

United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

# WS Directive

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WILDLIFE HAZARDS TO AVIATION

1. PURPOSE

To provide general guidelines for WS technical and direct control assistance to airport authorities, State aviation agencies, aviation industry, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Department of Defense (DOD) regarding hazards caused by wildlife to airport safety.

2. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This directive revises WS Directive 2.305 dated 04/15/98.

3. POLICY

WS will assist responsible Federal and State agencies, airport authorities, and the aviation industry in reducing wildlife hazards to airports and air bases according to the APHIS Memoranda of Understanding with the FAA and DOD and the guidelines set forth in the WS Manual "Managing Wildlife Hazards at Airports."

WS may enter into cooperative agreements to conduct wildlife hazard assessments and management plans for an airport or air base and to conduct direct control and technical assistance activities to minimize hazards caused by wildlife. These activities will be conducted under cooperative agreements fully funded by cooperating entities.

WS personnel may also provide specific training for airport and air base personnel in wildlife identification and the safe and proper use of wildlife damage management equipment and techniques. WS personnel will provide recommendations and assistance to airport managers and air base commanders in obtaining necessary Federal and State permits required to take protected wildlife species at airports and air bases.

Whenever WS personnel observe existing or potential wildlife hazards at airports or air bases, appropriate aviation authorities will be notified immediately.

4. REFERENCES

WS Directive 2.620, WS Aviation Safety and Operations (12/12/01).  
WS Managing Wildlife Hazards at Airports Manual (7/1998).  
Memorandum of Understanding between APHIS and FAA (3/21/89).  
Memorandum of Understanding between APHIS and DoD (5/15/90).  
14 CFR Part 139.337 - Wildlife Hazard Management.

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