

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Inyo County Department of Public Works is providing notice of the intent to adopt a Negative Declaration of environmental impact for the following project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act:

**PROJECT TITLE:** Proposed Commercial Airline Service at Bishop Airport

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Proposed Project would introduce and operate commercial air passenger service at Bishop Airport in Inyo County. The Proposed Project would not require alteration of existing airfield facilities or disturbance of any ground on or off the Airport property. To allow for the introduction of commercial air passenger service at Bishop Airport, Inyo County seeks to obtain a Part 139 Airport Operating Certificate for Bishop Airport from the Federal Aviation Administration to accommodate scheduled or unscheduled commercial air passenger service. United Airlines, Inc. and its partner SkyWest Airlines, operating as United Express (henceforth referred to as SkyWest Airlines) have expressed interest in providing service to Bishop Airport. SkyWest Airlines seeks amendment of its operations specifications from the FAA which would allow it to offer commercial air passenger service at BIH beginning in July 2021. The Inyo County Board of Supervisors would issue approval of the Use and Licensing Agreement with SkyWest Airlines to begin commercial air passenger service at BIH.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Department of Public Works plans to recommend that the Inyo County Planning Commission adopt a Negative Declaration for the project. An Initial Study was prepared to identify potentially significant impacts on the environment, and it was determined that the project will have a less than significant effect on the environment.

**LEAD AGENCY:** County of Inyo, Department of Public Works

### ADDRESS WHERE COPY OF INITIAL STUDY IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW:

The Draft Initial Study is available for review at:

- *Online* at <https://www.inyocounty.us/services/public-works>
- *Inyo County Department of Public Works*  
168 N. Edwards St., Independence, CA 93526
- *Inyo County Free Library – Bishop Branch*  
210 Academy Ave., Bishop, CA 93514  
Contact: [bishoplib@inyocounty.us](mailto:bishoplib@inyocounty.us) or (760) 873-5115
- *Mono County Free Library – Mammoth Lakes Branch*  
400 Sierra Park Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546  
Contact: [mammothlakeslibrary@monocoe.org](mailto:mammothlakeslibrary@monocoe.org) or (760) 934-4777

NOTE: Both the Inyo County Free Library and the Mono County Free Library are currently closed; however, curbside pick-up is available by calling or emailing the library in advance.

Inyo County will provide a hardcopy, CD-ROM, or flash drive of either the Draft EA, Draft IS/ND, and/or the Public Workshop presentation upon request.

**REVIEW PERIOD:** The review period begins Tuesday, March 2, 2021, and ending Monday, April 12, 2021. Public comments regarding the correctness, completeness, or adequacy of the Initial Study are invited. Comments received by the end of the review period will be considered before adoption of the Negative Declaration. Written comments should be addressed to

Inyo County Public Works  
Attention: Ashley Helms,  
Deputy Public Works Director – Airports  
168 N. Edwards St.  
Independence, CA 93526

Comments on the Initial Study may also be submitted to [BIH\\_ISND@esassoc.com](mailto:BIH_ISND@esassoc.com).

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