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Dear Friends, Guests and Fellow Aviators,

The Jackson Hole Airport and Jackson Hole Aviation would like to make your experience during the Total Solar Eclipse, on August 21st memorable and safe. The Jackson Hole airport staff, full service fixed base operator: Jackson Hole Aviation, air carriers, rental car staff, and airport tenant partners are ready to serve your travel needs. In order to make your visit to Jackson Hole the best experience possible, we would like to provide you some helpful information for you to consider as part of your trip planning efforts.

During the time period of the Eclipse, we will likely experience a unique convergence of aircraft. Maintaining an effective traffic flow helps the entire airport system support the privacy, security, convenience and safety of everyone coming to observe the Eclipse.

Due to the service demand during specific time periods, the following plans have been put in place to ensure the system is as predictable and safe as possible.

In order for us to provide a high level of service, we recommend a few simple, yet critically helpful planning guidelines:

- 1) **Arrival Plan:** The Salt Lake City ARTCC may utilize a ground delay program to manage the arrival volume from Friday August 18th to Monday August 21st.

Due to the expected high arrival demand on Friday through Monday, please do not plan on cancelling IFR and going VFR in an attempt to avoid air traffic control sequencing. If this occurs during high demand periods, the JAC air traffic control tower will likely issue instructions to hold.

In order to secure a no-delay arrival and a parking space it is essential to make a reservation with Jackson Hole Aviation as soon as possible. Aircraft parking space is very limited and will be assigned to aircraft with reservations first. It is anticipated that the parking demand will exceed the ramp capacity. If you do not have a reservation for overnight parking with the FBO, you will likely need to reposition your aircraft to another airport to park.

- 2) **All Aircraft Parking at JAC Will Be On A First Come-First Served Basis:** As is the case with many smaller airports like ours, aircraft parking is not unlimited and without adequate coordination, can become problematic. To avoid any problems and insure that appropriate aircraft parking is available, we highly recommend that you advise Jackson Hole Aviation as far in advance as possible of your arrival/departure plans and any additional requirements/needs you may have.

As has been the case the past few years, it is anticipated that space for overnight parking will reach capacity in the early evening of Saturday August 19th and leave only limited space for drop and go flights on the general aviation ramp. However, expect a NOTAM for Airport Closed to Overnight Parking Except Life Flight and Air Carriers overnight August 19th, 20th and 21st. This closure may be longer depending on actual activity.

Additionally, due to limited aircraft parking, it is requested that aircraft operators refrain from scheduling routine maintenance while parked at JAC. Routine maintenance activities result in additional support equipment on the ramp where there is little extra space; it poses a safety hazard with mechanics high on ladders with other jet blast present; ground idling can cause damage to

other parked aircraft and, if run-ups are necessary, it requires unstacking of other parked aircraft so the aircraft can be moved to the taxiway for a run-up causing challenges for Jackson Hole Aviation. It also places additional workload on the Air Traffic Control Tower staff to direct aircraft to an area suitable for run-ups. Be advised that due to our location, we do not encourage run-ups unless necessary for noise abatement reasons.

- 3) **Departure Considerations:** The highest-demand departure time is expected to be the afternoon of the 21st and morning of the 22nd. In order to allow the highest departure capacity as possible, the airport limit arrivals during this time period (Life Flight and Scheduled Air Carriers will be exempt). A lengthy departure queue based on first-come/first-serve is expected during this time period so it will be important to be prepared for a wait if you need to depart during this key time period.

- 4) **Voluntary Curfew:** We also ask that you not schedule arrivals or departure to/from JAC between the hours of 22:00 local time and 06:00 local. The Airport is located within the Grand Teton National Park and maintaining the serenity of the park and to assure positive park user experiences is of high importance to the Airport and the GTNP that operations are limited during the aforementioned hours.

- 5) **Voluntary Noise Abatement:** Your support for our Voluntary Noise Abatement Program is one of the most important components of a successful event experience for you, the Airport and for our community. The relationship between our airport and our community and National Park is one of delicate balance. The key to that balance is the Voluntary Noise Abatement Program, which works on a very simple concept: Mutual Consideration.

Our community understands and supports the need for an airport. They also recognize that airports present impacts like noise and fumes, that can be disruptive and a deviation from the beauty and tranquility of this wonderful area that is our home and the place that so many come to visit. This mutual consideration also relies on aviation interests respecting the features that make this a wonderful place and diligently working together to minimize the negative impacts associated with airports and aviation. In the summer, windows are open all night, barbecues are lit and our Jackson residents are enjoying the return of outdoor activities. Warm weather also tends to amplify aircraft noise and fumes. Our Voluntary Noise Abatement Program asks aviators to operate responsibly and respectful of our community. A few simple considerations will go a long way toward the preservation of the delicate balance of mutual respect. When operating into or out of JAC, please follow these simple voluntary guidelines:

- a. Do not operate into or out of JAC between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

- b. Utilize best available approach and climb out procedures respective to your aircraft to minimize noise impact on the area.

- c. Do not “warm up” aircraft for more than 30 minutes prior to departure. Do not leave aircraft engines (or APUs) running any longer than is absolutely necessary after arrival. Limited use of engines and APUs not only reduces noise impacts but also helps reduce fume impacts on neighboring residents.

With heightened community sensitivity to the various impacts associated with aircraft/airport-generated noise, we at JAC are very proud to be leading the way in achieving balance between aviation and communities that averts negative backlash through voluntary noise abatement procedures aggressively promoted and embraced by all parties. We think you'll agree that mutual consideration and cooperation is always the best way to maintain a viable and attractive airport as well as a happy neighboring community and National Park. You can find valuable information about our airport and voluntary noise abatement

program at www.jacksonholeairport.com

- 6) **Security:** As always, the security and privacy of our guests is among our highest priorities. Please, if you observe something or someone that does not seem right to you, let us know.

In summary, we know that our aviation guests can operate into and out of JAC with optimal effectiveness by following these simple recommendations:

- 1) ***Coordinate your arrival and departure movements and request aircraft parking reservations with Jackson Hole Aviation well in advance. Phone number (307) 733-4767 or email csr@jhaviation.com. Parking space is limited and will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Failure to have an approved parking reservation may result in you being required to reposition to another airport that has space availability if the ramp is full.***
- 2) ***On your departure date: make sure that you show up at your FBO assigned time with passengers ready to depart. Failure to depart in your designated spot in the queue may result in delay. Expect delays on Monday PM and Tuesday AM. The Tower will not be issuing IFR clearances to aircraft until they have been notified by the Airport that they are ready for immediate departure.***
- 3) ***Plan all operations for the hours between 6:00 am (local) and 10:00 pm (local)***
- 4) ***Maintain IFR to landing.***
- 5) ***Review and familiarize with the JAC Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedures, easily accessed at www.jacksonholeairport.com***

Thanks for your consideration, and welcome to Jackson and the Grand Teton National Park.

Please don't hesitate to call or email with questions or if you need assistance!

Sincerely,

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