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RE: New Proposed Departure Procedures OROSZ THREE and SLAPP TWO

We at Save Coldwater Canyon!, Inc., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation whose goal is to fight to preserve and protect the natural environment, safety and welfare of Coldwater Canyon and its neighboring communities, OPPOSE the above referenced departure procedures proposed by FAA for Burbank Airport. We represent over 1200 stakeholders.

We are aware that the undisclosed, unauthorized, and unstudied RNAV and vector-guided Next-gen jet path that started in 2017 has been flying over our communities at very low altitudes creating a Jet Super Highway through the Santa Monica Mountains, including many public, 4(f) noise-sensitive parklands.

Parks and other Section 4(f) noise-sensitive resources in the Santa Monica Mountains under or adjacent to the proposed procedures include:

- Beverly Glen Park
- Briar Summit Open Space Reserve
- Coldwater Canyon Park
- Deervale-Stone Canyon Park
- Dixie Canyon Park
- Fossil Ridge Park
- Franklin Canyon Park
- Fryman Canyon Park
- Longridge Park
- MRCA Open Space
- Wilacre Park

Parklands are recognized as noise-sensitive 4 (f) areas. *“These proposed procedures will create “noise that is inconsistent with a parcel of land’s continuing to serve its recreational, refuge, or historical purpose as a ‘use’ of that land,”* (Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act.)

Likely impacts upon residents and visitors to parks under the path include:

- Safety – all Burbank departures would be directed through mountainous terrain at low altitude and into extreme fire danger areas. The jets will be flying toward the mountains to gain altitude.
- Health – Health impacts of noise and jet fuel pollution are well documented. This proposed path flies over thousands of local school children, who are “sensitive receptors.” Health impacts are well documented and included respiratory disease, cardiovascular disease, cancer and reduced longevity.
- Recreation -- Impacts to visitors of the many parklands and recreation areas in the Santa Monica Mountains. The effects of constant jet noise and pollution would deprive the public of their right to use the parks as an essential “quiet oasis” – an escape from congested, noisy urban living and as place to enjoy healthful recreational activities.

We reject the FAA’s claim of Categorical Exclusion, a claim that there will be no environmental impact and therefore no need to perform environmental review.

FAA has an obligation to perform the highest level of environmental review, an Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

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President of Save Coldwater Canyon