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The Honorable Alonza Ellis Jr
Chairman, Bullock County Commission
P.O. Box 522
Union Springs, Alabama 36089

Subject: Annual Inspection Report
Franklin Field Airport (Union Springs)

Dear Chairman Ellis:

An inspection of the Franklin Field Airport was conducted by personnel of the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on November 18, 2022. The purpose of the inspection was to update the information currently on file regarding the airport and to ascertain compliance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Transportation governing licensed public-use airports within the State of Alabama.

Attached you will find a copy of the Annual Inspection Report. As noted in the report, the airport ***does not meet*** the requirements for the issuance of an operating license. Once the hole in the Runway Safety Area has been filled and violations have been addressed, please contact this office to schedule a re-inspection.

If you should have any questions concerning the inspection or corrective actions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Taylor Janney or Mr. Bennett Head with the Aeronautics Bureau at (334) 242-6820.

Sincerely,

Frank Farmer
Chief, Aeronautics Bureau

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Mr. Thomas Main, Franklin Field Municipal Airport

November 18, 2022



**Franklin Field Airport
Union Springs, Alabama**

Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau—Annual Airport Inspection Report

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Alabama 23-1-357, an inspection of the **Franklin Field Airport** was conducted by **Mr. Bennett Head** and **Mr. Taylor Janney** with the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on **November 18, 2022**.

The inspection was conducted on the airport under the provisions of the Administrative Code Chapter 450-9-1 for the following areas:

Aeronautics Administrative Code	Inspection Results	Corrective Action	Notes
Approach & Departure Paths Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (1)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Primary Surface Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (2)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Runway Safety Area Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (3)	<i>VIOLATION</i>	Fill hole to comply with state licensing standards.	Hole next to threshold lights is considered a safety concern.
Airport Markings Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (4)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Wind Direction Indicator Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (5)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Airport Lighting Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (6)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Replace Inoperable/ Broken Fixtures.	Three RWY lights out, one broken. Five TXY lights out. two threshold lights out.
Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (7)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
Fueling Area Requirements Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (8)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Fire Extinguishers need expiration date tag to ensure they are operational.	There is no indication of expiration date on fire extinguishers.
Prohibited Activities Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	No prohibited activities were observed during this inspection
Additional Items	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Repair Safety Fence that has fallen over.	A tree has fallen over onto the Airports Safety fence.

License Status—SUSPENDED

The corrective actions that may be prescribed in this inspection report do not relieve the airport sponsor from compliance with any other Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or regulations that may be applicable. It is the responsibility of the airport sponsor to be aware of and obey all Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or regulations that may have a bearing on the corrective actions that may be specified in this report.

Code of Alabama 23-1-357(a)... a person or municipality may not operate an airport, restricted landing area, or other navigation facility without a license issued by this Department.

Franklin Field Airport

Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 14

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(1)



There are no obstructions in the ALDOT 20:1 Approach/
Departure Path.

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Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 32

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(1)



There are no obstructions in the ALDOT 20:1 Approach/
Departure Path.

Franklin Field Airport

Primary Surface

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(2)



Meets State Licensing Standards.

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Runway Safety Area

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(3)



VIOLATION: Hole in Runway Safety Area should be filled for safety concerns.

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Airport Markings

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(4)



Runway markings are in **GOOD** condition.

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Wind Direction Indicator

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(5)



Wind direction indicator is in **GOOD** condition.

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Airport Lighting

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(6)

An inspection of the lighting system had the following results:

Runway Lights	3 inoperable, 1 broken
Taxiway Lights	5 inoperable
Threshold Lights	2 inoperable
PAPI	N/A
REIL	0 inoperable

Meets State Licensing Standards for night-time operation.

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Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—RUNWAY

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Runway surface is in **GOOD** condition.

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Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—TAXIWAY

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Taxiway surface is in **GOOD** condition.

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Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—APRON

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Apron surface is in **GOOD** condition.

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Fueling Area Requirements

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(8)



Maintenance: Fueling area should be clear of trash bags.

There is no indication of expiration date on fire extinguishers to ensure they are operational.

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Prohibited Activities

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16



No prohibited activities were observed during this inspection.

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Additional Items



Maintenance: Security fence is damaged from tree that has fallen over.

FRANKLIN FIELD AIRPORT
Union Springs, AL
November 18, 2022
RWY 32 Obstruction Evaluation

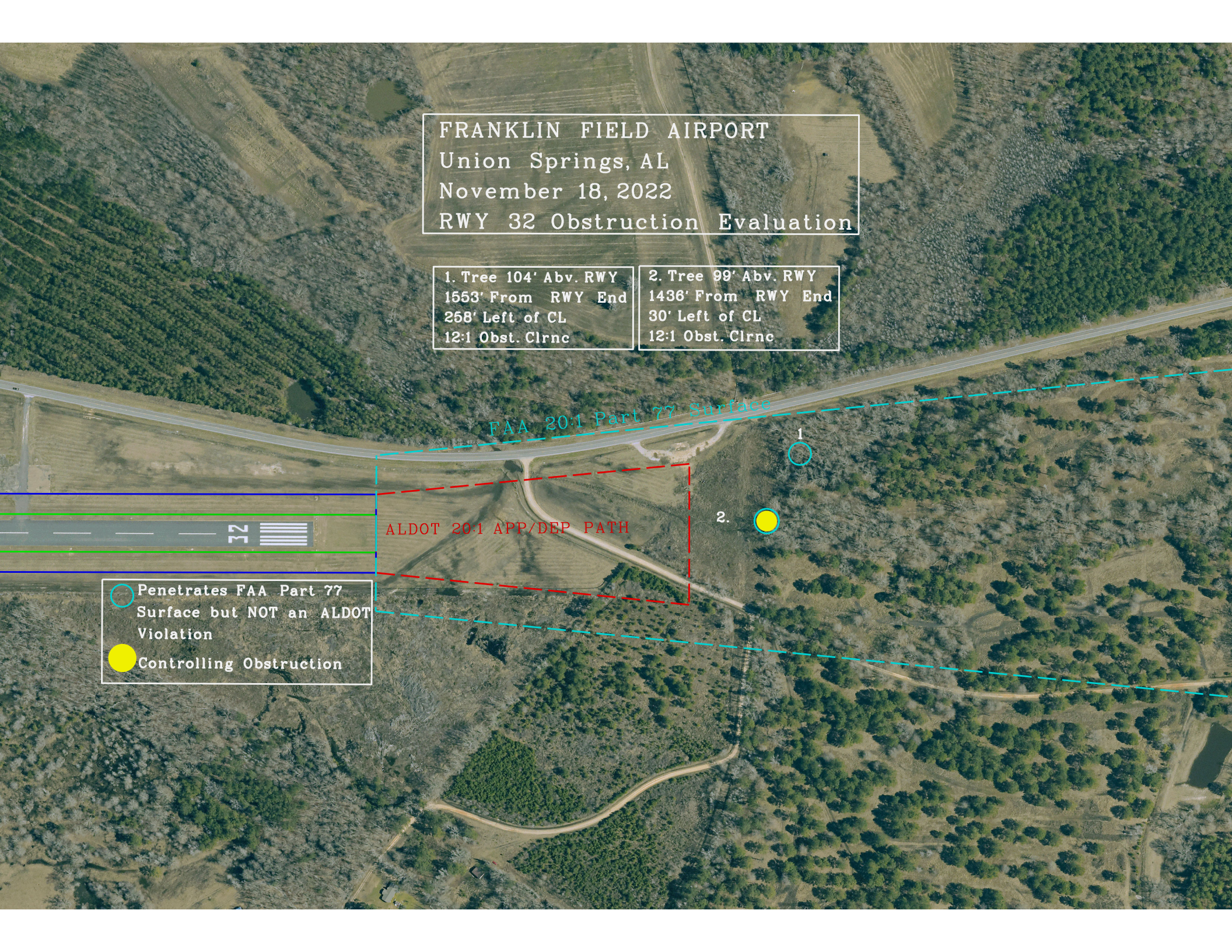
1. Tree 104' Abv. RWY
1553' From RWY End
258' Left of CL
12:1 Obst. Clrnc

2. Tree 99' Abv. RWY
1436' From RWY End
30' Left of CL
12:1 Obst. Clrnc

FAA 20.1 Part 77 Surface

ALDOT 201 APP/DEP PATH

- Penetrates FAA Part 77 Surface but NOT an ALDOT Violation
- Controlling Obstruction



Franklin Field Airport
Union Springs, AL
November 18, 2022
RWY 14 Obstruction Evaluation

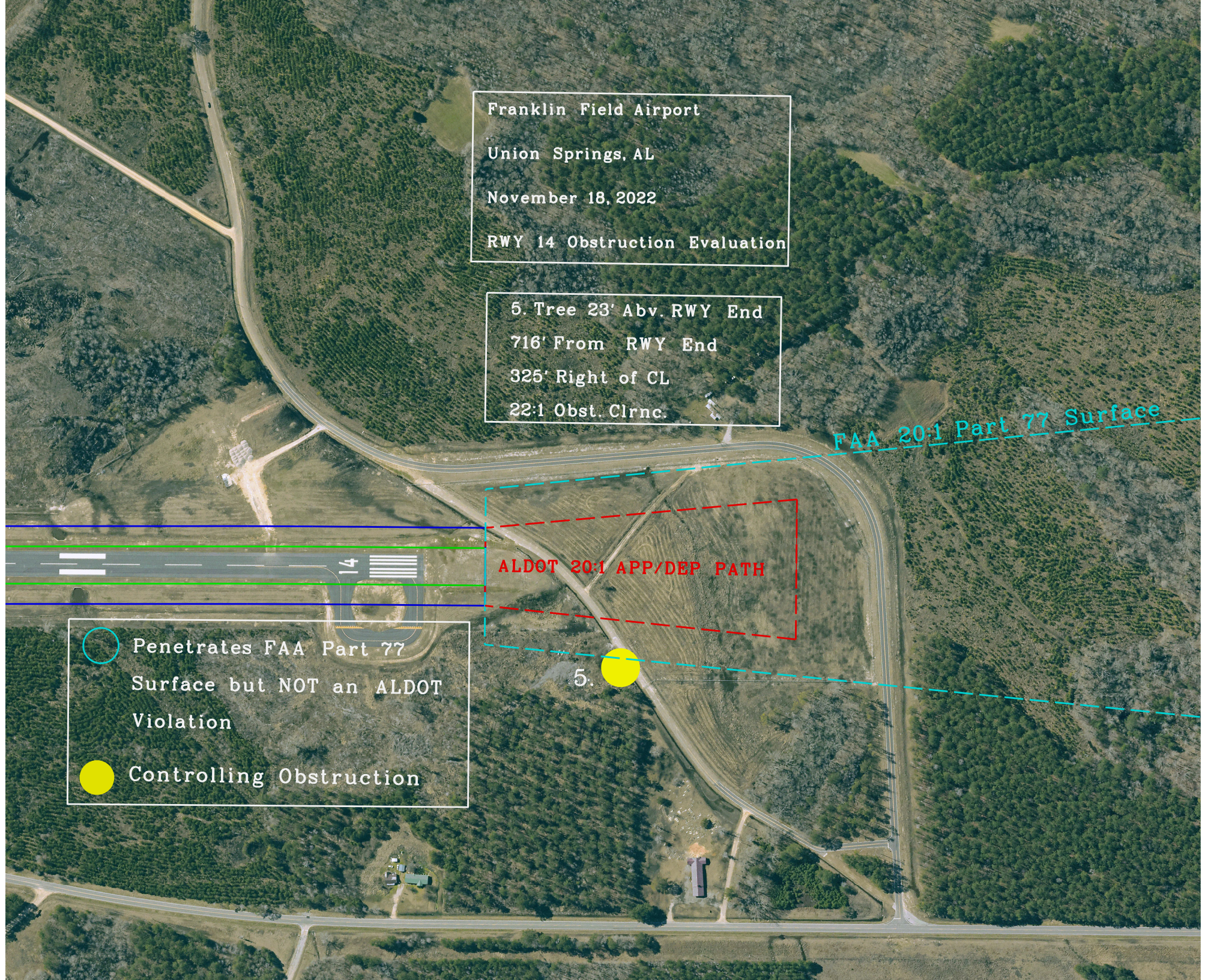
5. Tree 23' Abv. RWY End
716' From RWY End
325' Right of CL
22:1 Obst. Clrnc.

FAA 20:1 Part 77 Surface

ALDOT 20:1 APP/DEP PATH

○ Penetrates FAA Part 77
Surface but NOT an ALDOT
Violation
● Controlling Obstruction

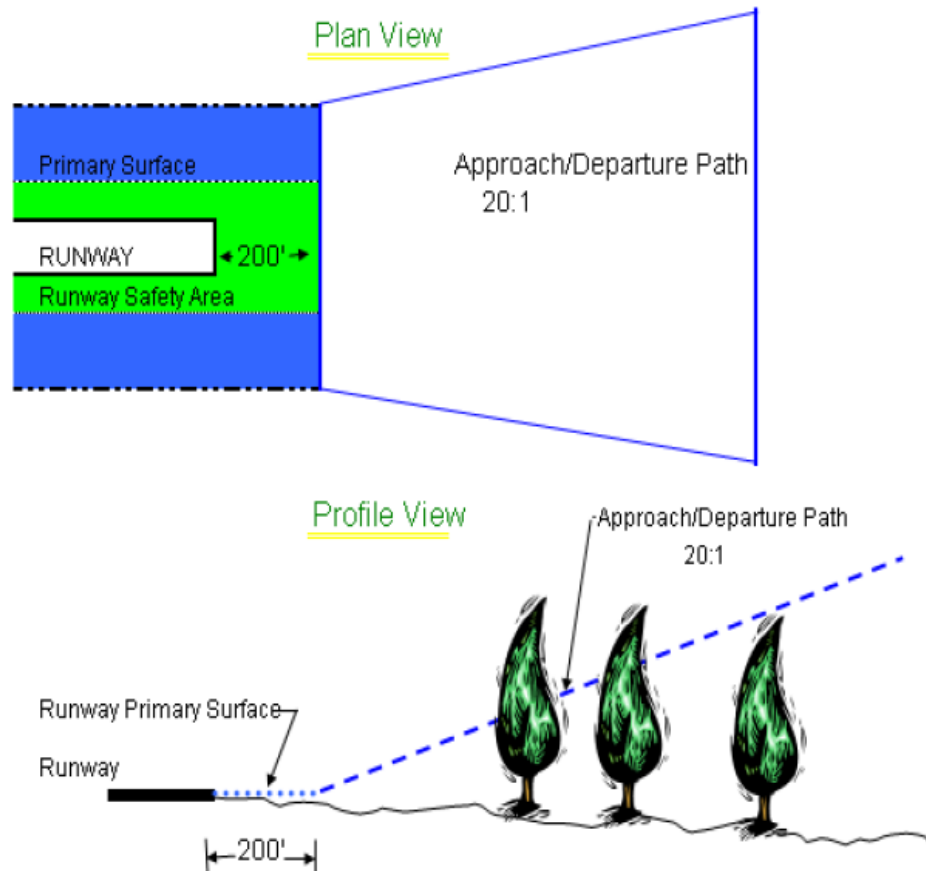
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Franklin Field Airport

Appendix 1

Approach and Departure Path Dimensions			
Inner Width	Outer Width	Length	Acreage
250 Feet	450 Feet	1,000 Feet	8.04 Acres
Primary Surface Dimensions			
250 Feet Wide Centered Along Runway Centerline Extending 200 Feet Past the Runway End			
Runway Safety Area Dimensions			
120 Feet Wide Centered Along Runway Centerline Extending 200 Feet Past the Runway End			



END OF REPORT