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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**Notice of Intent to Rule on Request to Release Lake Murray State  
Park Airport at Ardmore, Oklahoma**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Request to Release Airport.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the release of Lake Murray State Park Airport at Lake Murray State Park in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address:

Mr. Glenn A. Boles

Federal Aviation Administration

Southwest Region, Airports Division

Manager - Arkansas/Oklahoma Airports Development Office

ASW-630

10101 Hillwood Parkway

Fort Worth, Texas 76177

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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The request to release this airport may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA invites public comment on the request to release Lake Murray State Park Airport at Lake Murray State Park in Ardmore, Oklahoma, from all federal obligations for the purposes of closing this airport under the provisions of Section 125 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21).

The following is a brief overview of the request:

The Oklahoma Department of Tourism and the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission (co-sponsors) requested the release of the airport which consists of 61.53 acres, paved runway (2,500 feet x 48 feet), connecting taxiway (160 feet x 35 feet) and apron (300 feet x 115 feet). The land was acquired by the State of Oklahoma for use as the Lake Murray State Park through an appropriation of state funds to the Planning and Resources Board in the 1930's. The airport was constructed in 1963 with an FAA Grant in the amount of \$45,823.76. The airport has very low demand with only 50 operations for the 12 months ending Sept 20, 2013, has no based aircraft, and has been designated as 'unclassified' by the FAA ASSET report. There are four other NPIAS airports within a 25 mile radius which better meet aviation needs of this area.

Lake Murray State Park Airport's pavements are in fair condition; however, within the next five years, the runway will need to be reconstructed with an estimated cost to rehabilitate and improve to FAA standards of \$1,083,000. The State has concluded this is not a prudent expenditure and that these limited funds would be better invested in other public use airports in Oklahoma. As the airport owners, the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission (OAC) have requested a full release of their airport obligations. If released, the airport property will return to being part of Lake Murray State Park, and the property will be allowed to become part of the natural grassland. The OAC plans to invest state funds equal to or in excess of the sum of the amount of the four AIP grants received (\$183,999.00) and the appraised value for the land (\$136,896) in NPIAS Airports in the Oklahoma Airport System during the federal fiscal year 2016.

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

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas on *Oct 27, 2015*.

**Ignacio Flores,**

*Manager, Airports Division,*

*Southwest*

*Region.*