# Allen L. Jelks, Jr. I010 Form Letter

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March 24, 2006

Mr. Dean Stringer, Manager Federal Aviation Administration Orlando Airport District One 5950 Hazeltine National Drive Suite 400 Orlando, FL 32822

Mr. Lawrence Evans Chief, Regulatory Division U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District 701 San Marco Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32207-0019

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# Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vershum I011 Form Letter

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Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Vershum 3726 Joyce Ann Dr. Youngstown, OH 44511

# Terry L. Pitt I012 Form Letter

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# Joshua Hough I013 Form Letter

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Friday, June 23, 2006

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Joshua Hough 184 Willow Springs Dr. Talent, OR 97540-9646

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Linn D. Barrett 4305 29<sup>th</sup> Street Road Greeley, CO 80634

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March 25, 2006

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With utmost conviction and sincerity,

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March 28, 2006

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June 26, 2006

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The proposed airport site is among the most sensitive by virtue of its proximity to the headwaters of Crooked Creek and Burnt Mill Creek, which feed into West Bay. Any development at this site would disrupt the natural flow of water into West Bay and bury entire segments of streambeds under runways, leading to degraded water quality and loss of habitat for sea turtles and Gulf sturgeon. The substantial environmental problems that would result from building the airport itself are just the beginning, paving the way for even greater cumulative impacts from industrial development, as well as hotels, rental car facilities, restaurants and other construction projects.

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Sincerely,

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# Jane P. Webb I017 Form Letter

### **Comment 1**

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### Response

Thank you for your participation in the EIS process. The FAA acknowledges your objection to the relocation of the Panama City-Bay County International Airport to the West Bay site. The FAA is not responsible for the issuance of the Clean Water Act permit and we understand the USACE will be issuing its own Record of Decision document.

### Comment 2

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### Response

Section 3.4.1 of the FEIS documents that the existing airport is not sufficient to meet aviation demand in the service area or FAA safety and design standards.

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# Response

Please see Chapter 5 of the FEIS for an accurate description of impacts to water quality (Section 5.8), biotic communities (Section 5.10), endangered and threatened species (Section 5.12), and wetlands (Section 5.13). Also included in these sections are discussions of best management practices and mitigation measures to avoid and minimize impacts. While the FAA ROD approves the project, authorization of construction in wetlands is the responsibility of the state and federal permitting agencies.

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# Response

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### Response

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would provide the best and most environmentally sound alternative.

**Response** The FEIS documents the impacts of expansion at the existing airport which include

substantial impacts to Goose Bayou and/or the Forest Park residential area. See Section 7.1 of the ROD for identification of the environmentally preferred

alternative.

**Comment 7** We need to preserve Florida's beautiful white sand beaches for ourselves, future

generations, and the loggerheads.

**Response** Relocation of the Panama City-Bay County International Airport to the West Bay

site will have no impact on the beach and coastal systems or loggerhead sea turtles.

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