally 75 feet or more, between developed areas and wetlands. Operation of the spaceport may affect EFH by introducing into these nursery areas chemical contaminants from the rockets and from earthwork in and around historical chemical manufacturing plants. The NMFS is available to provide technical support for the EFH consultation.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Related questions or comments on EFH should be directed to Jaclyn Daly-Fuchs at Jaclyn.Daly@noaa.gov. Questions or comments related to threatened and endangered species/marine mammals should be directed to Barb Zoodsma at Barb.Zoodsma@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,


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Subject: Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division comments regarding wildlife impacts to be considered in preparation of Camden Spaceport Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Zee:

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed spaceport in Camden County, GA. As the agency charged with managing native wildlife in the State of Georgia, we would like to highlight some issues that should be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. Those recommendations are detailed below.

Staff of WRD participated in a scoping process with The Nature Conservancy, Georgia Conservancy, National Audubon Society, and others regarding the subject Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) property. We also contributed to the Site Characterization of the UCC Woodbine Site, Camden County, Georgia (see attached). WRD participation was sought to ascertain the conservation values of the property and to help determine a process to conserve those values if the spaceport is developed. A conservation easement that protects a substantial portion of the property and its wildlife habitats was suggested by UCC representatives. WRD and TNC staff offered technical advice related to that proposal.

In the proposed conservation scenario, approximately 1,000 acres of upland and freshwater wetlands will be permanently protected. UCC representatives informally indicated via email on 12/22/2015 that: *"these recommendations and additional input from GA DNR will be important in developing the terms of the Conservation Easement. ...UCC representatives have indicated their intent to work together with GA DNR and other conservation organizations to ensure funding for conservation management may be made available to the easement holder, recognizing that intensive management is critical to maintain and enhance longleaf pine/gopher tortoise habitat."* (Steven Brown, Senior Research Scientist, UCC). The accompanying 2,000 acres of saltmarsh on the property will also be placed under a conservation easement. Known contaminant areas are presumably not included within the easement boundary, but would be important to include in any management plans.

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Our primary interest in protection of the property is conservation of the site's longleaf pine uplands, maritime forest, wetlands, and associated native wildlife. The gopher tortoise (a candidate for federal listing under the Endangered Species Act) is present onsite in significant numbers and is abundant in adjacent properties. The eastern indigo snake is also present in the immediate vicinity of the property. Underlying soils are predominantly Mandarin fine sand and Pottsburg sand, indicative of moderate-to-high quality gopher tortoise habitat. Gopher tortoises are also present in maritime forest on the property, an uncommon occurrence.

Active management is necessary to conserve longleaf pine habitat. That management consists primarily of application of prescribed fire, which maintains the grassy herbaceous understory of longleaf pine upland and flatwoods communities and allows for longleaf pine regeneration. In most areas on the UCC property, removal of loblolly pine plantations will be necessary as a component of longleaf pine restoration. If funding for restoration and management were made available to an appropriate easement holder, habitat on the UCC property could likely be enhanced to support a viable gopher tortoise population and benefit associated native wildlife species. A survey to determine the size of the gopher tortoise population onsite combined with analysis of existing and potential longleaf pine upland communities is warranted. Other conservation values pertaining to any potential easement or restoration of the property are discussed in Appendix E of the attached report.

We recommend that the following issues be addressed in the EIS:

Recreational Use:

The area surrounding the UCC property is heavily used by anglers and boaters. Restrictions on recreational use of the Satilla River during operation of the spaceport would affect local citizens significantly. The EIS should address impacts on recreational use of public lands or waters in the project area.

Natural Communities:

The property contains several examples of significant coastal natural communities. These include high quality maritime forests, coastal forested wetlands, and a rare longleaf pine scrubby flatwoods community known from only a handful of sites on the Georgia coast. Protection of these natural communities by conservation easement, as well as specific restoration and management actions described in Appendix E of the UCC Woodbine Site Characterization Report, are strongly recommended to conserve and promote biodiversity on the property. The EIS should consider direct impacts to these habitats resulting from the development of spaceport facilities as well as longer term impacts associated with prescribed fire limitations that would affect management of fire-dependent habitats onsite and on adjacent properties.

The EIS should consider potential impacts resulting from disturbance of soils containing residual contaminants from previous industrial uses. Exacerbating factors such as the erosion of the Todd Creek bank and its threat to the adjacent landfill as well as sea level rise should be taken into consideration in this assessment.

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Sea Turtles and Other Reptiles:

The project area currently has few artificial lights. Cumberland Island, Little Cumberland Island and Jekyll Island are significant nesting areas for loggerhead sea turtles. Exterior lighting associated with spaceport maintenance and launch activities could result in disorientation and mortality of hatchling sea turtles on nearby beaches. The EIS should document existing lighting conditions and estimate the impacts of the proposed facility. Consideration should also be given to the need for long term monitoring of lighting conditions and their effects on sea turtles.

The EIS should evaluate the impacts of rocket launches and related activities on sea turtles and other reptiles. Debris from rocket launches could result in increased levels of metals (iron, lithium, nickel, and mercury) which could bioaccumulate in local reptile populations including diamondback terrapins and alligators.

Birds:

A thorough field survey is warranted to assess where birds of conservation concern are nesting onsite as well as in adjacent areas that might be impacted by spaceport activities. Surveys should also be conducted to delineate and document important foraging areas so these can be highlighted on emergency spill response maps and included in spill containment and remediation plans. Biologists and environmental staff at other rocket launching facilities such as Cape Canaveral as well as the scientific literature should be consulted regarding impacts of launches and related activities on birds.

There are three bald eagle nests in close proximity (~ 2 miles or less) to the proposed launch site. One eagle nest may be as close as ½ mile from this launch site. In addition, a large brown pelican nesting colony (300-400 pairs) is in close proximity to the proposed launch site. Rocket blasts or other activities associated with a launch could potentially cause nest abandonment or otherwise impair nesting success. Another concern is the potential for chemical spills in the marsh, river, or along the shoreline that could contaminate food resources used by shorebirds, marsh birds, waterbirds, ospreys, or eagles. While the EIS should consider potential impacts of increased noise and accidental chemical releases on all native wildlife in the project area, the following are recommended as specific issues to be addressed for birds:

- 1) Employment of safeguards to ensure that the eagle nests and the pelican colony will not be significantly impacted by rocket blasts or other launch-related activities.
- 2) Establishment of launch protocols to limit potential impacts to at-risk species (e.g., excluding launches during the pelican nesting season)
- 3) Plans and resources for monitoring the impacts of launch-related activities on nest use and nesting success of bald eagles, brown pelicans, and other species.
- 4) Protocols for minimizing impacts of accidental chemical releases.

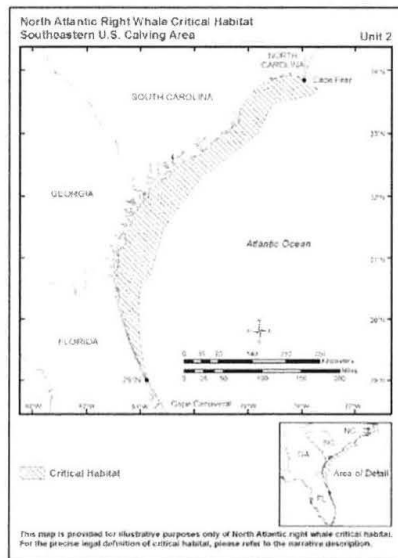
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Northern Right Whales:

North Atlantic right whales are present in the flight path of the proposed launches from November 15 to April 15 yearly. The following mitigation measures are recommended to avoid conflicts with right whales in their calving grounds:

- 1) Avoiding harassment and injury to right whales generally:
 - a. First stage landings into the ocean, or onto barges floating on the ocean, should be prohibited or closely monitored to minimize impacts within the proposed revised right whale critical habitat from November 15 to April 15 annually (see map below). This includes Atlantic Ocean waters within 30-40 nm of the Georgia and northeast Florida coast.
- 2) Avoiding vessel impacts:
 - a. All vessels should travel at speeds of 10 knots or less when operating in the proposed revised right whale critical habitat from November 15 to April 15.
 - b. All vessels should be equipped with operational AIS transceivers when operating in the proposed revised right whale critical habitat from November 15 to April 15.



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Other Priority Species, Natural Communities, and Conservation Sites:

According to our records as of December 22, 2015, the following high priority species, natural communities, and conservation areas occur within a three-mile radius of the project site (see also Appendix C in attached UCC Woodbine Site Characterization Report):

(Site Center: -81.526023, 30.956392, WGS84)

Ammodramus maritimus (Seaside Sparrow) approx. 2.2 mi E of site at Pompey Island
Ammodramus maritimus macgillivraii (MacGillivray's Seaside Sparrow) approx. 2.2 mi NE of site

Crotalus adamanteus (Eastern Diamond-backed Rattlesnake) approx. 1.9 mi W of site

US *Drymarchon couperi* (Eastern Indigo Snake) in an uncertain location near the project site

US *Drymarchon couperi* (Eastern Indigo Snake) approx. 1.4 mi W of site

US *Gopherus polyphemus* (Gopher Tortoise) in an uncertain location near the project site

GA *Haematopus palliatus* (American Oystercatcher) approx. 2.5 mi SE of site at Cumberland Shell Rakes

GA *Haematopus palliatus* (American Oystercatcher) approx. 2.3 mi SE of site in the Cumberland River

GA *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* (Bald Eagle) on site

Liatris tenuifolia var. *quadriflora* (Blazing Star) approx. 2.5 mi S of site

GA *Lithobates capito* (Gopher Frog) approx. 2.0 mi W of site at 'Ocean Pond'

GA *Malaclemys terrapin* (Diamondback Terrapin) approx. 2.0 mi S of site

US *Notophthalmus perstriatus* (Striped Newt) approx. 2.9 mi W of site

Nycticorax nycticorax (Black-crowned Night-heron) approx. 0.6 mi N of site

Nycticorax nycticorax (Black-crowned Night-heron) approx. 0.8 mi NE of site at the Satilla River Rookery

Passerina ciris (Painted Bunting) approx. 1.8 mi SE of site at Cumberland Island

Passerina ciris (Painted Bunting) approx. 2.6 mi NW of site

Pelecanus occidentalis (Brown Pelican) approx. 0.8 mi NE of site at Egg Island Bar

Plegadis falcinellus (Glossy Ibis) approx. 0.8 mi NE of site at the Satilla River Rookery

GA *Sarracenia minor* var. *minor* (Hooded Pitcherplant) approx. 1.4 mi N of site

GA *Sarracenia minor* var. *minor* (Hooded Pitcherplant) approx. 1.2 mi SW of site

GA *Sarracenia minor* var. *minor* (Hooded Pitcherplant) approx. 1.6 mi SW of site

GA *Sarracenia minor* var. *minor* (Hooded Pitcherplant) [HISTORIC] approx. 2.9 mi SW of site

US *Trichechus manatus* (Manatee) on site

Wading Bird Colony (Wading Bird Colony) approx. 0.2 mi E of site

Wading Bird Colony (Wading Bird Colony) approx. 1.7 mi SE of site

Wading Bird Colony (Wading Bird Colony) approx. 1.3 mi E of site

Liquidambar styraciflua - *Acer rubrum* - (*Nyssa biflora*) / *Woodwardia virginica* Forest (South Atlantic Coastal Nonriverine Swamp Forest) approx. 0.7 mi SW of site

Panicum hemitomon - *Pluchea (camphorata, rosea)* - *Ludwigia spp. Herbaceous Vegetation* (Outer Coastal Plain Maidencane Pond) approx. 3.0 mi W of site

Quercus geminata - (*Quercus virginiana*) / *Serenoa repens* - *Lyonia fruticosa* Forest (Southeastern Florida Maritime Hammock) approx. 2.9 mi S of site

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Quercus virginiana - *Quercus hemisphaerica* - *Pinus taeda* - *Quercus falcata* / *Ilex vomitoria* Forest (Atlantic Coastal Fringe Evergreen Forest) approx. 2.8 mi W of site
Sabal palmetto - *Quercus laurifolia* - *Quercus virginiana* - *Magnolia virginiana* - *Ulmus americana* Forest (Temperate Hydric Hammock) approx. 1.2 mi SW of site
Satilla River 1 (0307020112) [SWAP High Priority Watershed], on site
Satilla River Coast 2 (0307020303) [SWAP High Priority Watershed], approx. 2.6 mi N of site
Crooked River (0307020304) [SWAP High Priority Watershed], on site
Satilla River Coast 1 (0307020305) [SWAP High Priority Watershed], approx. 2.2 mi SE of site

GA = State protected species
US = Federally protected species

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding wildlife-related impacts to be considered in preparation of the Camden Spaceport Environmental Impact Statement. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jason Lee at jason.lee@dnr.ga.gov or 912-262-3128.

Sincerely,


Dan Forster

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C: Jon Ambrose
Jason Lee

Attachment

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COMMISSIONER

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DIVISION DIRECTOR

January 27, 2016

Daniel Murray
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Attn: Stacey Zee

RE: Construct/Operate Commercial Space Launch Site, Spaceport Camden, Woodbine
Camden County, Georgia
HP-151117-001

Dear Mr. Murray:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has received initial information concerning the above referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the Federal Aviation Administration in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

Thank you for notifying us of this proposed project. We look forward to receiving Section 106 compliance documentation when it becomes available and working with you as this project progresses.

Please refer to project number HP-151117-001 in future correspondence regarding this project. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at Jennifer.dixon@dnr.ga.gov or (770) 389-7851.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JD", is placed over the typed name.

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