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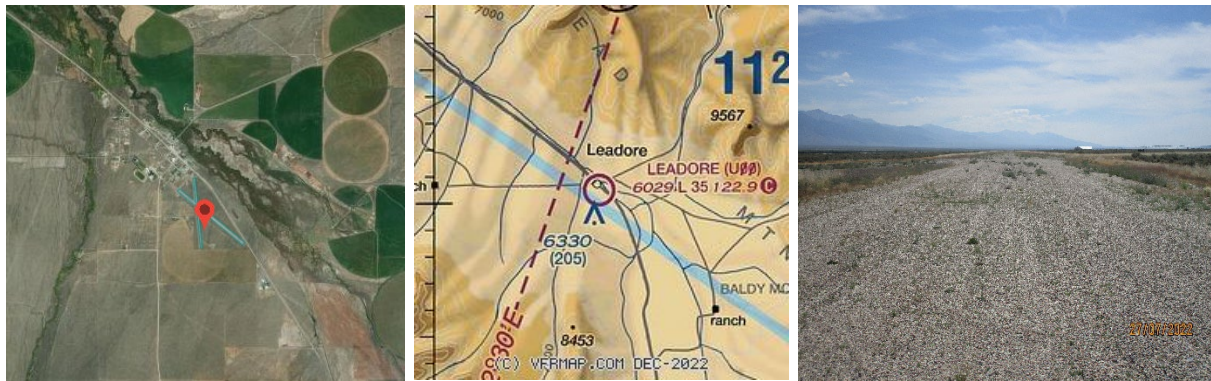
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Subject: 2022 5010-1 Airport Inspection conducted July 27, 2022.
(04232.6*A Leadore Airport (U00) Leadore, ID)



Hello Robert,

On July 27, 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 11-29: The 3500' runway 11/29 is no longer asphalt and it is now just gravel for the first 2300' and dirt after that. Runway surface is in fair condition and I rated it as such. Considering all that asphalt removal you guys did over there in the last 3 years, the surface condition was decent, certainly much better than it was when the asphalt was flaking off and chunks of flying debris was previously the norm. Vegetation is making its way back onto the runway....any preventive spraying to keep the weeds in check will keep your maintenance efforts to a minimum much more so than otherwise. If you could have it mowed that would help too. The lighting system you have left at this airport, is not much of a system or doing much today - and it wasn't doing much 3 years ago either. I think I saw just a handful of lights still present along the edges of the runway, regardless I annotated the Master Record to reflect "Lights are INOP indefinitely". Also during my walk around, I saw no rodent activity or holes

present on the runway. The controlling obstructions at both ends of the rwy remain the same and unchanged – a pole at rwy end 11 and the fence at rwy end 29.

Runway 16-34: This turf runway was closed and it was indicated so by the large sheet metal X markings on both ends. The current Xs are approximately 32'x2' and silver in color. My suggestion would be, if you can, to make them a bit larger and paint them yellow (suggestion a 50'x3' or 50'x4' would work much better)...for additional info, see the FAA guidance on color and dimensions listed in Advisory Circular AC150/5340-1L Appendix A, Figure A-27 – Closed Runways and Taxiway Markings.

Boundary Markers (BMs): This airfield had some sort of piled rock boundary markers at the south end of rwy 34 but it is not very conspicuous as they are overgrown by 12-18" tall grasses. They should be sprayed to kill the vegetation-not only in the rocks but also a good 2ft perimeter around the rocks.

Taxiway/Ramps/Tie-downs: The parking and tie down area was nice and clean, and free of vegetation. During my walk around, I saw no tie down chains or any other securing devices of any kind.

Windsock/Standard/Segmented Circle: The windsock at this airstrip was relocated from the west end of the airport to the midfield and south side of rwy 11-29. I found it to be in good condition – windsock had good color, no rips or tears. The metal standard was in good condition too, but was still in the installation process and had a decent amount of white and orange paint left. There was no segmented circle present. Maybe, that would be the next improvement to be done at this airfield ??? For additional info on segmented circle see FAA AC150/5340-5D or see attached State guidelines – Ch 412: Segmented Circle Markers and that will walk you through everything you need to know.

Miscellaneous/Summary: The airport, in general, is coming along in a positive direction. You guys have cleaned up the left over asphalt that was burned up along the edges of the 11-29 runway, have relocated the windsock, have installed a rotating beacon, and closed off runway 16-34.....all good things Going forward, gaining county and users/community support and buy-in for any improvements continues to remain crucial. Keep in touch with our Airport Planning and Development section at Div. of Aeronautics and folks there can help or guide you through whatever necessary steps you need to take, if any. For information or guidance on the grant programs, please contact project manager Jennifer Schildgen at 208-334-8640, or by email at jennifer.schildgen@itd.idaho.gov.

No other safety concerns or issues were observed. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 208-334-8895.

Sincerely,

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