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United States Department of Transportation
OST - Office of Aviation Analysis
Attn: Mark Raggio

Re: DOT-OST-1997-2649


Dear Mr. Raggio:

On behalf of the Elk Valley Rancheria, California, a federally recognized Indian tribe, thank you for the opportunity to provide community input into the selection of an Essential Air Service (EAS) carrier for Crescent City, California. We are aware that the Department of Transportation (DOT) recently posted an order requesting proposals for EAS at Crescent City and understand that one response was received from Boutique Airlines. At this time, we wish to express our desire for the DOT to reject the proposal from Boutique Airlines.

Contour Airlines has served Crescent City for the past two years under an Alternate Essential Air Service grant awarded to the Border Coast Regional Airport Authority on behalf of the community. It is our understanding that this grant will expire on September 30, 2020 and that the DOT is soliciting proposals from EAS carriers in anticipation of the expiration of that grant.

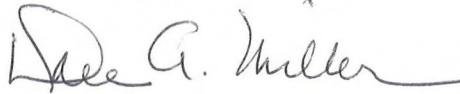
The Border Coast Regional Airport Authority (BCRAA) is a Joint Powers Authority comprised of the local governments within our region including the Elk Valley Rancheria, California. At the BCRAA meeting on April 2, 2020 the BCRAA's Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to recommend to DOT that the Boutique Airlines proposal be rejected and concurrently directed staff to solicit a proposal from Contour Airlines as well as develop and submit an application for the Alternate EAS program to your office. The BCRAA represents this community in matters pertaining to aviation and, as such, we concur with the BCRAA's recommendation to reject the Boutique Airlines proposal and, instead, continue the on-going, successful participation in the AEAS program by Contour Airlines.





Thank you in advance for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



Dale A. Miller
Chairman

cc: Border Coast Regional Airport Authority
Elk Valley Tribal Council

