

**NOTICE OF SCOPING WORKSHOP/MEETING  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / INITIAL STUDY  
FOR THE PROPOSED AIRLINE SERVICE AT THE BISHOP AIRPORT**

**Project:** Proposed Airline Service at the Bishop Airport

**Description and Location:** Inyo County proposes to initiate commercial airline service at the Bishop Airport (BIH). The Proposed Project includes the amendment of the Operations Specifications for United Airlines (United Express) to allow scheduled commercial air service to BIH, and the issuance of an Airport Operating Certificate (Class I) pursuant to 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 139.

**Environmental Review:** Inyo County is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA), and an Initial Study (IS) to evaluate and disclose the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed airline service at the Bishop Airport. The EA will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, and the IS will be prepared pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. The Final EA will be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the FAA will use the EA when deciding whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact or to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. The Final IS will result in the subsequent preparation of a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or an Environmental Impact Report.

**Scoping:** Inyo County is holding a public Scoping Workshop/Meeting as part of the preparation of the EA and IS for the proposed air service. The meeting will provide an opportunity to provide input on environmental issues related to the proposed action, alternatives to be evaluated, and suggestions on the scope of the environmental documents. There will be an additional opportunity to comment on the proposed project when the Draft EA and IS are circulated for public comment. The scoping period for the proposed project begins January 11, 2020 and ends February 6, 2020.

**Workshops:**

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday January 22, 2020	Bishop City Council Chambers 377 West Line St, Bishop, CA	6:30 to 7:30 PM
Monday January 27, 2020	Town of Mammoth Lakes Offices 437 Old Mammoth Rd, Suite Z Mammoth Lakes, CA	6:00 to 7:00 PM

The meetings are wheelchair accessible. For special requests, contact Ashley Helms (contact information below) at least three working days before the meeting. Efforts will be made to accommodate special needs.

Those who cannot attend the workshop may submit written comments to the address or email address below.

Submit scoping comments, in writing, no later than 5:00 PM, February 6, 2020 to  
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