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Subject: 2022 5010-1 Airport Inspection conducted July 14, 2022.  
(04194.9\*A Fish Lake Fish Lake Airstrip)



Dear Willy,

On July 14, 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:

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**Runway (rwy):** Overall, the turf airstrip looked good from the air and you could make out the rwy very easily thanks to the awesome white cones you installed 3 yrs ago. The rwy surface is not the smoothest as it still had some undulations to it and a good size hump in the vicinity of the midfield where it gave us a good jolt upward as we went over it. There were signs of some small rodent holes scattered around, but nothing excessive. Overall, the grass height was anywhere between 7 and 10'tall and did not present much of a challenge. The controlling obstructions remain the same and unchanged – trees, at both ends of the runway.

**Tiedowns:** The aircraft parking area was located close to the midfield. There was room to park a few airplanes but I did not see any chains or ropes installed to secure airplanes visiting there.

**Boundary markers:** The large white cone runway markers were in good shape and did a great job outlining the airstrip. They were nice, large enough, and very visible from the air. One of the cones at rwy end 5 (left side of center line) was removed and I found it slightly bent and deformed some 100' away from where it was initially installed. I was able to straighten it and bring it back/re-install it in its original place.

**Windsock/Standard/Segmented Circle:** Of the two windsocks at this airstrip – the one close to the midfield and next to the aircraft parking area, was ripped to shreds. I tried to replace it with a new one but was unable to do so – did not have the necessary tools required for the new standard you have there. However, I left you a brand new windsock with zip ties up at the Cabin – I placed it in between the front window and the snow covers to the left of the main door. The windsock closest to the lake was in good condition so I left it alone. Both metal standards were in excellent condition and had a good display of white and aviation orange paint. Neither windsock had a segmented circle present.

**Miscellaneous:** Overall, the airstrip was decent and as always a pleasure to come and visit. However, this visit was cut short by the unusual high number of bugs and insects flying around. It was a complete infestation and by the next day after the inspection I couldn't understand why I had 8 welts on and my arms were itching like crazy. Anyway, I saw no other safety concerns or issues worth addressing. Please feel free to call me anytime should you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance to you. Thanks and have a great day.

Sincerely,

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