

# **Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport**



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### **OPEN HOUSES IN MOSCOW AND PULLMAN FOR AIRPORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

PULLMAN/MOSCOW—The Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport will hold two public open house events for the Airport's Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Assessment is carried out to evaluate the natural and social environmental impacts of the proposed runway realignment identified in the Airport Master Plan. The proposed runway realignment will improve service reliability. The proposed layout will also provide space for new buildings at the Airport, including future terminal improvements which are also being evaluated during the Environmental Assessment.

The Pullman event will be Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Express at 1190 SE Bishop Boulevard, Pullman, WA. The Moscow event will be Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at the University Inn Best Western Conference Center at 1516 Pullman Road Moscow, ID. Both events will begin at 4:00 pm and continue through 7:00 pm. They are drop-in events and all are welcome.

The Open Houses will offer a relaxed, interactive setting for interested citizens to learn more about the environmental categories being evaluated as part of the project, and the alternatives being considered. Information about the Environmental Assessment will be on display. Airport staff and the project team will be on site to answer questions. Guests may also leave written comments and questions.

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The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) recognizes that federal projects can have an impact on the environment. Using the NEPA process, agencies are required to consider the environmental and related social and economic effects of their proposed actions. An Airport Environmental Assessment is required by NEPA before federal funding can be used for the runway realignment project.

The need for runway realignment was identified in response to a change aircraft used by the scheduled passenger airline. The FAA has airfield design requirements based on aircraft size. When Horizon Air replaced its 37-passenger planes with 76-passenger planes, the design requirements changed and existing facilities at the Airport were too close together. The FAA has given temporary permission for the larger planes to use the Airport with the condition that design improvements be made. In order to maintain airline service, the Airport needs to continue moving forward with actions that will meet FAA design standards.

The “Phase I” Master Plan study was completed in July 2007, and recommended a realigned runway located south of the existing runway and rotated five degrees counter clockwise. The Master Plan determined that this alternative poses some challenges but is the most feasible option of those considered. The “Phase II” Master Plan study was completed in 2012, and looked at the complex details of implementing the runway realignment. This included an evaluation of feasibility and implementation including minimizing environmental impacts of the project, minimizing disruption to air service during construction and developing detailed construction cost estimates for the project.

More project information is available at <http://www.puw-ea.com>.

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