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OPERATIONAL FACTORS

Flight Crew Statements from SkyWest flight 3432

October 31, 2023

The following flightcrew statements were provided by SkyWest Airlines on October 26, 2023:

Captain's Statement:

Original destination was KSTS, when downwind for the approach a General Aviation plane landed wheels up on the runway. We discontinued, declared minimum fuel, and diverted to KSFO. Later we finished to flight to KSTS.

First Officer's Statement:

While in the right downwind and configuring to land Rwy14 at KSTS. At Piper 210 announced over CTAF (tower was closed) that they were taking off from Rwy20. As we were preparing to turn base we're heard the Piper make a call that he would be full stop on Rwy32.

As we were intercepting a 5-10 mile final, we heard Airfield Ops announce over CTAF that there had been a gear up landing on Rwy 32. Knowing that we were low on fuel and without filed alternate and associated extra fuel. We executed a missed approach contacted ATC and requested to go to KSFO due to its proximity, our familiarity with the weather (had just flown over it), our familiarity with the airfield and approaches.

Additionally, it provided the best options for the passengers. While en route we declared min fuel due to the FMS showing that we were going to land at KSFO with ~2000lbs. The rest of the flight was uneventful.

After a two-hour delay at KSFO and a significant number of passengers deplaning and choosing alternate means to get to their destination, we proceeded to KSTS and landed uneventfully.

Had it not been for the Airfield Ops person recognizing that were in the pattern and making a timely announcement over CTAF that the runway was fouled, there is a high probability that we would have continued on our approach and landed on Rwy14 with an unlit plane still occupying the runway. I made sure to thank him the next day.