

productivity for the 2013–2017 averaging period.

**SUMMARY:** In a decision served on March 11, 2019, the Board proposed to adopt 1.005 (0.5% per year) as the measure of average (geometric mean) change in railroad productivity for the 2013–2017 (five-year) period. This represents an increase of 0.9% from the average for the 2012–2016 period. The Board's March 11, 2019 decision in this proceeding stated that comments may be filed addressing any perceived data and computational errors in the Board's calculation. The decision also stated that unless a further order is issued postponing the effective date, this decision is effective on March 29, 2019.

**DATES:** The productivity adjustment is effective March 29, 2019. Comments are due by March 26, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in paper format. Any person using e-filing should attach a document and otherwise comply with the instructions at the E-Filing link on the Board's website, at <http://www.stb.gov>. Any person submitting a filing in paper format should send the original and 10 copies to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 4), 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pedro Ramirez at (202) 245–0333. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board's decision is posted at <http://www.stb.gov>. Copies of the decision may be purchased by contacting the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245–0238. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1–800–877–8339.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 10708.

Decided: March 11, 2019.

By the Board, Board Members Begeman, Fuchs, and Oberman.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Request To Release Airport Property at Yellowstone Regional Airport, Cody, WY

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request to release airport property.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invite public comment on the release of land at Yellowstone Regional Airport under the provisions of Section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 15, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Mr. John P. Bauer, Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Airports Division, Denver Airports District Office, 26805 E. 68th Avenue, Suite 224, Denver, CO 80249–6361.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Bob Hooper, Airport Manager, Yellowstone Regional Airport, Cody, WY, at the following address: Mr. Bob Hooper, Airport Manager, Yellowstone Regional Airport, P.O. Box 2748, Cody, WY 82414.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jesse Lyman, Utah State Engineer, Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Mountain Region, Denver Airports District Office, 26805 E. 68th Avenue, Suite 224, Denver, CO 80249–6361.

The request to release property may be reviewed, by appointment, in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA invites public comment on the request to release property at Yellowstone Regional Airport under the provisions of the AIR 21 (49 U.S.C. 47107(h)(2)).

On March 5, 2019, the FAA determined that the request to release property at Yellowstone Regional Airport submitted by the Yellowstone Regional Airport meets the procedural requirements of the FAA. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no later than April 15, 2019.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

The City of Cody, WY, and the Yellowstone Regional Airport are

proposing the release from the terms, conditions, reservations, and restrictions on a 2.47 acre parcel of property acquired by the City of Cody on July 2, 1958, from the Bureau of Land Management. The parcel proposed for release is adjacent to a parcel that was previously released and will accommodate a new animal shelter or expansion of the existing shelter. The parcel is located on the southeast corner of the airport and is far removed from any present or foreseeable aviation development. It is no longer needed for aviation purposes. The property will be sold at fair market value and the funds received will be reinvested in the operation and maintenance of the airport.

Any person may inspect, by appointment, the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon appointment and request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Yellowstone Regional Airport.

Issued in Denver, Colorado on March 5, 2019.

**John P. Bauer,**

Manager, Denver Airports District Office.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice Regarding U.S. Carrier Authority To Serve Samoa

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises U.S. carriers holding blanket open-skies route authority that effective July 9, 2019, Samoa will be removed from the Department of Transportation's list of Open Skies Agreements Currently Being Applied. This notice invites carriers seeking to provide scheduled foreign air transportation to Samoa after that date to file applications for exemption authority.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brett Kruger, Chief, U.S. Carrier Licensing/Special Authorities Division (202) 366–8025, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC, 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A number of U.S. carriers hold blanket open-skies route authority by certificate or exemption, to provide scheduled foreign air transportation to all of our foreign aviation partners that have entered into

an open-skies agreement with the United States where that agreement is being applied. In this regard, the Department's Office of International Aviation maintains a list on its website of Open Skies Agreements Currently Being Applied between the United States and its open-skies partners, and updates the list as partners are added or removed.<sup>1</sup> The Department has stated that it will issue a Notice if an open-skies partner is removed from the list, and allow U.S. carriers holding blanket open-skies certificate authority 120 days to seek exemption authority to serve that foreign aviation partner, as the certificate authority to serve that foreign partner will no longer be effective 120 days after the publication date of the Notice.<sup>2</sup> The Department has further stated that it will also publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

On March 9, 2019, Samoa withdrew as a party to the Multilateral Agreement on the Liberalization of International Air Transportation (MALIAT), thereby ending its open-skies relationship with the United States as a multilateral partner.<sup>3</sup> On March 11, 2019, the Department issued a Notice stating that it will remove Samoa from its list of Open Skies Agreements Currently Being Applied, effective July 9, 2019. The Department served its March 11 Notice on all certificated U.S. air carriers operating large aircraft; the U.S. Department of State (Office of Aviation Negotiations); and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Department accordingly invites U.S. carriers to file applications for exemption authority under 49 U.S.C. 40109, to provide scheduled foreign air

<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.transportation.gov/policy/aviation-policy/open-skies-agreements-being-applied>.

<sup>2</sup> See e.g., Orders 2007-4-2, 2007-7-3, and 2007-7-4.

<sup>3</sup> The United States was informed through diplomatic channels that the Government of New Zealand, as depositary for the MALIAT, received the Government of Samoa's Notification of Withdrawal on March 9, 2018. Under Article 18 of the MALIAT, Samoa's withdrawal became effective March 9, 2019.

transportation to Samoa on the basis of comity and reciprocity.<sup>4</sup>

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 11, 2019.

**Brian J. Hedberg,**

*Director, Office of International Aviation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0859]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Request for Restoration of Educational Assistance

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 15, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer 725 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB

<sup>4</sup> U.S. carriers holding open-skies route authority by exemption that wish to serve Samoa should similarly file applications for specific exemption authority.

Control No. 2900-0859" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Danny S. Green at (202) 421-1354. Please refer to "Control No. 2900-0859" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority:* 38 U.S.C. 3699.

*Title:* Request for Restoration of Educational Assistance (VA Form 22-0989).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0859.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a previously approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 22-0989 will allow students to apply for restoration of entitlement for VA education benefits used at a school that closed or had its approval to receive VA benefits withdrawn. Education Service requests approval of this information collection in order to carry out the implementation of the law which requires VA to immediately accept applications to restore education benefits for school closures and disapprovals beginning after January 1, 2015.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 83 FR 25614 on November, 26, 2018, page 60558.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,511 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 14,045.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Danny S. Green,**

*Interim VA Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Performance and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs,*

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