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Subject: ERA25LA064, Sunset Strip Airport (7GE5)

Contact: Robert Linscheid, Airspace Specialist, FAA Southern Regional Office
Christopher Criswell, FAA Airport Data and Airspace Branch.
Mike Annas, 7GE5 Property Owner

On March 4, 2026, the Investigator-in-Charge (IIC) contacted Mr. Christopher Criswell, Manager of the FAA Airport Data and Airspace Branch, regarding reported obstructions at the Sunset Strip Airport (7GE5), Centralhatchee, Georgia. Mr. Criswell stated that the airport had been deactivated and forwarded the inquiry to Mr. Robert Linscheid of the FAA Airport District Office.

Mr. Linscheid subsequently reported that, during a telephone conversation with the property owner, Mr. Mike Annas, Mr. Annas stated he was unaware that his property was identified as an airport. Mr. Annas explained that he had previously submitted an FAA Form 7480-1 (Notice for Construction, Alteration, and Deactivation of Airports) and received a Determination Letter; however, local authorities did not approve the airport. He pursued the matter in court but did not obtain local approval. In accordance with the Determination Letter instructions, he did not return a signed FAA Form 5010-1 (Airport Master Record for existing public-use airports). As a result, 7GE5 should not have been activated or charted.

At Mr. Annas's request, Mr. Linscheid submitted a Form 7480-1 to formally deactivate the airport. The deactivation became effective on March 10, 2025.

Mr. Annas reiterated that he was unaware the site continued to be treated as an active airport, noting that he had never returned the required Form 5010-1 and had been denied local approval for airport operations.

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