



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Mr. Santiago Guerricabeitia (Pilot and Safety/Education Coordinator, Idaho Division of Aeronautics (IDA))

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Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Guerricabeitia, regarding the IDA "Airport SOPs" (standard operating procedures) that are created and published by IDA, in a telephone conversation on this date:

- The IDA publishes the SOPs in the interest of safety; the intent is to provide pilots (particularly for "first time pilots" to specific airports) with a set of information, guidance, and procedures that
 - Provides pilots with relevant and useful operating information specific to that airport
 - Increases the likelihood that all pilots will be operating similarly at a given airport
- When asked about the traffic pattern overlay on the airport view, the IDA representative stated that the overlays were customized (when necessary) for each airport in order to accommodate the specific characteristics and/or hazards peculiar to that airport
 - The approximate mile-long final approach course at Big Creek was intended to allow pilots sufficient time to detect any airplanes (airborne or on the ground) or other factors (wildlife, etc) with sufficient time to safely compensate or avoid if necessary (since the airport is obscured from view while on the downwind leg of the traffic pattern; the runway typically comes into view "about halfway into" the base leg
 - The upwind leg on the northwest side of Big Creek was intended to allow the pilots to view and assess the airport (runway condition, traffic, winds, etc) prior to entering the normal traffic pattern
- The IDA is very open to accepting comments/input regarding their published procedures and information, with the overall aim of producing an improved document
- Two goals of the IDA are to ensure that the SOPs are very "user friendly," and that they provide useful and applicable information