



Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell
STATE OF ALASKA

August 21, 2012

Mr. Don R. Hartsell
Commissioner and Managing Director
World Air League
P.O. Box 550045
Houston, Texas 77055

Re: World Sky Race

Dear Commissioner Hartsell,

As an advocate for airships and what they can do for Alaska, I commend you on your accomplishments in organizing the inaugural World Sky Race of airships.

The World Sky Race brings economic development, tourism and educational programming to each venue it touches. It will help Alaska manage infrastructure costs and foster technology deployment. But it is the grandness of watching this unique competition of aerial giants that captivates and thrills the imagination; it is an uplifting cause for celebration.

You are welcome to consider our state as a stop on the World Sky Race. Alaska can provide majestic vistas of rugged mountain ranges, dynamic glaciers, temperate rainforests, and wild coastlines – including Glacier Bay – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Alaskans would be proud to showcase our native ancestry and frontier spirit.

The State of Alaska and its citizens offer their hospitality and support as you work to make the World Sky Race a memorable event for the world to watch. We would welcome all the daring competitors as they chase the crown of the first World Sky Champion.

As fellow members of the Explorers Club, you and I share a bond in pushing boundaries, and I wish you continued success in this expeditionary journey.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Mead Treadwell, written in a cursive style.

Mead Treadwell

Thanks for making a reconnaissance visit!