

City of Chewelah
Airport Land Use Compatibility Study
Workshop
June 30, 2021 from 5:30pm- 6:30pm

Question & Answer

Question 1: How will the areas impacted by the airport overlay in the County be addressed in this project?

Answer: This will be up to the County as it is outside of the city's jurisdiction.

Question 2: How will the City address the existing Log Slash that has been left from the Logging?

Answers: This hasn't been the highest priority this summer, but the city plans to clean it up. Part of the log slashes are not on city property. Many of the big slash piles that were on the city's property have been cleaned up.

Question 3: How will this project change the housing character along Richmond Lane and in other areas of the golf course neighborhood?

Answer: City Council will be charged with any comp plan amendment and/or zoning regulations. The City is not anticipating any significant change on the west side of the run way where lots are already platted. Those existing lots should be able to develop in the same fashion as others on the west side. On the east side of the runway there may be impacts that are still undetermined.

Question 3: How the new zoning regulations will be implemented for infill development on the west side of the runway? How will the regulations be implemented for new infill development?

Answer: In reading the WSDOT Guidelines the interpretation is that the zoning would not change the ability for anyone to develop on those platted lots.

Question 4: Will this study be implementing all of the land use compatibility tools mentioned in the presentation? And if not all of them which ones?

Answer: We don't anticipate that all of the land use compatibility tools will be implemented as part of this study.

Question 5: Reading the compatibility guidance gives you a much more restrictive sense of what's in allowed than what I'm hearing in this workshop and other meetings. Is it relatively common for small communities to have residential development around the airport? Is there any concern about WSDOT acting contrary to their guidance?

Answer: The guidance is there for safety reasons. Cities do have flexibility in what they adopt and how they implement the guidance. The process for this project is to vet the guidance based on the specific characteristics of the Chewelah Airport and other factors unique to the area.