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AIRPORT PROCEDURAL CHANGES TO INCREASE AIR TRAFFIC CAPACITY

WHEREAS, due to the absence of current air traffic control equipment for airports in Western Colorado, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires that aircraft operations be limited in number during winter months and periods of time when the FAA anticipates inclement weather, and

WHEREAS, during such times, pilots are required to reserve a time slot for their arrival at their desired airport and, in order to ensure alternative landing sights, they typically double- and triple-book duplicate time slots at other airports in the area, and

WHEREAS pilots fail to notify their alternative airports when they no longer require these landing time slots and these duplicate reservations result in wasted opportunities that could have otherwise been used by other pilots, thereby dramatically reducing the overall capacity of each of these airports;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Club 20 supports the efforts of the State of Colorado Division of Aeronautics to encourage the Federal Aviation Administration to:

- 1) Examine the current required air traffic management procedures at Colorado mountain airports which are included in the Special Traffic Management Program (STMP) and identify any inconsistencies and conflicts that unnecessarily restrict aircraft operations, particularly during times of inclement weather.
- 2) Revise the current air traffic management procedures and update the equipment and technology to increase airport efficiency by allowing for slot reservations to be cancelled when no longer needed (thereby allowing other aircraft to use those slots rather than go dormant) and to enhance the safety of air travel in Western Colorado.

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