

**Subject:** Update on the Aviation Security Directive  
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Dear Collin,

I attended the GJT Board Workshop Tuesday afternoon and have little new to report regarding the TSA Security Directive. The Board and Management of the airport are, of course, as disturbed about this directive as are all General Aviation stakeholders.

Rex Tippetts, the GJT Director of Aviation, indicated that compliance with this directive would cost the airport more than \$8 million, for which they currently do not have funding. The airport will have to increase fees in order to provide compliance. Mr. Tippetts was recently in Washington and felt that any opposition to this Security Directive is "falling on deaf ears," as the perception is that it is part of the Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP.) While Mr. Tippetts and other airport operators think that the LASP is "going away" due to the significant amount of opposition received through the public rule-making process, the TSA is implementing SD 1542-04-08F as internal policy with no public involvement, leaving it "under the radar" for many people. Mr. Tippetts said that this, along with other TSA-proposed security measures, could "shut down" the Grand Junction Regional Airport.

Doug Simons, a member of the Board, said that we need to "light a fuse" to ignite public opinion about the TSA. The Board directed its staff to prepare a letter on their behalf to Senators Udall and Bennett, and to Congressman Salazar. They are also considering a local public-relations campaign to inform the general public about the situation.

Mr. Tippetts also said that the manager of the Centennial Airport in Denver expects that this Security Directive will soon be applied to all airports, not just commercial airports, which could effectively destroy much of General Aviation.

For those of you based at GJT, please attend one of the tenant meetings scheduled for next Tuesday, April 14th at 12:00 noon or next Wednesday, April 15th at 5:00 pm. Both of these meetings will be held in the Airport Conference Room on the third floor of the terminal building.

Bill Marvel, a local pilot, has generously supplied a sample letter that all of us can use to write our Senators, Congressman, and Juan Barnes, the TSA GA Liaison. We have posted those letters on our web site at <http://www.coloradoflightcenter.com/tsa> If you have not already sent the letters, please feel free to download the text, edit it as you see fit, and write to your legislators today.

Also, the full Security Directive has been posted online. You can [download it here](#).

Thank you for your help in this fight for individual freedom.

- Collin Fay



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