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Dear Ms. Brooking,

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is submitting this letter on behalf of its membership in Alaska in response to a policy recently adopted by the Alaska Board of Game. This policy places a restriction on aerial sheep spotting for hunting purposes between 10 August and 20 September.

EAA members have raised concerns that the language in this policy leaves it open to wide interpretation. It is important to note that while the authority of the Alaska Board of Game is to regulate hunting, we wish to reinforce that the FAA has sole jurisdiction over all activities within the National Airspace System. EAA seeks to ensure that pilots who have no intention to hunt and are flying in areas highly populated by sheep will not be cited by Alaskan authorities. Flying in Alaska involves complex challenges that other pilots flying elsewhere in the United States do not experience. Operating aircraft in and out of Alaska's unforgiving terrain requires careful planning. EAA members in Alaska wish to be assured that the processes they use to identify safe take off and landing zones will not be misconstrued as attempts to spot sheep.

EAA strongly encourages the Alaska Attorney General's office to carefully review this policy and consider its implications to Alaska's flying community. The process used to implement this policy should be developed to ensure that it in no way inhibits general aviation in Alaska.

We thank the Alaska Attorney General's office for considering our feedback regarding the implementation of this policy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Elliott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a distinct "E".

Sean Elliott
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