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Miles Hancock – Unit Aviation Manager.
Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla National Forest
59973 Downs Rd.
La Grande, OR 97850

SUBJECT: 2020 5010-1 Airport Inspection conducted August 26, 2020.
(04235.9*A Lucille Big Bar USFS)

Hi Miles,

On September 11, 2020, I visited the airport to conduct the 5010 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. I have summarized the inspection findings below:

Runway: 17-35

At the time of the inspection the rwy was in fair condition. Not the smoothest surface and presented a few undulations during landing; take off was equally rough. The strip could use a mowing as vegetation was not very thick but was 15 to 20' tall and full of rather large size scary looking spiders. Outside the 15'-18' center portion used for landing, there are a bunch of larger size rocks hidden in the taller grass – some are painted white, and some are not. Rwy is only marked with white painted rock boundary markers at Rwy 17 only.

Tie downs: The tie down area was not clearly marked, but in the vicinity of the windsock and to the North of it, there is enough space to park at least 4-5 airplanes. I saw no chains present anywhere. The area was decent and fairly smooth for aircraft to maneuver in and out of there.

Windsock/Standard: The windsock was in good condition and displayed no rips or tears. The windsock standard was in good condition and displayed good white/orange paint. There was no segmented circle present at this facility.

Boundary Markers: The existing rock boundary markers (BMs) located only at rwy end 17 are non-standard but have good paint are visible on final approach from about a 1/4mi out.

Miscellaneous/Services: I saw no other significant changes or safety concerns with this airfield. If you have any questions, please feel free to call anytime at 208-334-8895. Have a great day.



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Sincerely,

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