

Construction Underway at Yellowstone Airport



This summer, the Yellowstone Airport is getting facelift. All taxiway and apron surfaces will be receiving new pavement. Construction started the end of May, and crews have been working diligently to resurface the north end of the ramp and taxiway. The re-pavement project has been in the works since 2016 and was originally designed to be completed over two summers.

The project is split into four phases. The north end reopened July 7th, and work has begun on the south side of the airport. The final piece, which includes the section of apron directly in front of the terminal, will be completed after commercial service stops in early October. Finally, the “North Alpha” and “South Alpha” crossover intersections on the taxiway will be renamed A1 through A4. Construction is scheduled to be completed before the airport closes for the winter.

Though the project will ultimately benefit to all airport patrons, that does not mean that there have not been some challenges to work through. On several occasions, the runway has been closed to all but air carriers. For pilots planning to make a trip into West Yellowstone this summer, it is important to do preflight planning to ensure that you can land and take off at your desired dates and times. All closed areas are lighted and barricaded.

Despite the construction, the pilots’ campground is still open. Parking is currently limited to the tie downs north of the terminal, which allows for easy access to the sites. Water has been shut off to the campground for the season, so showers are not available. Please bring your own water bottles; they can be filled at the fire station or terminal building. The outhouse is stocked with toilet paper and hand sanitizer. Construction activities typically take place Monday through Friday, 7am to 8pm. While the campground is sheltered from the construction zone, there is still some noise.

NOTAMS are the best way to find out about runway and taxiway closures, and they are generally posted 72 hours before the event. Please contact the airport operations office (406-646-7631) or visit www.yellowstoneairport.org for additional information.