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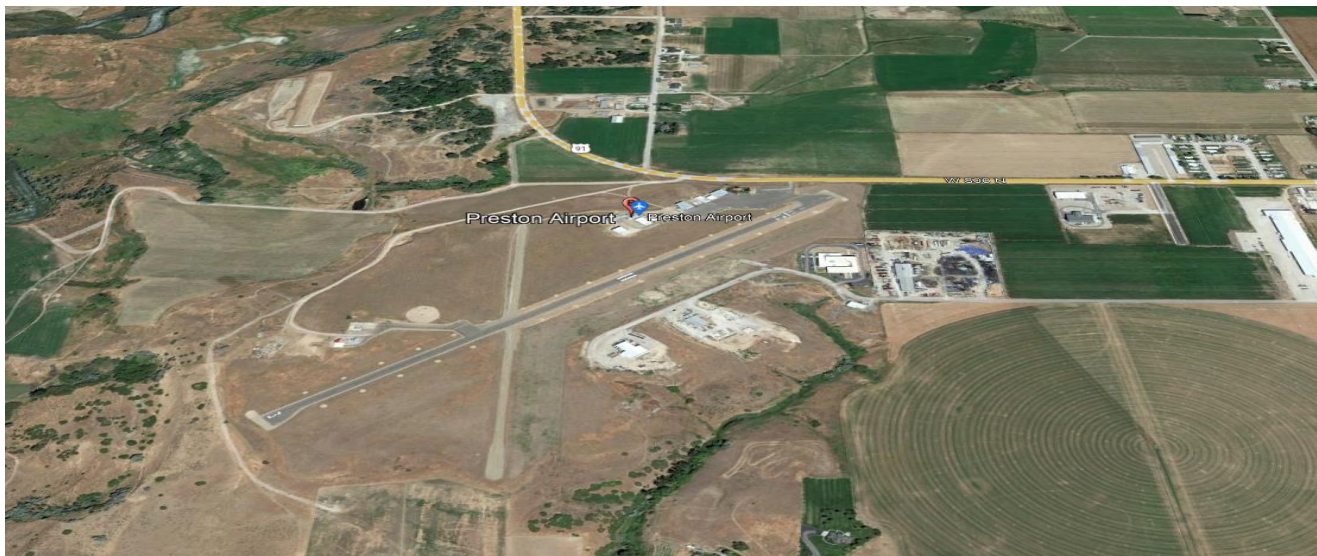
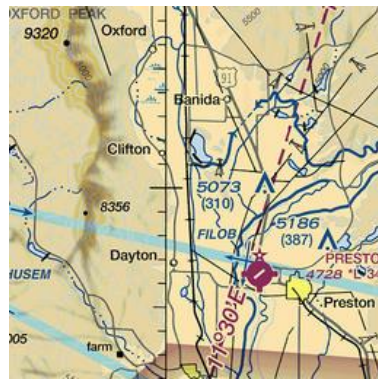
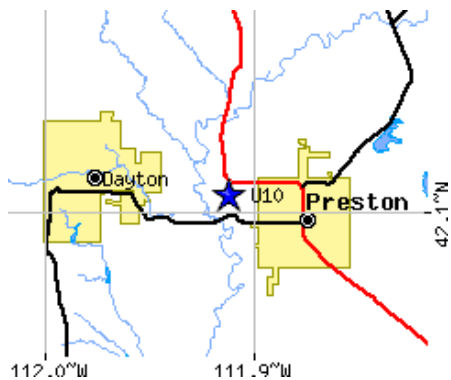
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Subject: 2023 5010-1 Airport Inspection conducted May 24, 2023.
(04296.A Preston Preston Airport)



Hi Craig,

On May 24, 2023, 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. I have summarized the inspection findings below:

Runway 4-22:

At the time of the inspection, the runway pavement condition was in great shape. Everything from surface condition, rwy numbers and centerline markings, lights and vegetation control were all in good condition and very visible. Runway edges were strong and with no evidence of crumbling. The immediate area surrounding the runway, was vegetation free and the infield areas were nicely mowed. All the lights came on when verified with the hand-held radio and noticed one light fixture was down/broken close to rwy end 04. I noticed that the PAPI lights from rwy end 22 were not working; make sure you NOTAM them out and get them fixed asap. Other than that, there were no changes to the approaches at this airport; both remain relatively clear and unchanged since the last inspection.



Action items:

1. Get PAPI lights at rwy end 22 back in working order as soon as it is practical,
2. Fix broken rwy light fixture close to rwy end 04,
3. Replace the 2x burnt out light bulbs for the PAPI syst at rwy end 04.

Runway 16-34: This secondary unimproved runway is primarily used by the crop dusters and by the fat tire guys/taildragger community. I found this runway to be in good condition overall and was fairly smooth and without any major undulations for being a gravel surface. Vegetation was well under control and there were no markings, lights, or boundary markers on this runway.



Taxiway/Ramp/Tiedowns: The older portion of the taxiway and ramp area appear to be in fair condition. It is noticeable the pavement is older and has a few good years on it. In some areas the surface shows a few random and untreated cracks but no weeds growing through them. Also, small and localized depressions are visible in front of the tie-downs. The markings were fair and will take you through one or two more years, but eventually the whole ramp area will need some TLC, maintenance and some fresh paint. Vegetation was well maintained and under control around this area. The tie-down markings are barely visible and of the approximately 9 parking spaces, I counted, all nine had tie down chains present and available for use. I rated the ramp area as fair.



Windsock/Standard/Segmented Circle: All the windsocks were in good condition and displayed very little fading and no tears. All the light fixtures attached to the standards appeared to be in good mechanical order - solid, functional, and displayed good orange paint color. The segmented circle – made from white and blue plastic barrels, was clean of vegetation and provided a solid contrast that made it easily identifiable and very visible from the air. The wind T was the only thing that could use a little TLC and a coat of fresh, orange paint, as it appeared very faded. The T appeared to be functioning well.



Miscellaneous/Services: All airport-related signs were upright, legible, and seemed to be in good working order. The rotating beacon appeared to be functional and in good condition – I was not able to verify it during this visit, however, I did speak with a local pilot and he confirmed that it was working. Also, the fuel pump and the surrounding area appeared to be well maintained and in good working order.



I saw no other significant changes or safety concerns with this airport. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime via:

email: flo.ghighina@itd.idaho.gov or at the office: 208-334-8895. Have a great day.

Sincerely,

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