

Appendix J
Glossary of Terms



Steamboat Springs
Airport Master Plan

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Above Ground Level (AGL)	A height above ground as opposed to MSL (height above Mean Sea Level).
Advisory Circular (AC)	Publications issued by the FAA to provide a systematic means of providing non-regulator guidance and information in a variety of subject areas.
Airport Improvement Program (AIP)	The AIP of the Airport and Airways Improvement Act of 1982 as amended. Under this program, the FAA provide funding assistance for the design and development of airports and airport facilities.
Aircraft Mix	The number of aircraft movements categorized by capacity group or operational group and specified as a percentage of the total aircraft movements.
Aircraft Operation	An aircraft takeoff or landing.
Airport	An area of land or water used or intended to be used for landing and takeoff of aircraft, includes buildings and facilities, if any.
Airport Elevation	The highest point of an airport's useable runways, measured in feet above mean sea level.
Airport Hazard	Any structural or natural object located on or near a public airport, or any use of land near such airport, that obstructs the airspace required for flight of aircraft on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or taxiing at the airport.
Airport Land Use Regulations	Are designed to preserve existing and/or establish new compatible land uses around airports, to allow land use not associated with high population concentration, to minimize exposure of residential uses to critical aircraft noise areas, to avoid danger from aircraft crashes, to discourage traffic congestion and encourage compatibility with non-motorized traffic from development around airports, to discourage expansion of demand for governmental services beyond reasonable capacity to provide services and regulate the area around the airport to minimize danger to public health, safety, or property from the operation of the airport, to prevent obstruction to air navigation and to aid in realizing the policies of a County Comprehensive Plan and Airport Master Plan.
Airport Layout Plan (ALP)	A graphic presentation, to scale, of existing and proposed airport facilities, their location on the airport and the pertinent applicable standards. To be eligible for AIP funding assistance, an airport must have an FAA-approved ALP.

Airport Master Record, Form 5010	The official FAA document, which lists basic airport data for reference and inspection purposes.
Airport Reference Code (ARC)	The ARC is a coding system used to relate airport design criteria to the operational and physical characteristics of the airplanes intended to operate at the airport.
Airport Reference Point (ARP)	The latitude and longitude of the approximate center of the airport.
Airspace	Space above the ground in which aircraft travel; divided into corridors, routes and restricted zones.
Air Traffic	Aircraft operating in the air or on an airport surface, excluding loading ramps and parking areas.
Approach Surface	A surface longitudinally centered on the extended runway centerline and extending outward and upward from each end of the primary surface. An approach surface is applied to each end of each runway based upon the type of approach available or planned for that runway end.
Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS)	This equipment automatically gathers weather data from various locations on the airport and transmits the information directly to pilots by means of computer generated voice messages over a discrete frequency.
Based aircraft	An aircraft permanently stationed at an airport.
Building Restriction Line	A line, which identifies suitable building area locations on airports.
Ceiling	The height above the earth's surface of the lowest layer of clouds or other phenomena which obscure vision.
Conical Surfaces	A surface extending outward and upward from the periphery of the horizontal surface at a slope of 20 to 1 for a horizontal distance of 4,000 feet.
Controlled Airspace	Airspace in which some or all aircraft may be subject to air traffic control to promote safe and expeditious flow of air traffic.
Critical/Design Aircraft	In airport design, the aircraft which controls one or more design items such as runway length, pavement strength, lateral separation, etc., for a particular airport. The same aircraft need not be critical for all design items.

Day Night Level (DNL)	24-hour average sound level, including a 10 decibel penalty for sound occurring between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM
Decibel	Measuring unit for sound based on the pressure level.
Design Type	The design type classification for an airport refers to the type of runway that the airport has based upon runway dimensions and pavement strength.
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	The federal agency responsible for the safety and efficiency of the national airspace and air transportation system.
FAR Part 77	A definition of the protected airspace required for the safe navigation of aircraft.
Fixed Base Operator (FBO)	An individual or company located at an airport and providing commercial general aviation services.
Fuel Flowage Fees	A fee charged by the airport owner based upon the gallons of fuel either delivered to the airport or pump at the airport.
General Aviation (GA)	All aviation activity in the United States, which is neither military nor conducted by major, national or regional airlines.
Glider	A heavier-than-air aircraft that is supported in flight by the dynamic reaction of the air against its lifting surfaces and whose free flight does not depend principally on an engine (FAR Part 1),
Global Positioning System (GPS)	The global positioning system is a space based navigation system, which has the capability to provide highly accurate three-dimensional position, velocity and time to an infinite number of equipped users anywhere on or near the Earth. The typical GPS integrated system will provide: position, velocity, time, altitude, groundspeed and ground track error, heading and variation. The GPS measures distance, which it uses to fix position, by timing a radio signal that starts at the satellite and ends at the GPS receiver. The signal carries with it, data that discloses satellite position and time of transmission and synchronizes the aircraft GPS system with satellite clocks.
Hazard to Air Navigation	An object which, as a result of an aeronautical study, the FAA determines will have a substantial adverse effect upon the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace by aircraft, operation of air navigation facilities or existing or potential airport capacity.
Horizontal Surface	A horizontal plane 150 feet above the established airport elevation, the perimeter which is constructed by swinging arcs of specified radii from the center of each end of the primary surface of each runway of each airport and connecting the adjacent arcs by lines tangent to those arcs.

Imaginary Surfaces	Surfaces established in relation to the end of each runway or designated takeoff and landing areas, as defined in paragraphs 77.25, 77.28 and 77.29 of FAR Part 77, <i>Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace</i> . Such surfaces include the approach, horizontal, conical, transitional, primary and other surfaces.
Itinerant Operations	All operations at an airport, which are not local operations.
Jet Noise	The noise generated externally to a jet engine in the turbulent jet exhaust.
Knots	Nautical miles per hour, equal 1.15 statute miles per hour.
Large Airplane	An airplane of more than 12,500 pounds maximum certified takeoff weight.
Local Operations	Operations by aircraft flying in the traffic pattern or within sight of the control tower, aircraft known to be arriving or departing from flight in local practice areas, or aircraft executing practice instrument approaches at the airport.
Location Identifier	A three-letter or other code, suggesting where practicable, the location name that it represents.
Maneuvering Area	That part of an airport to be used for the takeoff and landing of aircraft and for the movement of aircraft associated with takeoff and landing, excluding aprons.
Master Plan	A planning document prepared for an airport, which outlines directions and developments in detail for 5 years and less specifically for 20 years. The primary component of which is the Airport Layout Plan.
Mean/Maximum Temperature	The average of all the maximum temperatures usually for a given period of time.
Mean Sea Level (MSL)	Height above sea level.
Medium Intensity Runway Lights (MIRL)	For use on VFR runways or runway showing a nonprecision instrument flight rule (IFR) procedure for either circling or straight-in approach.
Minimum Altitude	That designated altitude below which an IFR pilot is not allowed to fly unless arriving or departing an airport or for specific allowable flight operations.

National Airspace System	The common network of United States airspace, navigation aids, communications facilities and equipment, air traffic control equipment and facilities, aeronautical charts and information, rules, regulations, procedures, technical information and FAA manpower and material.
National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS)	A plan prepared annually by the FAA which identifies, for the public, the composition of a national system of airports together with the airport development necessary to anticipate and meet the present and future needs of civil aeronautics, to meet requirements in support of the national defense and to meet the special needs of the Postal Service. The plan includes both new and qualitative improvements to existing airports to increase their capacity, safety, technological capability, etc.
NAVAID	A ground based visual or electronic device used to provide course or altitude information to pilots.
Noise	Defined subjectively as unwanted sound. The measurement of noise involve understanding three characteristics of sound: intensity, frequency and duration.
Noise Contours	Lines drawn about a noise source indicating constant energy levels of noise exposure. DNL is the measure used to describe community exposure to noise.
Noise Exposure Level	The integrated value, over a given period of time of a number of different events of equal or different noise levels and durations.
Non-Precision Instrument	A runway having an existing instrument approach procedure utilizing air navigation facilities with only horizontal guidance for which a straight-in nonprecision instrument approach procedure has been approved.
Notice to Airmen (NOTAM)	A notice containing information (not known sufficiently in advance to publicize by other means concerning the establishment, condition or change in any component (facility, service, or procedure) of or hazard in the National Airspace System, the timely knowledge of which is essential to personnel concerned with flight operations.
Object	Includes, but is not limited to, above ground structures, NAVAIDs, people, equipment, vehicles, natural growth, terrain and parked aircraft.
Object Free Area (OFA)	A two-dimensional ground area-surrounding runways, taxiways and taxilanes which is clear of objects except for object whose location is fixed by function.

Obstacle Free Zone (OFZ)	The airspace defined by the runway OFZ and, as appropriate, the inner-approach OFZ and the inner-transitional OFZ, which is clear of object penetrations other than frangible NAVAIDs.
Obstruction	An object which penetrates an imaginary surface described in the FAA's Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR), Part 77.
Parking Apron	An apron intended to accommodate parked aircraft.
Pattern	The configuration or form of a flight path flown by an aircraft or prescribed to be flown, as in making an approach to a landing
Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI)	The visual approach slope indicator system furnishes the pilot visual slope information to provide safe descent guidance. It provides vertical visual guidance to aircraft during approach and landing by radiating a directional pattern of high intensity red and white focused light beams which indicate to the pilot that they are "on path" if they see red/white, "above path" if they see white/white and "below path" if they see red/red.
Primary Surface	A surface longitudinally centered on a runway. When the runway has a specially prepared hard surface, the primary surface extends 200 feet beyond each end of that runway, but when the runway has no specially prepared hard surface, or planned hard surface, the primary surface ends at each end of that runway.
Rotating Beacon	A visual navaid operated at many airports. At civil airports, alternating white and green flashes indicate the location of the airport.
Runway	A defined rectangular surface on an airport prepared or suitable for the landing or takeoff of airplanes.
Runway End Identifier Lights (REIL)	REILs are flashing strobe lights which aid the pilot in identifying the runway end at night or in bad weather conditions.
Runway Gradient	The average gradient consisting of the difference in elevation of the two ends of the runway divided by the runway length may be used provided that no intervening point on the runway profile lies more than five feet above or below a straight line joining the two ends of the runway. In excess of five feet the runway profile will be segmented and aircraft data will be applied for each segment separately.
Runway Lighting System	A system of lights running the length of a system that may be either high intensity (HIRL), medium intensity (MIRL), or low intensity (LIRL).
Runway Orientation	The magnetic bearing of the centerline of the runway.

Runway Protection Zone (RPZ)	An area off the runway end used to enhance the protection of people and property on the ground.
Runway Safety Area (RSA)	A defined surface surrounding the runway prepared or suitable for reducing the risk of damage to airplanes in the event of an undershoot, overshoot, or excursion from the runway.
Segmented Circle	A basic marking device used to aid pilots in locating airports and which provides a central location for such indicators and signal devices as may be required.
Small Aircraft	An airplane of 12,500 pounds or less maximum certified takeoff weight.
Taxiway	A defined path established for the taxiing of aircraft from one part of an airport to another.
Terminal Area	The area used or intended to be used for such facilities as terminal and cargo buildings, gates, hangars, shops and other service buildings, automobile parking, airport motels, restaurants, garages and automobile services and a specific geographical area within which control of air traffic is exercised.
Threshold	The beginning of that portion of the runway available for landing.
Touch and Go Operations	Practice flight performed by a landing touch down and continuous takeoff without stopping.
Traffic Pattern	The traffic flow that is prescribed for aircraft landing at, taxiing on or taking off from an airport. The usual components are the departure, crosswind, downwind, and base legs; and the final approach.
Transitional Surface	These surfaces extend outward and upward at right angles to runway centerline extended at a slope of 7 to 1 from the sides of the primary surface and from the sides of the approach surfaces.
Universal Communications (UNICOM)	A private aeronautical advisory communications facility for purpose other than air traffic control. Only one such station is authorized in any landing area. Service available are advisory in nature primarily concerning the airport services and airport utilization. Locations and frequencies of UNICOMs are listed on aeronautical charts and publications.
Visual Flight Rules (VFR)	Rules that govern flight procedures under visual conditions.
Visual Runway	A runway intended for visual approaches only with no straight-in instrument approach procedure either existing or planned for that runway.