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**To:** All Title 14 CFR Part 139 Airport Operators

**Subject:** Awareness Video for Collecting and Reporting Wildlife Strikes with Aircraft

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- 1. Purpose.** This CertAlert highlights a recently published video on the importance of reporting wildlife strikes to aircraft. This video reveals how successful the National Wildlife Strike Database, jointly administered by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), is in reducing the impact of wildlife strikes on both commercial and general aviation.
- 2. Background.** Aircraft and wildlife often share the same airspace. The FAA has recognized this from early on and, through its wildlife hazard management program, has worked to reduce wildlife strikes at the nation's airports and show the benefit of strike reporting over the last 50 years. Strike reporting provides the vital foundation for understanding wildlife hazards at airports. Strike data allows airframe and engine manufacturers to design aircraft components that can withstand greater impacts from wildlife. Airport operators and biologists effectively mitigate specific wildlife hazards based on the information provided from wildlife strikes. Additionally, airports use strike data to target and eliminate habitats that attract wildlife.
- 3. Action.** We encourage airport operators to review the video linked below and consider adding it to their training curriculum to ensure all airport stakeholders are aware and educated on the importance of reporting all strikes (damaging or non-damaging) to their airport-specific strike systems and to the National Wildlife Strike Database. For additional guidance on reporting strikes, please review the most current version of [Advisory Circular 150/5200-32, Reporting Wildlife Aircraft Strikes](#), which clarifies strike reporting procedures for the aviation industry.

### FAA Wildlife Video

<https://youtu.be/f2nuO4PZKF0>

### FAA Wildlife Website

[https://www.faa.gov/airports/airport\\_safety/wildlife](https://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_safety/wildlife)

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