

November 8, 2018

Mr. Dave Moyer, Chairman Pocono Mountains Municipal Airport Authority (PMMAA) 188 Airport Dr. Tobyhanna, PA 18466

Re: Pocono Mountains Municipal Airport (MPO) Annual Safety Inspection

Dear Mr. Moyer:

On October 25, 2018, an airport safety inspection and Airport Master Record (5010) update were conducted at the Schuylkill County Airport. This letter outlines the findings by our regional Aviation Safety Specialist, Mr. John Logan, and includes a copy of the updated Airport Master Record (Form 5010-1) for your review.

- A. <u>Inspection Findings</u>. The airport was found to be generally well maintained, with the following items noted, some not in conformance with Pennsylvania Aviation Regulations:
 - Approach Surface Regulations Relating to Pennsylvania Avn 471.7(a), Criteria A (d):
 The following objects penetrate the approach surface for the runway indicated and
 should be removed, lowered, or action taken to mitigate the FAR Part 77
 approach hazards:

Runway 05: (Other than utility runway – NPI approach, 34:1 slope)

- a. Pine 1,486' out, 398' right, 43' high (30:1 slope)
- b. Pine 1,628' out, 375' right, 47' high (30:1 slope)
- c. Tree 1,180' out, 103' right, 35' high (28:1 slope)
- d. Trees 964' out, 118' left, 30' high (25:1 slope)
- e. Tree 958' out, 292' left, 40' high (18:1 slope)

Runway 13: (Other than utility runway - NPI approach, 34:1 slope)

- a. Trees 569' out, 290' right, 40' high (9:1 slope)
- b. Pine 718' out, 205' right, 37' high (14:1 slope)
- c. Trees 666' out, across centerline, 23' high (20:1 slope)
- d. Trees 1,288' out, 112' left, 52' high (20:1 slope)

NOTE: The current displaced threshold on Runway 13 (at 501 feet) accommodates for the above listed obstructions. No action necessary.

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Runway 23: (Other than utility runway – 20:1 slope)

- a. Trees 1,989' out, 422' right, 107' high (16:1 slope) *
- b. Road 732' out, across centerline, 37' allocated high (14:1 slope, obstruction lighted)
- c. Tree 2,346' out, 164' left, 110' high (19:1 slope)

NOTE: The asterisked item above also penetrates the threshold siting surface (20:1 to the runway end), as per FAA AC 150-5300-13A; and as such, these obstructions should be addressed without delay.

The availability of the visual glide slope indicator (VGSI) temporarily precludes the requirement to restrict night operations; however, should the VGSI become inoperative a NOTAM should be posted and night operations to Runway 23 suspended immediately.

Although not specifically evaluated during the Bureau's inspection, the PAPI obstacle clearance slope appears to be clear.

<u>Runway 31</u>: (Other than utility runway – NPI approach, 34:1 slope) No approach obstructions noted.

NOTE: "Left" and "right" are as viewed by a pilot on final approach. "Out" and "back" are measured from the runway end, and height is above runway end elevation. Listed obstructions represent the highest objects in an area and may not be the only objects requiring attention.

2. <u>Transitional Surface</u> - Regulations Relating to Pa Avn 471.7(a), Criteria A (f): The following objects penetrate the 7:1 transitional surface of the runway and should be removed, lowered, or reviewed by the FAA for acceptability.

Runway 05:

- a. Tree line, 103' out, 651' right, 74' high (5:1 slope)
- b. Tree 953' out, 424' left, 50' high (2:1 slope)

Runway 13:

- a. Trees, 1,671' back, 264' right, 40' high (0:1 slope)
- b. Tree line 43' back, 411' right, 45' high (3:1 slope)
- c. Trees 416' out, 375' right, 46' high (2:1 slope)

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Runway 23

- a. Trees 763' out, 763' right, 105' high (6:1 slope)
- b. Pole 650' out, 472' right, 56' high (5:1 slope)
- c. Trees 1,434' out, 438' left, 82' high (3:1 slope)
- d. Pole 529' out, 384' left, 52' high (2:1 slope)
- e. Shed 258' out, 307' left, 23' high (2:1 slope)
- f. Tree line 299' out, 412' left, 63' high (2:1 slope)

Runway 31:

- a. Tree line 89' back, 462' right, 51' high (4:1 slope)
- b. Tree line 826' out, 385' right, 50' high (1:1 slope)
- c. Trees 1068' out, 453' left, 49' high (3:1 slope)
- d. Tree line 79' out, 342' left, 42' high (2:1 slope)
- e. Tree line 375' back, 432' left, 56' high (3:1 slope)

NOTE: There are no waivers on file for Pocono Mountains Municipal Airport.

NOTE: The above transitional surface obstructions are considered **hazards to the runway's navigable airspace** and should be mitigated at the earliest opportunity. If you are unable to remove or lower the transitional trees recommend completing an FAA Form 7460-1, for a formal assessment by the FAA on their acceptability. The completed form should be forwarded to the Bureau for review and subsequent forwarding to the FAA. Feel free to contact your regional specialist if you need assistance.

3. <u>Runway Markings</u> - Regulations Relating to Pa Aviation 471.7(a), Criteria A (h): A paved runway shall be marked IAW current FAA Advisory Circulars.

Please note that FAA standards for runway markings include a black outline around all runway and taxiway markings to enhance contrast and visibility. Current markings are faded. Enhanced markings should be added during your next repainting project. Reference FAA Advisory Circular 150/5340-1L.

- Taxiway and Apron Markings Taxiway hold lines and centerline are very faded. Recommend repainting project.
- B. The following non-regulatory items are noted for your reference:
 - 1. <u>Based Aircraft Reporting</u> FAA records indicate your airport is currently included in the National Based Aircraft Inventory Program. The FAA requests that an update to this database be included as part of the annual 5010 program update. As such, the Bureau of Aviation encourages you to visit the FAA's website www.basedaircraft.com to periodically update the based aircraft listing at your airport.

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2. Emergency Preparedness/Safety Training – Recommend establishing a comprehensive airport safety training program for airport employees, tenants, emergency responders, and local pilots. Safety programs should include formal training on topics such as accident/incident response procedures, fuel handling, first aid, personal safety techniques, and seasonal air safety concerns. Airport personnel should have a clear understanding of the Airport Authority's expectations for emergency preparedness, hazard mitigation and incident response procedures. For flight safety training assistance please contact this office or your regional FAA Flight Standard District Office representative, Mr. Bill VanArtsdalen, Allentown FSDO at (610) 264-2888

Subparagraphs A. 1. through A. 4., as noted above, include deficiencies of the criteria established for licensure of the airport and, unless under waiver by the Bureau, should be corrected or evaluated by the FAA for acceptability. We urge dedicated and timely attention in addressing the above listed concerns. In many cases several options may be available to mitigate a potential hazard. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter within 30 days of its receipt with your plan to address the above issues, and notify your aviation specialist when issues are corrected.

The above described airspace deficiencies may not be all inclusive. The obstructions identified were taken from the shadow of our vantage point and the full extent of obstructions may yet need to be determined. For this reason, it may be necessary to employ a licensed professional land surveyor for full clarification.

Photographic images are attached to aid in identifying the approach obstructions noted during the inspection. Electronic copies of these photos can be made available upon request.

Information pertaining to licensing guidelines, Regulations Relating to Pennsylvania Aviation, and waiver procedures can be found at PennDOT's website at www.penndot.gov. Click on the 'Doing Business' tab to access the Aviation webpage.

Thank you for your diligence in maintaining a safe flight environment and for the courtesies extended to our inspector during his visit. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact me or your regional Aviation Specialist, Mr. Randy Haldeman, at (717) 705-1238, or at rahaldeman@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

John Melville

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Aviation Specialist Supervisor

Enclosures



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AIRPORT MASTER RECORD

4 STATE: PA

PRINT DATE: 10/23/2018 AFD EFF 10/11/2018

FAA SITE NR: 21002.*A

FORM APPROVED OMB 2120-0015

> 2 AIRPORT NAME 5 COUNTY: MONROE PA POCONO MOUNTAINS MUNI 7 SECT AERO CHT: **NEW YORK** 3 CBD TO AIRPORT (NM): 02 NW 6 REGION/ADO: AEA/HAR SERVICES **BASED AIRCRAFT** GENERAL 33 > 70 FUEL: 100LL A 90 SINGLE ENG: 10 OWNERSHIP: PUBLIC 91 MULTI ENG: 6 > 11 OWNER: POCONO MTNS MUNI ARPT AUTH > 71 AIRFRAME RPRS: MAJOR 92 JET > 12 ADDRESS 188 AIRPORT DR MAJOR TOTAL 40 TOBYHANNA, PA 18466 > 72 PWR PLANT RPRS NONE > 13 PHONE NR > 73 BOTTLE OXYGEN: 570-839-0258 93 HELICOPTERS 4 > 14 MANAGER JAMES DECKER Rich Kuban > 74 BUILK OXYGEN: NONE 94 GLIDERS 0 75 TSNT STORAGE: HGR, TIE > 15 ADDRESS: 188 AIRPORT DR 95 MILITARY 0 76 OTHER SERVICES: TOBYHANNA, PA 18466 96 ULTRA-LIGHT: 0 (570) 223 4790 5 70 839 0258 CHTR. INSTR. RNTL > 16 PHONE NR: > 17 ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE: **OPERATIONS FACILITIES** JUN-SEP ALL 0700-1700 SEP-JUN ALL > 80 ARPT BCN: CG 100 AIR CARRIER: 0 > 81 ARPT LGT SKED SEE RMK 102 AIR TAXI: 0 103 G A LOCAL 15,000 18 AIRPORT USE: PUBLIC BCN LGT SKED SS-SR 104 G A ITNRNT: 41-08-15.7000N ESTIMATED 122,700 6.500 19 ARPT LAT: > 82 UNICOM: > 83 WIND INDICATOR: 105 MILITARY: 300 20 ARPT LONG: 075-22-48.2000W YES-L 84 SEGMENTED CIRCLE: 21 ARPT ELEV 1915.2 SURVEYED YES TOTAL . 21 800 85 CONTROL TWR NO 22 ACREAGE: 275 **OPERATIONS FOR** WILLIAMSPORT > 23 RIGHT TRAFFIC: 86 FSS NO 12 MONTHS 10/13/2017 87 FSS ON ARPT: NO > 24 NON-COMM LANDING: NO ENDING: 88 FSS PHONE NR: 25 NPIAS/FED AGREEMENTS: NGY 1-800-WX-BRIEF > 26 FAR 139 INDEX 89 TOLL FREE NR: **RUNWAY DATA** 13/31 05/23 > 30 RUNWAY INDENT 3,999 5,001 75 100 ASPH-E ASPH-G > 33 SURF TYPE-COND > 34 SURE TREATMENT 30.0 30.0 35 GROSS WT: S 45.0 45.0 36 (IN THSDS) D 70.0 37 2D 2D/2D2 38 LIGHTING/APCH AIDS MED MED > 40 EDGE INTENSITY NPI - G / NPI - G NPI-G / NPI-G > 42 RWY MARK TYPE-COND P2L / P2L P2L / P2L > 43 VGSI 44 / 40 43 / 53 44 THR COSSING HGT. 4.00 / 4.00 3.00 / 3.50 45 VISUAL GLIDE ANGLE: - 1 -- / -> 46 CNTRLN-TDZ - / -> 47 RVR-RVV: YIY Y/Y > 48 REIL > 49 APCH LIGHTS **OBSTRUCTION DATA** (A(NP) / A(NP) 4 C / B(V) 50 FAR 77 CATEGORY 501 > 51 DISPLACED THR TREES / ROAD TREES 40 40 / 37 39 > 54 HGT ABOVE RWY END: 958 944 / 733 569 575 / > 55 DIST FROM RWY END: 290203R / 797 306L / 0B > 56 CNTRLN OFFSE 9:1 / 20:1 18:1 / 14:1 57 OBSTN CLNC SLOPE N/N N/N 58 CLOSE-IN OBSTN: DECLARED DISTANCES > 60 TAKE OFF RUN AVBL (TORA): > 61 TAKE OFF DIST AVBL (TODA): > 62 ACLT STOP DIST AVBL (ASDA): 63 LNDG DIST AVBL (LDA) (>) ARPT MGR PLEASE ADVISE FSS IN ITEM 86 WHEN CHANGES OCCUR TO ITEMS PRECEDED BY > 110 REMARKS 26

RWY 31 VGSI AND RNAV GLIDEPATH NOT COINCIDENT. A 043 RWY 13 RWY 13; 27:1 SLOPE TO DTHLD. A 057

24 HR SELF SVC 100LL AVAIL.

ACTVT REIL RY 05/23; PAPI RY 05/23; MIRLRY 05/23; REIL RY 13; PAPI RY 13/31; MIRL RY 13/31 - CTAF. A 081

UNICOM 0800-DUSK DLY A 082

BIRDS, DEER & OTHER WILDLIFE ON & INVOF ARPT.

A 110-001 RWY 31 VFR DEP: FLY HDG 310 TILL CROSSING INTERSTATE 380, THEN PROCEED ON CRS AVOIDING OVERFLIGHT OF HOMES SW OF RWY 13-31. A 110-002

FOR SVC AFTR HRS CALL 570-228-4790. A 110-003

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Randy D. Haldeman Aviation Specialist 113 LAST INFOREO:

111 INSPECTOR:

A 070

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112 LAST INSP:

10/13/2017





Trees, 107' high 16:1 slope (app) *



Trees, 90' high 20:1 slope (app) Trees, 110' high 19:1 slope (app)

Trees, 82' high 3:1 slope (trn)

Road, 14:1 slope (app, lighted)



Pocono Mountains Rwy 23 (right side)

Trees, 105' high. 6:1 slope (trn)

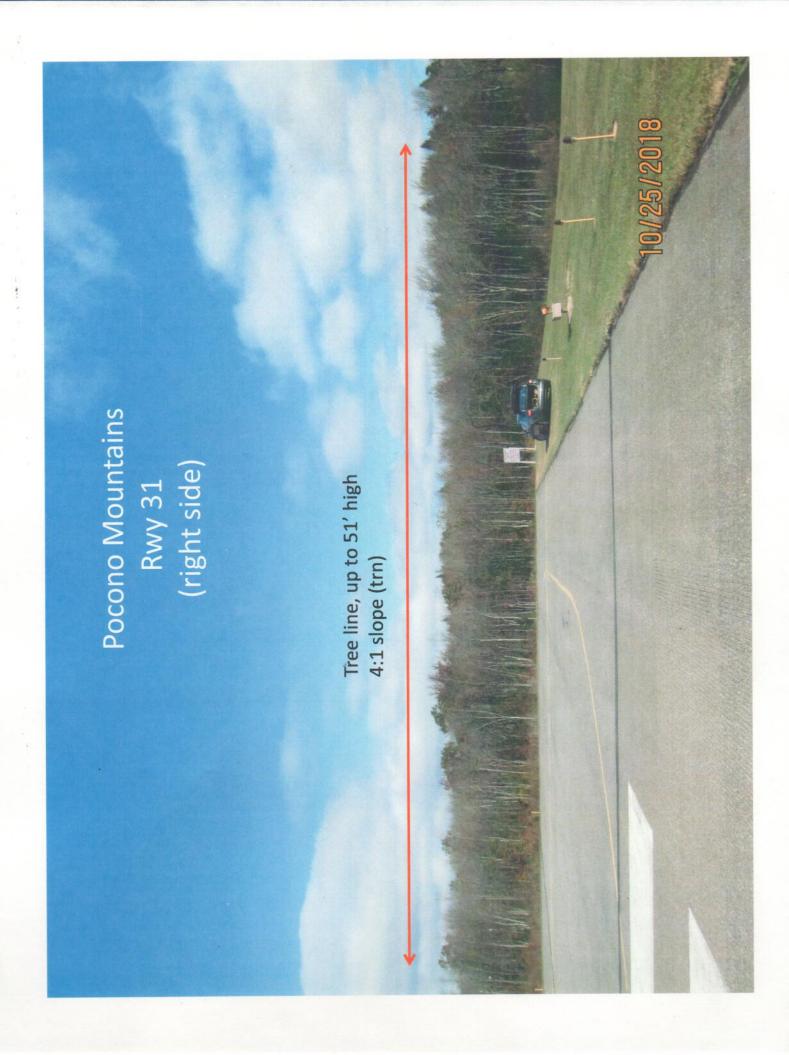
Pole, 56' high 5:1 slope (trn)

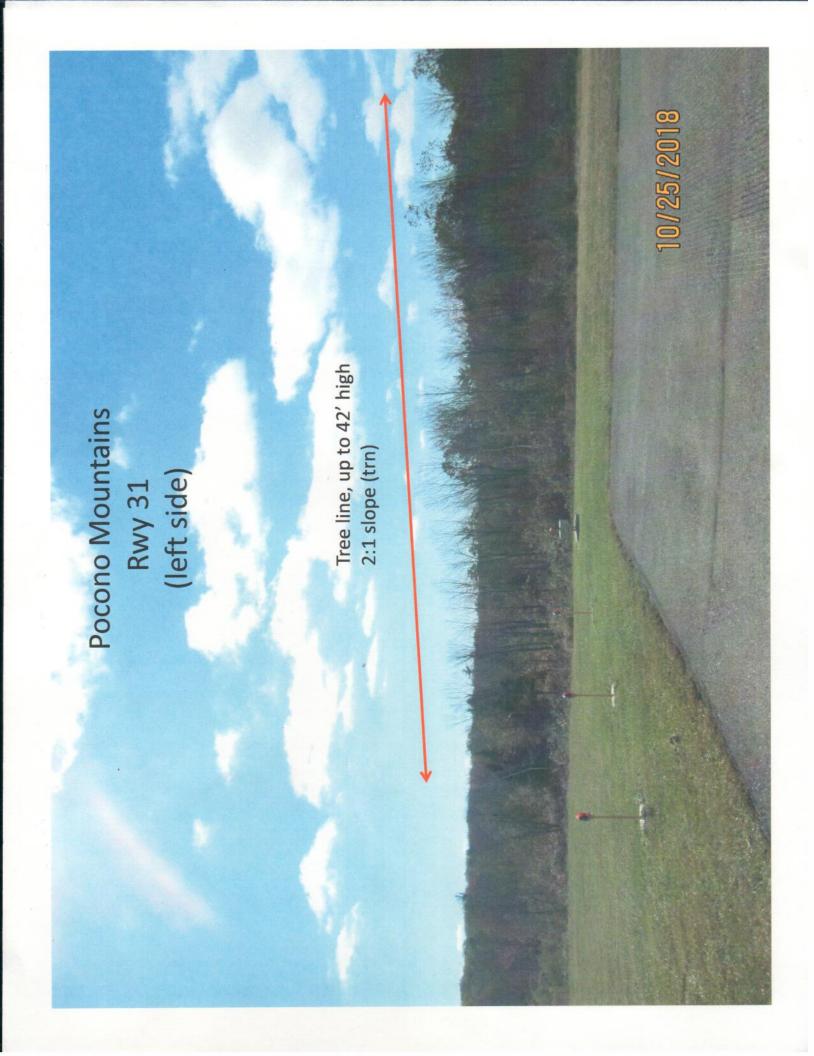
Pocono Mountains Rwy 23 (left side)

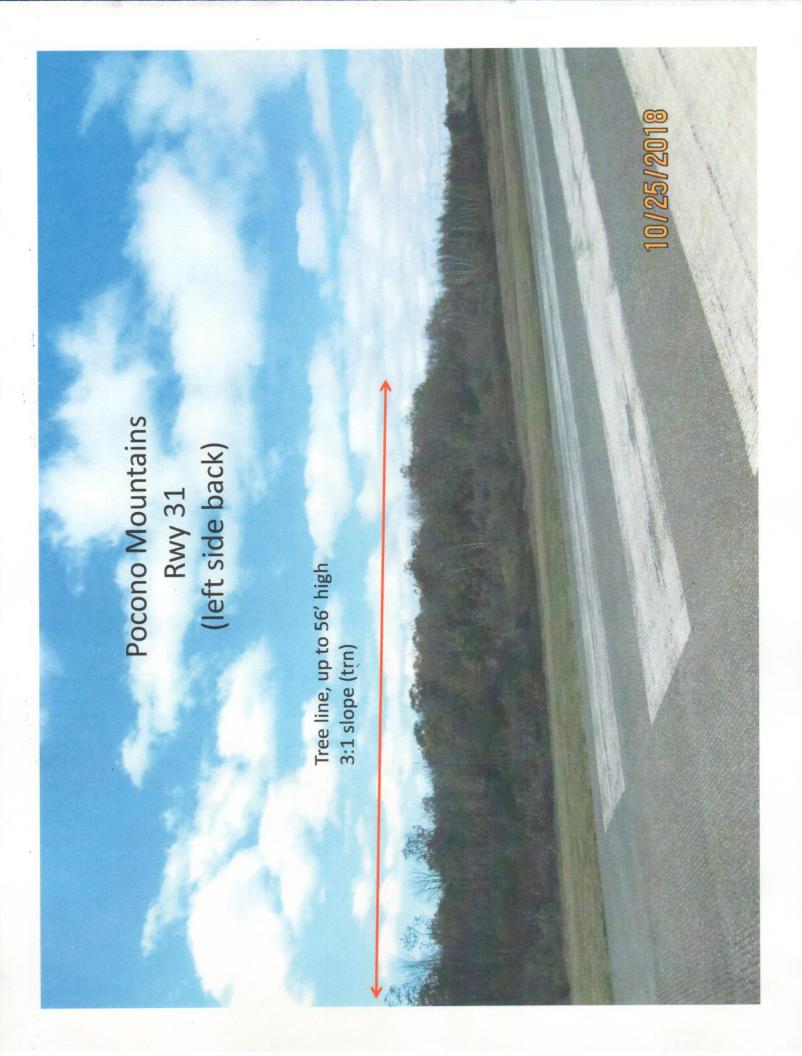
Tree line, up to 63' high 2:1 slope (trn)

Pole, 52' high 2:1 slope (trn) Shed, 23' high 2:1 slope (trn)

Trees, up to 49' high 3:1 slope (trn) 10/25/2018 Pocono Mountains Rwy 31 Tree line, up to 50' high 1:1 slope (trn)







10/25/2018 Pocono Mountains Rwy 5 28:1 slope (app) Trees, 35' high Pine, 47' high 30:1 slope (app) Pine, 43' high 30:1 slope (app)

Pocono Mountains Rwy 5 (left side)

Tree, 40' high 18:1 slope (app)

Tree line, up to 50' high 2:1 slope (trn)



Pocono Mountains Rwy 5 (right side)

Tree line, up to 74' high 5:1 slope (trn)

