

VOLUNTARY NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURE

Federal regulations restrict airport operators from imposing restrictions that may reduce airport access, such as curfews, limitations on hours of operation or bans on aircraft types. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is the only agency with the authority to direct or control aircraft in flight.

Stevens Field noise levels and their subsequent impact do not meet requirements to be considered “significant” by the FAA, therefore major changes in airport status are unlikely.

Archuleta County Airport - Stevens Field has developed the following voluntary noise abatement procedure in an effort to be responsive to the concerns of our neighbors, and to minimize the impact of aircraft operations on the community.



ARCHULETA COUNTY AIRPORT, STEVENS FIELD

SUBJECT: Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedure

Safety is Archuleta County Airport - Stevens Field’s first priority. Nothing in this procedure is meant to override safety of flight or authority of the Pilot-in-Command.

DEPARTURES: Pilots should utilize the full length of the runway for takeoff.

Aircraft departing RW19 should climb to a safe altitude and turn left to a southeast heading. Then, continue to climb at best rate until reaching at least 1000’AGL and departing the area. This will mitigate noise and reduce overflight of the residential area directly south of the Airport.

ARRIVALS: All arrivals should delay descent to pattern altitude until entering the traffic pattern.