

Radio Chatter

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Reed Ranch

First, the new airport identifier is "192" for Reed Ranch. This information was published in the November 18, 2010 edition of

the FAA Airport/Facilities Directory. Second, as part of our agreement with the Forest Service, Reed Ranch will be **CLOSED, except for emergencies**, annually from November 1 through April 30 to provide habitat for wintering elk.

Johnson Creek Caretakers Needed for Summer 2011

Those of you who stopped in at Johnson Creek airport last summer had the pleasure of meeting the airport caretakers, Paul and Bev Sunderlin. Unfortunately, Paul and Bev have decided not to return next summer, and the Division is searching for their replacement. We will miss them and wish them much luck and happiness in their future.

For more information about the caretaker position at Johnson Creek, please contact Gary McElheney, State Airport Manager at 208 334-8893 or at gary.mcelheney@itd.idaho.gov.

McCall Mountain Flight School Hosts Air Force Special Operations Training

McCall Mountain/Canyon Flying Seminars, owned and operated by Lori MacNichol, recently hosted an Air Force special operations unit based in New Mexico and bound for Afghanistan. Although busy most of the summer teaching advanced mountain and canyon flying procedures to pilots from all over the world, Lori was particularly pleased to be able to serve the Air Force in this capacity. The unit's twin-engine turbine aircraft, a PZL M28 Skytruck, attracted a lot of attention during its visit to Idaho's backcountry. The aircraft is capable of carrying heavy loads and up to fifteen passengers to and from unimproved



PZL M28 Skytruck

airstrips anywhere in the world. When they are not working on their skills in the aircraft or in the classroom, the group of ten to twelve pilots, loadmasters, and mechanics stayed in local hotels, enjoying McCall's many attractions. The best news for McCall's businesses is that the squadron will be

returning for a three-day course of advanced flight instruction through the spring and summer of 2011. For more information about the McCall school, visit their website at www.mountaincanyonflying.com.

Warhawk Air Museum Opens New Korea and Viet Nam Wing

Over 100 visitors attended the official opening of the newest wing to the Warhawk Air Museum. The Nampa and Boise Police Departments opened the ceremonies by presenting the flags and singing the National Anthem.



FYI: From the FAA

On November first, the FAA began requiring owners to re-register their aircraft in a "rolling" program that will end in December, 2013. The new regulations require owners to re-register their aircraft over the next three years and then renew the registration every



Warhawk Air Museum Co-Founders Sue and John Paul, Nampa Mayor Tom Dale, Congressman Walt Minnick, and Senator Jim Risch, cut the ceremonial ribbon, officially opening the new wing.

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