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Subject: 2022 5010-1 Airport Inspection conducted May 16, 2022.
(04134.*A American Falls American Falls Airport)



Hi Dallen,

On May 16, 2022, I visited the airport to conduct the FAA 5010-1 Airport Safety Data Inspection. These inspections are performed under contract with the FAA on a three-year cycle. The completed process updates the Airport Master Record (FAA Form 5010) and several connected publications supporting the FAA and the National Airspace System (NAS). I have summarized the inspection findings below:

Runway (3-21): The runway surface was in fair to good condition and displays fair markings. While the runway markings are visible from the air, the centerline marking is anything but straight. I hope that when you do your runway rehab project the contractors will be able to get the centerline a little straighter. Approaches to each runway end continue to remain unchanged - free of obstructions.

Taxiway/Ramp/Tie-downs: The parallel taxiway was in fair to good condition and displayed fair markings. The ramp area had plenty of tie down chains; of the 6 parking spots I counted, 5

had chains present and available. The taxiway was not equipped with lights – only reflectors. I think that I counted 3-4 broken reflectors; those should be replaced as soon as you are able to.

Windsock/Standard/Segmented Circle: At your airfield, I saw two windsocks and one tetrahedron on the premises. I rated the main windsock (close to the Rwy end 21) condition as good as it showed good color and fabric with no rips or tears. The standard was sturdy and had good white paint coverage. There was no segmented circle present. The tetrahedron was in good condition; the system had lights and it was working as intended. This navaid had good visibility and was easily detectable from the air. The other windsock that was on top of the hangar/pilot's lounge, was also in good condition and had no rips or tears.

Lighting: The light fixtures were in good physical condition and operational. All lights came on when I used my handheld radio and turned them on.

Miscellaneous/Services: Overall, the airfield was decent; the one thing that really jumped at me was how crooked the centerline was. During our discussion you mentioned that you just got word from Aero that your runway rehab project was approved. I am sure that you will be able to fix the centerline during the rehab project. Rotating beacon and signs around the airport were good. I saw no other new safety concerns or hazards that need to be addressed. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me and we can chat. Have a great day.



Sincerely,

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