



## ACQUISITION AND CLOSURE OF STATE AIRPORTS

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to implement Board policy 4065 for the Director to submit recommendations for acquisition or closure of state airports.

### **Legal Authority**

Idaho Code 21-102 – Purpose of aeronautics titles is for safety and to impose duties on the Department

Idaho Code 21-104 – The Department shall have general supervision over aeronautics within Idaho

Idaho Code 21-106 - The establishment, operation and maintenance of state airports

Idaho Code 21-114 – Requisites for aircraft registration

Idaho Code 21-119 – Duty of Department to enforce all aeronautic laws

Idaho Code 21-142 – General powers and duties of the Idaho Transportation Board with respect to aeronautics

Whenever a need for acquisition or closure of state airports (operated by the Department, regardless of ownership) is determined, the Aeronautics Administrator, in coordination with the Aeronautics Advisory Board, shall compile a written recommendation for the Idaho Transportation Board's consideration based on the following criteria:

### **Cost**

Itemize all expenditures related to acquisition or closure, required construction or improvement, annual maintenance, and all other identifiable costs of operation.

Identify and evaluate available staff and volunteer availability in relation to maintenance and operation expenditures.

### **Safety**

Evaluate aircraft safety operation.

Assess airport site compliance with the Department's Airport Material and Construction Manual, Chapter 201, Minimum Dimensions of VFR (Visual Flight Rules) Airports.

Conduct an airspace evaluation including compliance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 77 and proximity to other airports.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

Evaluate the need/benefit of the airport in relation to the State Civil Disaster Plan and other emergency preparedness plans and operations.

### **Public Opinion**

Establish a consensus of public opinion for the airport's usage, operation, etc., through public hearings and other appropriate means.

**Benefit/ Deterrent**

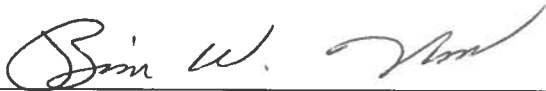
Determine the benefit/deterrent for acquisition or closure of the airport by comparing the criteria in the Aeronautics Maintenance Manual for establishing benefit and value of State airports. Emergency/safety, recreational, and economic factors shall also be considered.

**Alternative Plans**

Include alternative operation plans such as operation by other state, federal or local agencies, shared operation agreements, or other appropriate means.

**Proximity**

Review pro and con implications of the proximity of the airport location to other airports in the surrounding area that provide similar level of service and access to geographical locations.



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