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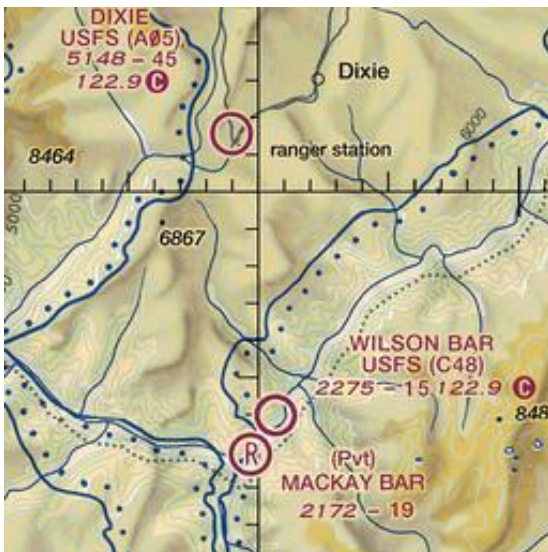
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SUBJECT: 2023 5010-1 Airport Inspection conducted July 26, 2023.  
(04179. A Dixie Dixie USFS)



Hello Willy,

It was good to see you and meet your new SEAT Base Manager – Brian. It was good chatting with you both and as always, I enjoy learning about USFS operations and all that goes into fighting fires; you all have my respect for the hard work that you guys do, season after season. As you remember, on July 26, 2023, I visited Dixie 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. I have summarized the inspection findings below:

**Runway 18-36:** Overall, the turf airstrip is in good shape and presents a smooth and even surface, with no major undulations to speak of. The rodent activity is visible every so often but is still very insignificant. Overall, the rwy. had good vegetation control - growth was well maintained and by the look of things, at the south end of the runway, you could tell it was recently mowed. Grass did not exceed 8-10" tall. There were no changes to the approaches at this airport; both remain relatively clear and unchanged since the last airfield inspection in 2020.





**Tiedowns:** The main aircraft parking area was located at midfield, just north of the USFS helipad and on the west side of the runway. The area was large enough to park a few airplanes (3-4) and it had good vegetation control; no ropes or chains to secure aircraft were seen in the area.





**Boundary markers:** The wood beams boundary markers displayed a small and non-standard size visual aid, but something is better than nothing. Although small, they were made of solid wood and displayed good paint coverage. Still not required but finding a way to enlarge the footprint of the markers would be beneficial as it would make the airfield that much more conspicuous from the air. Vegetation around the markers was in great condition.



**Windsock/Standard/Segmented Circle:** You have three windsocks at this airstrip. All the windsocks were in good condition and all of them displayed good color, no rips, or tears. All standards were in good mechanical order and displayed great orange and white paint. The windsock located at midfield



and on the east side of the runway, was the only one with the unpainted metal standard and made of galvanized pipe. This was the only visual aid that had some sort of segmented circle made from pressure treated, unpainted wood beams. In its current unpainted condition – the segmented circle blends too much in with the surrounding dry grass and is very difficult to see from the air, therefore, I recommend a fresh coat of either white or white/orange alternating color paint on the structure.



**Action items:**

1. Paint the wood beam segmented circle, on the east side/mid-field windsock, with white paint.  
Not visible from the air.

**Miscellaneous/Signs:** All airport-related signs were upright, legible, and firmly mounted on solid stakes. This airstrip is located directly to the west of the USFS work camp facilities and approximately 5 mi South of Dixie, ID. Overall, the airstrip is in good shape and I saw no other significant changes or safety concerns with this airfield. If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to call me anytime. Take care Willy and have a blessed day.



Sincerely,

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