

## Erin Nelson

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**From:** Planning  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 21, 2023 9:51 AM  
**To:** Erin Nelson; Amanda Podmore; Malia Collins; Brian Whitney; Edward Dobson; Brant Murray; Ann Leppanen; Luanne Hook; Linda Sosa; Jim Sayers  
**Subject:** Fw: written comment re: aviation traffic

I'm forwarding this from the town PZ email so it can be added to the comments list  
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**From:** Ann Kramer <makramer1210@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 20, 2023 9:22 PM  
**To:** Planning <planningzoning@townofbluff.org>  
**Subject:** written comment re: aviation traffic

Please find my written comment re: aviation traffic within the town of Bluff

Bluff sits in the midst of a landscape that is rich in beauty and culture. People from all over are drawn here to experience this place. It is not pristine but it is unique, and it seems important to preserve and celebrate the special character of this area. However one chooses to be present in the landscape, whether it is walking, hiking, biking, rafting, driving, flying, Bears Ears Partnership asks us all to visit with respect. To me that means to step lightly on the land. To consider those who have come and gone. To consider those whose lives are tied to this place in the present. To consider the plants and animals who also inhabit the area. Bluff is hugely dependent on tourism but if we mar what makes this place special, will we not pay a price for that?

For those of us lucky enough to live in this special place, we appreciate the dark skies and the the overall peace and quiet. It is always a bit of a jolt when a low flying plane intrudes on that peace and quiet or a semi hits the jake brake. I can only imagine how jolting the huge noise of a helicopter flying into town, as well as taking off and landing, will be whether you are on the river, just across the river on the reservation, or visiting or living in town. It seems much more logical to confine all air traffic take off and landing to the already existing facility just west of town. One might have a tour business license that includes helicopter tours but does that necessarily include a helicopter pad that will have a huge impact on the community.

It does seem that living with respect and doing business with respect on the Bluff landscape in terms of aviation calls for making the existing airport facility the hub of air transportation whether it's planes or helicopters.

Thank you.  
Ann Kramer