

Hot Springs County Airport

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Airport Project Update

GDA Engineers' surveying department has been busy working on the airport legal description for the proposed airport location. The proposed airport site is composed of a portion of a local ranch.

In house preliminary design work has started. FAA and WYDOT Aeronautics Division funding is expected to be available by the end of September.

The new airport has obtained a new identifier: +09F. The "+" indicates that it is a new airport being built. The identifier will change again once the airport opens. The FAA is looking into the possibility that the current THP identifier can be moved to the new airport.

Planning work is continuing and as always, all past, current, and future airport users are welcome and encouraged to provide input into the airport planning process. Please contact Rick Patton, Aviation Planner at GDA Engineers with questions about the new airport: at rpattton@gdaengineers.com or 307.587.3411.

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FAA Airport Improvement Program: <http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/>

WYDOT Aeronautics: <http://www.dot.state.wy.us/wydot/aeronautics>

Airport Funding

The Federal Aviation Administration coordinates the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) established by Congress to provide funding to airports on a priority basis. Revenues for this program are not generated from federal income taxes, but from taxes on aviation activity such as the sale of aviation fuel and oil, aircraft, aircraft parts, and airline tickets.

These monies are collected in the Aviation Trust Fund. Most major improvements and planning for the airport come from the AIP program.

These federal grant funds on eligible projects currently pay for 95 percent of the project.

The State of Wyoming Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division matches the federal grants with another three percent, and local communities normally have a two percent investment in the major parts of the airport.

Airport Compliance

The FAA recently published the FAA Airport Compliance Manual, Order 5190.6B. The Airport Compliance Program was developed to ensure that airport sponsors comply with federal obligations in the form of grant assurances, surplus and nonsurplus obligations, or other applicable federal laws. The manual provides guidance on interpreting and administering the various continuing commitments airport sponsors make to the U.S. Government when they accept grants of federal funds or federal property for airport purposes.

The federal obligations a sponsor assumes by accepting FAA administered airport development assistance are mandated by federal statute. These obligations are incorporated in the grant agreements and property conveyance instruments entered into by the sponsor and the United States Government. The following is only a partial list of assurances and deed restrictions that may affect the Hot Springs County Airport. There are also 39 Grant Assurances that are described in Appendix A of Order 5190.6B. The Grant Assurances will be described in a future newsletter.

- **Exclusive Rights Prohibition:** Obligates the Sponsor to operate the airport without granting or permitting any exclusive right to conduct any aeronautical activity at the airport.
- **Maintenance of the Airport:** Obligates the Sponsor to preserve and maintain the airport facilities in a safe and serviceable condition. This applies to all facilities shown on the approved ALP which are dedicated for aviation use.



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General Schedule

The following is a discussion of the general schedule for the new airport project.

Land acquisition is anticipated to occur during the remainder of this year (2010). During this time, GDA Engineers will also be working on the Master Design for the project.

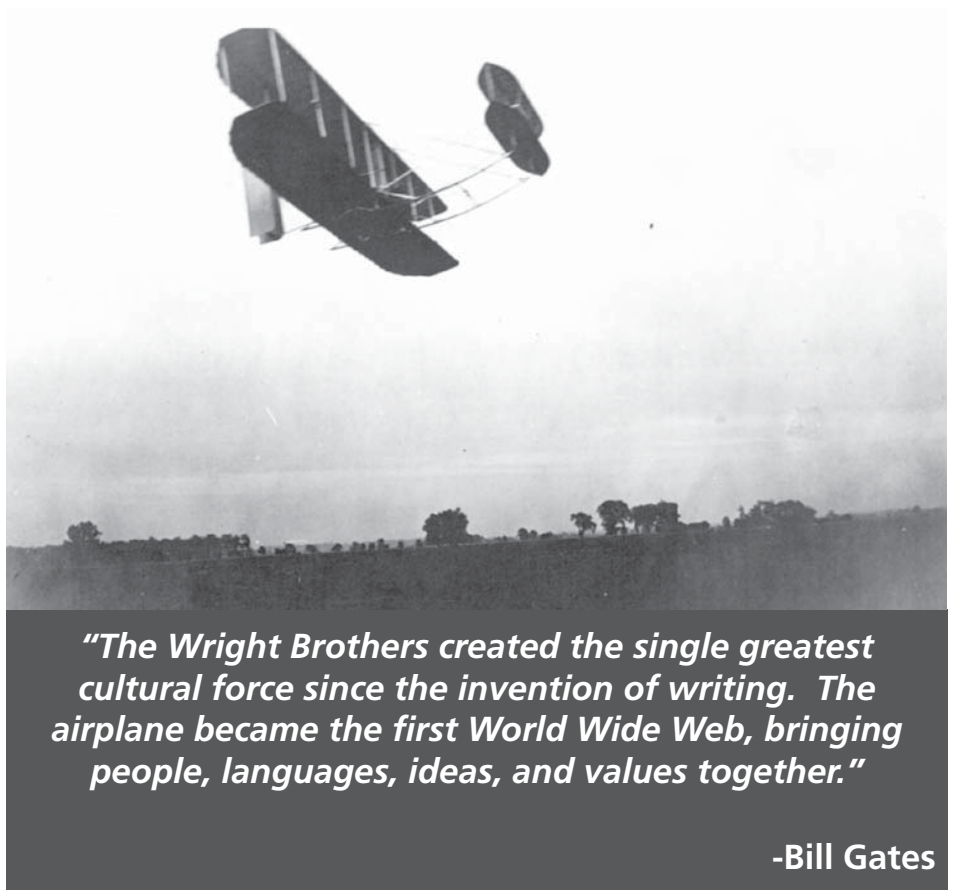
Phase I will include grading, drainage, access roads, and irrigation facility relocation. Construction of Phase I is anticipated to begin in late 2011.

Phase II projects include the remainder of the grading and drainage work. Construction of Phase II is anticipated to begin in mid 2012.

Phase III projects include the runway, taxiway, access roads, wildlife fencing, utility infrastructure, lighting, NAVAIDs, and AWOS. Construction of this phase is anticipated to begin in early 2013.

Phase IV projects include the completion of taxiway construction. Construction of Phase IV should begin in mid 2014.

Phase V projects include apron construction. Construction of Phase V should begin in mid 2015.



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-Bill Gates

Airport Compliance, Continued

- Operation of the Airport: Obligates the Sponsor to operate the aeronautical and common use areas for the benefit of the public and in a manner that will eliminate hazards to aircraft and persons.
- Protection of Approaches: Obligates the Sponsor to prevent, insofar as it is reasonably possible, the growth or establishment of obstructions in the aerial approaches to the airport.
- Compatible Land Use: Obligates the Sponsor to take appropriate action, to the extent reasonable, to restrict the use of lands in the vicinity of the airport to activities and purposes compatible with normal airport operations.
- Availability of Fair and Reasonable Terms: Obligates the Sponsor to operate the airport for the use and benefit of the public to make it available to all types, kinds, and classes of aeronautical activity on fair and reasonable terms and without unjust discrimination.
- Adherence to the Airport Layout Plan: Obligates the Sponsor to develop, operate, and maintain the airport in accordance with the latest approved airport layout plan.
- Utilization of Airport Revenue: Obligates the Sponsor to use all airport revenues for the capital or operating costs of the airport, the local airport system, or other local facilities which are owned or operated by the owner or operator of the airport, and directly related to the actual air transportation of passengers or property.
- Fee and Rental Structure: Obligates the Sponsor to maintain a fee and rental structure of the facilities and services being provided the airport users which will make the airport as self-sustaining as possible.
- Preserving Rights and Powers: Obligates the Sponsor to not enter into any transaction which would operate to deprive it of any of the rights and powers necessary to perform any or all of the sponsor assurances without FAA approval.
- Other obligations include: Use of Government Aircraft, Land for Federal Facilities, Standard Accounting Systems, Reports and Inspections, Consultation with Users, Terminal Development, Prerequisites, Construction Inspection and Approval, Minimum Wage Rates, Veterans Preference, Audits, Audit Reports and Record Keeping Requirement, Local Approval, Civil Rights, Construction Accomplishment, Planning Projects, Good Title, Sponsor Fund Availability, Utilization of Surplus Property, Utilization of Section 16/23/516 Lands, Sale or Other Disposal of Property Acquired Under FAAP/ADAP/ AIP, National Emergency Use Provision, and Environmental Requirements.

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