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Subject: crosswind environmental review

Hello Josh,

Just curious, you sent the city a memo back in April about the need to reevaluate the Environmental Assessment (EA) of 2003. The public has heard nothing on this process.

In speaking with Katherine Hoffman at the MN Center for Environmental Advocacy I was told with an EA this old and a reevaluation, there should be a public comment opportunity. Especially since the presence of an endangered species exists.

Also, no archaeological survey has been done on our (former) property, long eared bats have been listed as endangered since 2003, much monarch butterfly habitat exists in the project area, and there has been a major influx of wildlife to the airport site in recent years. You have seen pictures of gulls, geese, crane, ducks, eagles, and more that weren't here in these numbers back then.

I have consulted both the Army Corp, and BOWSR and neither have been made aware of a new environmental review.

Could you please let me know what's going on? A little more transparency on the FAA's part would be appreciated.

Pictures are from last weekend of 7 swans, 40-50 geese on project site. Also an eagle under their favorite roosting tree. This tree has a 44" dia. which would have it growing here as early as the 1840's. There are at least 30 more in this age bracket which will be destroyed.

I hope they haven't survived storms, drought, disease, pestilence, and logging since the Civil War era only to be bulldozed by the government we entrust to protect them. Greg

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Bald Eagle at base of tree older than the Civil War, at pond FAA plans to fill for a grass crosswind runway. (March 2016)



Geese and swans, swimming in pond FAA plans to fill for a grass crosswind runway. (March 2016)