

Sorensen Tim

From: Shorty Whittington [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 3:06 PM
To: Sorensen Tim
Subject: FW: HLB Airport

From: French, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 2:22 PM
To: Shorty Whittington [REDACTED]
Cc: Blake, Martin [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: HLB Airport

Shorty –

Thank you for your voicemail informing us of the Batesville Airport closure. As long as the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) for the closure remains active and the runway is marked with the appropriate closure markings, no immediate action is required. Please keep us informed regarding the next phase of the airport as an FAA 7480-1 form will need to eventually be completed if the closure becomes permanent.

Regards,

Adam French
Chief Airport Inspector
INDOT Office of Aviation
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From: Blake, Martin
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 9:49 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] French, Adam [REDACTED]
Subject: HLB Airport

Shorty:

It was a pleasure to meet with you yesterday. I followed up with Rob Esquivel at FAA in Chicago this morning. He advised that a temporary closure is feasible and would not require anything other than a NOTAM be filed and the runway numbers to be marked with an X. If the closure extends beyond 90 days, additional steps will need to be taken. As far as the airport ownership goes, whether it be leasing, public-private, etc., that is a local decision. We just need to know who the owner and responsible party is for the airport and how they are governed, whether it is by private holders or under IC 8-22.

If and when you make your final decision and have an effective date and time of closure, please contact Adam French, INDOT's Airport Inspector and copied on this email. At that time Adam will respond with information such as the following:

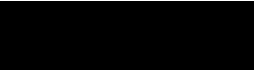
The steps below outline the process for immediate closure of the airport:

- 1. File a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) stating the airport is indefinitely closed. This will announce to all pilots that the airport is no longer active and is unavailable for landing. The following number will connect you to an FAA flight data operator that should be able assist you in getting the NOTAM on file. 1-877-487-6867.*
- 2. Place the proper markings on the runway using the guidance within FAA Advisory Circular 150/5340-1L. Paragraph 5.6 within the Advisory Circular lists the color and sizing specs:*
https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory_Circular/150_5340_1L.pdf

Additionally, given the size of the Batesville Airport runway we recommend placing brightly colored objects (e.g., traffic barrels) between the closure markings to further emphasize the runway as closed/unusable. To remove the airport from the FAA system, FAA Form 7480-1 would need to be completed. However, until the next phase is determined we would recommend holding off on completion of the 7480 form. If the status has not changed after three or four months, it would be best to proceed with filing of the 7480 form for the closure.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Marty Blake
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