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**Subject:** Thun Field Airport tour of January 14  
**Attachments:** Airport Entrance.pdf; Four gate photos.pdf

Greetings, Pierce County Council Members;

Attached please find some photographs I took for you, as a preview of items you must not miss on your tour of Thun Field on the 14th! You will likely hear from your tour guide how wonderful the security is out here, so I ask you to keep these items in mind during your tour.

In the airport entrance photo: You will see the buildings that can be accessed without having to go through the security gates; these include (left to right)Seattle Turbine Parts, Spanaflight, the airport office, The Hangar Inn Restaurant, and Spencer Aircraft / SimFlight Center. Yes, it is true what I have told you; these businesses have unfettered access available for folks that want to come to the airport to spend their money, whereas my business and others don't benefit from that access.

In Four Gate Photos:

#1 is a view looking north from inside the south gate. The red box that was drawn depicts the coverage area for the sensors in the ground to open the gate to let traffic out. Please note that incoming traffic is required to stop clear of the sensors and allow the gate to close before proceeding, supposedly blocking the gate. You will also note that traffic entering the secured portion of the airport here can either go straight south or turn east (right in the photo). It is impossible to 'block' the area so a vehicle doesn't 'piggy-back' through and around. Also of note, to the west (left in the photo) of this gate there is a ditch the fence goes over, leaving a large gap that intruders could penetrate the security.

#2 is a view of the north gate from outside; same red box depiction, also note once again the road splits making it impossible for the planned action of blocking unwanted guests from entering the airport.

#3 is the typical walk-through gate 'securing' the ramp area. Two easy ways to defeat this gate would be access to the latch to simply push the latch back (note there is no entrance-deterrent plate over the latch) or simply pushing the fence post at the latch side of the gate to the right. Although not photographed, please also note the deck area of the restaurant has direct ramp access, also.

#4 would be the unlocked gate in the low fence between the airport office (on the left) and the Spanaflight building.

I encourage all of your participation in this tour that highlights the Airport Administrator's horribly misguided attempt at securing this airport with penetration flaws and also the bias shown to certain businesses.

I look forward to meeting with you; I understand that at approximately 2:30 pm you will be visiting the south area of the airport.

Regards,

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