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Jonathan Buss,

Your Aeronautical Inquiry has been closed. If you have followup questions or comments, please use the online inquiry form instead of sending via email.

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FAA Response:

Mr. Buss, I appreciate you reaching out to us and reporting this serious issue. I have contacted the Office of Airports and shared your story and also requested they investigate for ABANDONMENT. In the meantime, we have changed 00R9 operational status to CLOSED INDEFINITELY which will remove the airport from the VFR charts. Once we receive the abandonment paper work from the Office of Airports we will remove the airport entirely from the database.

Over the past several years we have been working with the Office of Airports and Charting to remove defunct private airports from the database and thus FAA charts. It has been an ongoing project that has resulted in hundreds of airports being removed from charts. However, there is still work to be done to improve the accuracy of private airport data. Efforts have been made to work with AOPA and other alphabet aviation stakeholders to get the word out to private airport owners to update their airport information. You may find this link of interest:

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Let me know if you need any further assistance.

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Category: National Airspace System (NAS) Data > Airport Data
Chart Type: VFR Charts
Chart: Seattle

Inquiry: Can help me understand why Hanel Field 00R9 is still on the current FAA charts? I recently had a power loss in flight over Mt. Hood so had to make an emergency landing. The nearest airport was Hanel Field 00R9 when I arrived to my dismay found a barn had been constructed on runway 34 at the approach end. There were multiple vehicles parked on the runway. I tried to glide to the opposite end for 16 and found trees all along the runway that were over 10' tall. I subsequently had to land adjacent to the runway in a recently logged area with trees and the aircraft being damaged. A major contributing factor in selecting a potential forced landing destination was the FAA chart. This airport needs to be removed, as there were many other potential landing area that would have been better than this defunct airport. The local pilots told me they have been trying to get it removed for years. The airport "manager" died listed died in 2013.....

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