

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ABRAHAM LINCOLN AIRPORT
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

This Finding has been prepared for proposed development items and associated actions at the **Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport**. A description of the proposed development items and associated actions, evaluated in the attached Condensed Environmental Assessment, are as follows:

Land clearing and grubbing of approximately 9.5 acres of forested area located in the southwest quadrant of the Airport and regrading the area to drain.

The **Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA)** proposed actions are to (a) issue an environmental finding to allow approval of the Sponsor's Proposed Action for the development listed above, (b) approval of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) for the Sponsor's Proposed Action for the development listed above, (c) issue final airspace determinations for the development listed above, and (d) determine eligibility for Federal grant in-aid funds and/or Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) for eligible items.

The following mitigating measures will be implemented by **Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport** as a condition of approval of the proposed development. Prior to the development listed herein, the following permits and/or actions must be promulgated and written demonstration of the action provided to the FAA:

1. Ten (10) potential Indiana bat/northern long-eared bat roost trees with peeling bark and /or cavities were identified within the tree removal area. The Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport commits to clearing the ten (10) potential roost trees during the bat inactive season, between October 1 and March 31. These potential roost trees are identified in Attachment 5 in the Condensed EA. The remaining project area may be cleared outside of this bat nesting season.
2. Mitigation for 0.02-acre non-federal wetland. Mitigation is anticipated to occur through purchase of mitigation credits, in basin, at the Sangamon River Wetland and Stream Mitigation Bank.

After careful and thorough consideration of the facts contained herein, the undersigned finds that the proposed Federal actions are consistent with existing national environmental policies and objectives as set forth in Section 101 (a) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and that they will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment or otherwise include any condition requiring consultation pursuant to Section 102 (2)(C) of NEPA. Having met all relevant requirements for environmental considerations and consultation, the proposed development/actions are authorized to be undertaken at such time as other requirements have been met.

These decisions are taken pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 40101 et. seq., and constitute an order of the Administrator which are subject to review by the courts of appeals of the United States in accordance with the provisions of Section 1006 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, 49 U.S.C. 46110.

APPROVED: X

DISAPPROVED: _____

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DATE