Subject: parking lot south of helipad

In the EMS industry, helicopters are used as an enteric asset in the ambulance arena. Today helicopters land in places that do not afford emergency safe landing areas. We were asked to evaluate the request to put trees along side the light poles.

After reviewing the plans for the new parking lot we think putting trees in along with the light poles could create an undo safety hazard. Our take off and landing path is over the parking lot therefore it is our emergency landing area in case of emergency. If we have to make an emergency landing we would have to maneuver around cars and light poles to make a safe landing, adding trees would only make it more difficult to complete a safe landing. With the close proximity of people, we at Lifeflight request that the areas around the helipad, approach and takeoff areas be free of trees, which would help reduce the hazards that already exist.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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