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To: Erin Nelson; Ann Leppanen; Linda Sosa
Subject: Fwd: Zoning for Aviation within Bluff City limits

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Subject: Zoning for Aviation within Bluff City limits

Basically I'm opposed to there being Zoning for Commercial Aviation within the Bluff City Limits, with possible exceptions:

Aviation needed in emergency situations.
Aviation needed for governmental reasons, i.e. spraying or research related.
Aviation of hot air balloons - they are quiet, very time-limited.

Reasons for my opposition position:

-- Noise and vibration. Since Bluff is small and located within the high stone walls of the river corridor, the noise and vibration of helicopters and low flying planes is compounded. This disrupts the quiet of the town, it could erode cultural sites, have a negative effect on tourism including the solitude and experience of floating the San Juan River and hiking in local canyons.

-- There are no locations where new aviation facilities could be placed that aren't near or in residential areas. The public lands usually have grazing rights that would preclude building new aviation facilities. In the Bears Ears, there are no commercial permits allowed.

-- Aviation, by it's very nature, would be an invasive presence - even without all the reasons why such a facility just wouldn't fit in this small town. And the safety concerns brought by Dawn Dilego during the hearing are also an important consideration.

Thank you all for your work and careful consideration for the town of Bluff.

Lois Young