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Subject: ANC23LA002 Pilot's communication with FSS

Contact: FSS Audio recording

Summary of Alaska Flight Service Station (FSS) audio recording with accident pilot.

Preflight:

Pilot called around 2020 UTC... weather briefer runs through the AIRMETs for IFR/mountain obscuration, icing, turb, looking at the FAA weather cameras for Cape Yakutaga... little bit of winds at Cordova (PACV)... it is IFR at PACV... VFR flight not recommended... should go back to MVFR after 1600 AKDT... briefer says "probably not the best day for this (your) flight..." around 2022 UTC in the briefing... next few days going to remain the same...

Pilot says having trouble hearing and going to pick up FSS on frequency...

No other contact with N3432W on preflight

In flight 1:

Pilot request weather briefing at 2024 UTC, Pilot receives amended weather briefing, current weather and forecast weather, the Yakutat (PAYA) METAR and PACV METAR. "VFR not recommend in the Cordova area," the METAR for the Birchwood area. AIRMETs. Pilot asks for icing level, FSS says 4k in PACV and Anchorage (PANC) area... no tops reports (PIREPs)... forecast getting worse in PAYA... same in PACV until 1600 AKDT then better... birchwood worse after 1600AKDT....Pilot asks for altimeter between PAYA and PACV...

The pilot files and then says will get on radio if anything changes...Planned departure for 1300 AKDT (2100 UTC)...Briefer calls back with no response from pilot... gets him at 2042 UTC... fuel on board question...accident pilot departs...

In flight 2:

PIREP given to PACV bound AK 66 flight....

Accident pilot checks in at 2226:12 UTC with inflight 2.. giving update on position and wants an update on Anchorage area weather. ELT is heard going off at 2226:53 UTC.