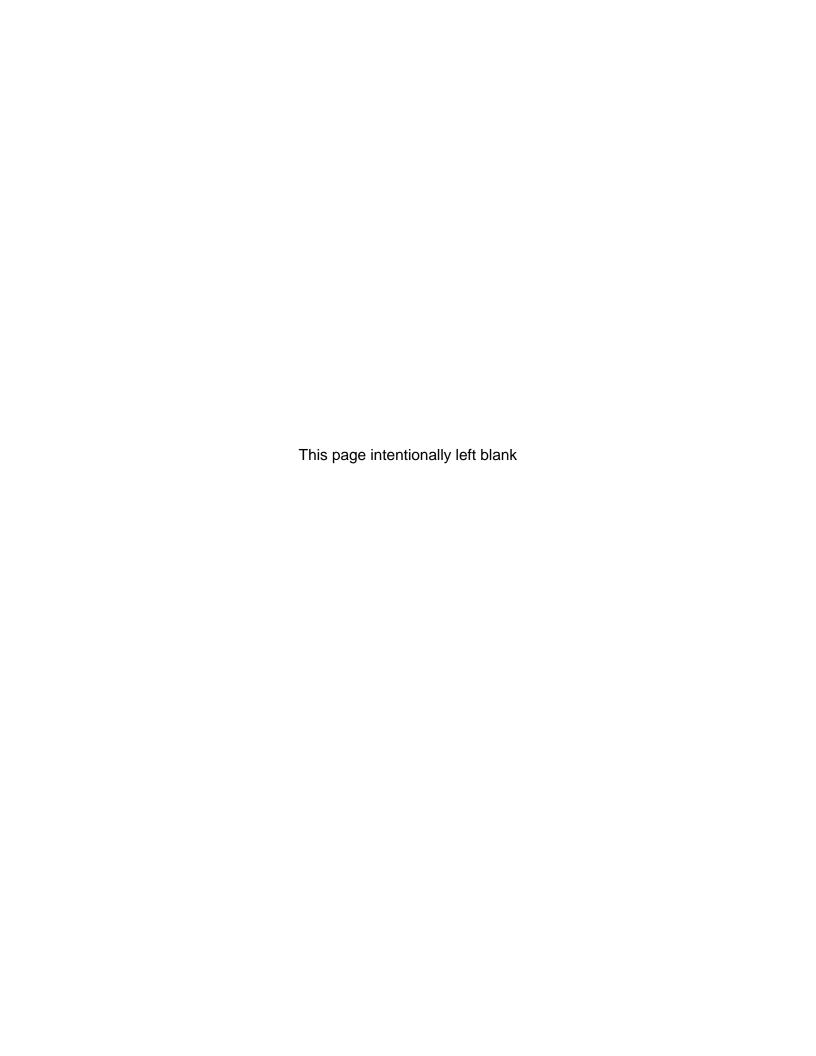
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Appendix H documents the agency coordination conducted with the Department of Cultural Affairs, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Native American tribes and bands, as required by Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*, during the preparation of the EA for the construction and operation of a Southern Nevada Regional Heliport.

H.1 Nevada State Historic Preservation Office Correspondence

Attachment H-1 is a copy of the letter sent to the Department of Cultural Affairs, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office requesting them to concur with an earlier FAA determination of a not likely to adversely affect historic, archaeological, architectural, and cultural resources. **Attachment H-2** is a copy of SHPO's initial response indicating that they did not concur with FAA's determination at that time. In response to SHPO's concerns, the FAA has completed consultation with Native American Tribes and Bands (see Section H.1.1) and has provided the requested information regarding overflights to SHPO. The FAA has again made the determination of a not likely to adversely affect historic, archaeological, architectural, and cultural resources based upon subsequent consultations with the Native American Tribes and Bands, additional noise analyses presented in Section 4.7.2.3, and upon additional information presented in the cultural report entitled a Cultural Resource Inventory of Two Alternative Southern Nevada Regional Heliport Utility Corridors, Clark County, Nevada, that was prepared for the Proposed Heliport site and sent to the SHPO. The FAA has determined the proposed undertaking will not adversely affect any properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The FAA is continuing consultation with the Nevada SHPO on this proposed undertaking pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Results of this consultation effort will be included in the Final EA.





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Carson City, NV 89701-4285

Section 106 Consultation for the Proposed Southern Nevada Regional Heliport Development in, Clark County, Nevada

Dear Mr. James;

March 18, 2005

Mr. Ronald M. James

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is the lead federal agency responsible for an environmental determination in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for proposed Southern Nevada Regional Heliport (SNRH) development in Clark County, Nevada. The FAA has federal oversight for the implementation of the proposed improvements. All existing and proposed development must be depicted on an approved Airport Layout Plan (ALP).

Pursuant to implementation of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as ROUTING SYMBOL amended August 2004, the FAA in accordance with 36 CFR 800, has determined that the federal undertaking is for an ALP approval and federal funding for the proposed SNRH. Enclosure (1) investigates six potential locations to develop the proposed SNRH.

The conclusion of enclosure (1) was that there were a lack of cultural resources found during the ROUTING SYMBOL archaeological reconnaissance and any of the six locations would be suitable for development as a SNRH. The FAA requests your concurrence of a not likely to adversely effect determination.

Section 106 Consultation for the Proposed Southern Nevada Regional Heliport Development in, Clark County, Nevada

If you have any further questions or comments regarding this project, please contact Mr. Barry Franklin at (650) 876-2778 ext. 614.

Kindest Regards,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY ANDREW M. RICHARDS

Andrew M. Richards Manager, Airports District Office

Enclosures: (1) Draft Archaeological Investigation of Six Locations for the Southern Nevada Regional Heliport Project, Las Vegas, Nevada

cc: Clark County Department of Aviation, Jeffrey M. Jacquart (w/o enclosure) Ricondo & Associates, John C. Williams (w/o enclosure)

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RONALD M, JAMES State Historic Preservation Officer

April 22, 2005

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RE: Southern Nevada Regional Heliport Development, Clark County.

Dear Mr. Richards:

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) reviewed the proposed undertaking. The SHPO concurs with the Federal Aviation Administration's determination that the cultural resources inventory submitted for our review is adequate to identify archaeological and architectural resources that could be affected by the undertaking. The SHPO does not recommend any additional archaeological inventories of the project areas.

The SHPO cannot concur with the Federal Aviation Administration's determination that the proposed undertaking will not pose an effect to historic properties as the federal agency has not included any discussion of their consultation with affected Native American representatives to identify properties of religious or cultural significance that could be affected by the undertaking.

In addition, in our letter of August 30, 2004 to Ms. Teresa Arnold, this office stated that four of the proposed alternatives (Jean Airport, South of Sloan, GoKart/Sloan, and Henderson Executive Airport) could result in a flight path over the Sloan Canyon NCA. This newly-created conservation area contains numerous significant and National Register-listed historic properties that could be adversely affected by helicopter flight traffic. All future analysis of cultural resources should take these possible noise impacts into consideration. What audible impact will the placement of this heliport have on these National Register properties?

Mr. Andrew M. Richards April 22, 2005 Page 2 of 2

If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact me by phone at (775) 684-3443 or by E-mail at rlpalmer@clan.lib.nv.us.

Rebecca Lynn Palmer

Historic Preservation Specialist

H.1.1 Native American Tribes and Bands Contacted

The following 15 Native American Tribes and Bands were consulted during preparation of the Draft Environmental Assessment. **Attachment H-3** is a sample letter sent to the Tribes and Bands.

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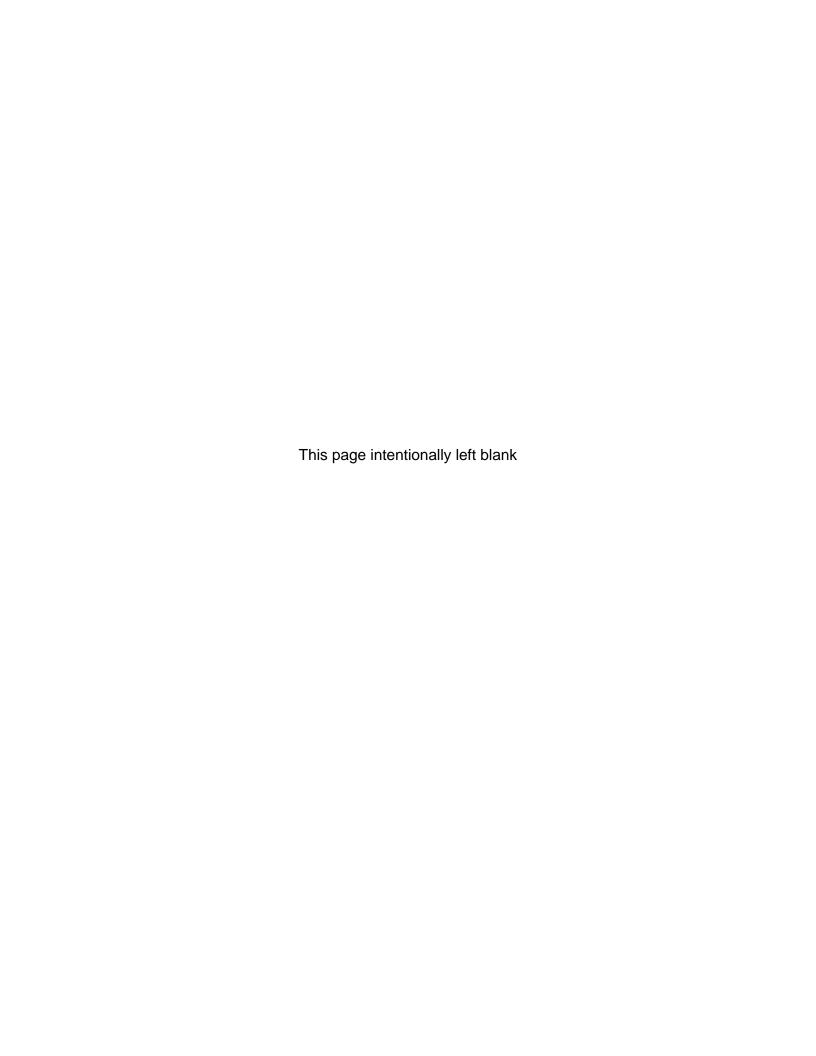
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June 21, 2007

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Dear Dear Sir or Madame:

Proposed Southern Nevada Regional Heliport Clark County, Nevada

Government-to-Government Consultation Initiation

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in cooperation with the Clark County Department of Aviation (CCDOA) the sponsor for the proposed Southern Nevada Regional Heliport, is preparing an Environmental Assessment evaluating the potential impacts resulting from the construction and operation of the proposed heliport.

Purpose of Government-to-Government Consultation
The primary purpose of government-to-government consultation as
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Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments" and FAA's Order 1210.20
"American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Consultation Policy and
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opportunity to provide meaningful and timely input regarding proposed
FAA actions that uniquely or significantly affect Tribes.

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Mark A. McClardy

Manager, Airports Division

Enclosure

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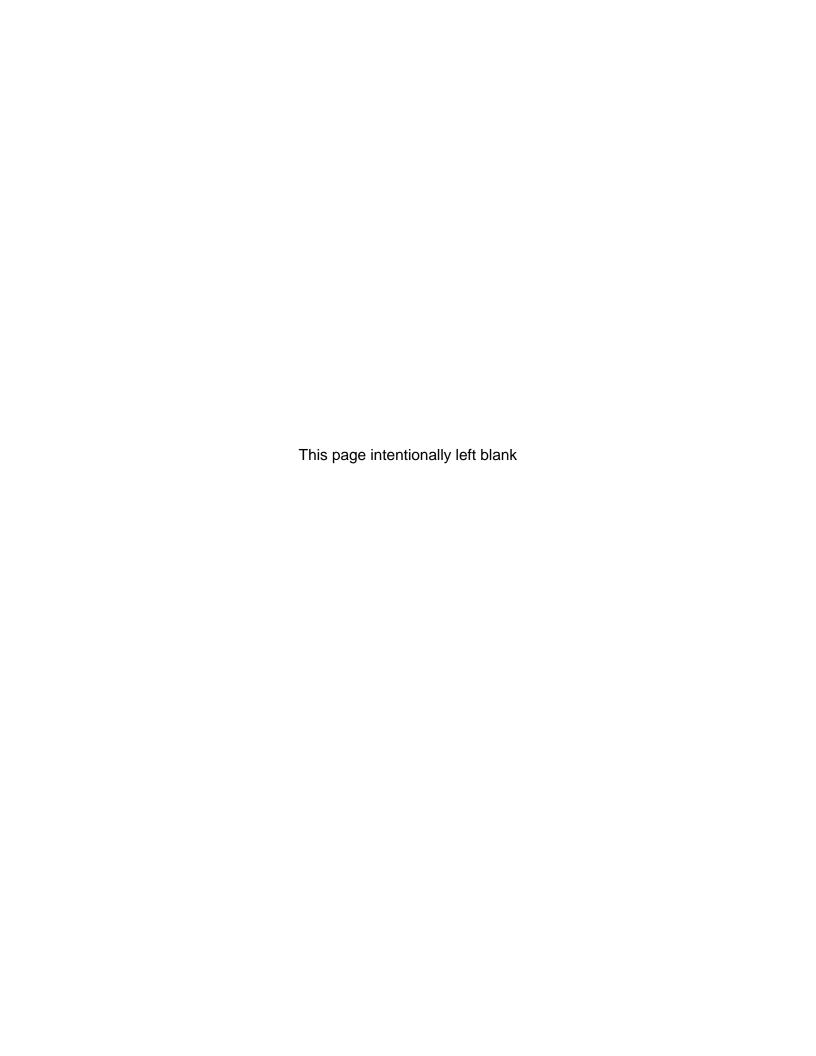
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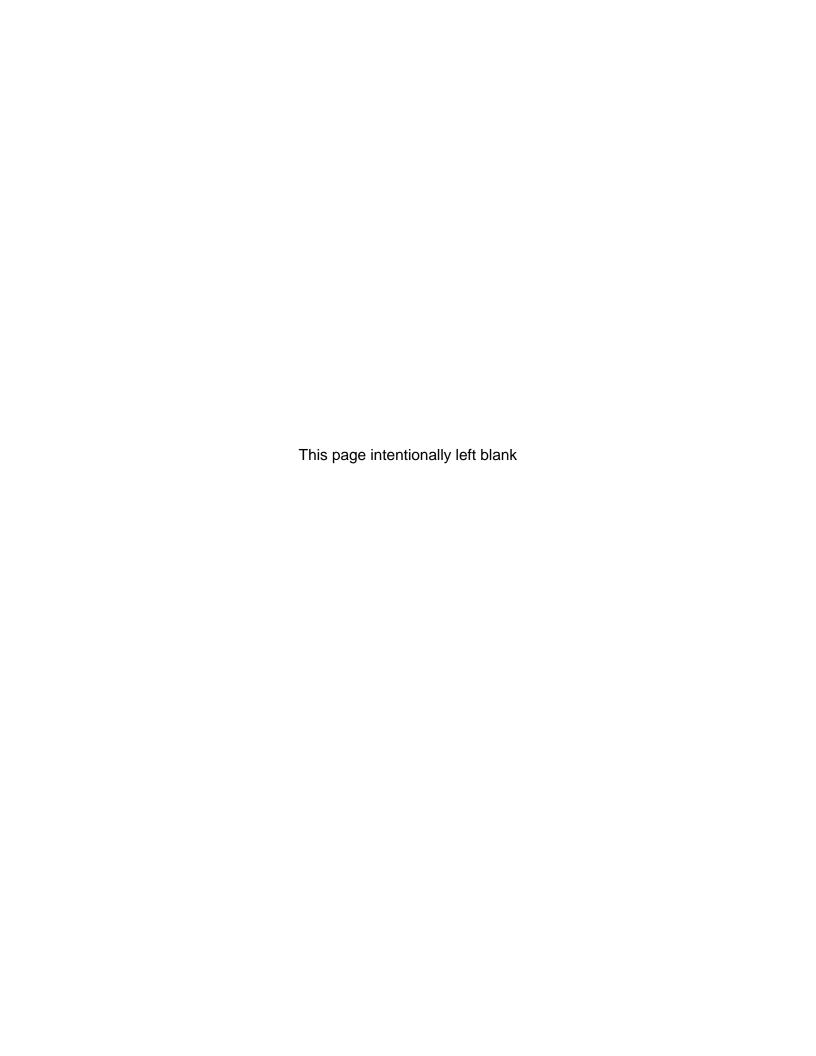
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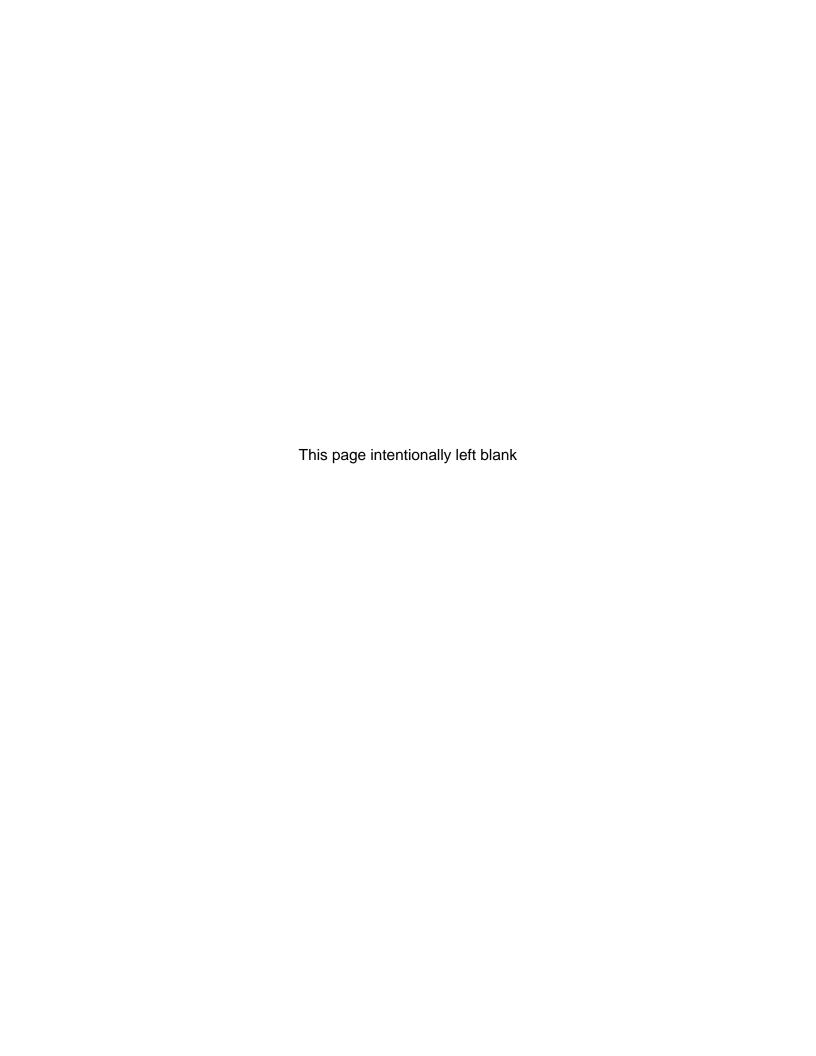
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Clark County Department of Aviation

H.1.2 Comments from Native American Tribes and Bands

Two written responses were received from Native American tribes regarding consultation on the Southern Nevada Regional Heliport Project. The Chemehuevi Indian Tribe and the Colorado River Indian Tribe provided written comments and are included as **Attachment H-4** and **Attachment H-5**, respectively.



Tribal Consultation Options

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Planning Division

Ms. Pamela Adams, Principal Planner Clark County Department of Aviation P.O. Box 11005 Las Vegas, NV 89111-1005

Dear Ms. Adams:

Thank you for your letter dated June 21, 2007, requesting comment on the proposed Southern Nevada Regional Heliport located in Clark County, Nevada. Clark County will construct a heliport away from McCarran International Airport. This new heliport will reduce heliport noise impacts on the communities surrounding McCarran International.

At this time, the Colorado River Indian Tribes are in concurrence with your findings of no historic/cultural properties affected by the above referenced activities based on the information you have provided. However, the Colorado River Indian Tribes does reserve the right to intervene at a later date if new or omitted information may become available that is related to the proposed project.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention and consideration of this response.

Sincerely,

Michael Tsosie Museum Director

.Cc: Eric Shepard, Attorney General

Lisa Fisher, Archaeological Compliance Technician

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