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Date: January 24, 2024

Subject: WPR24LA071, Memorandum for Record

Contact: Paul Lyman, Airport Board Chairman, Parks Country Airports

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Lyman in a telephone conversation.

Mr. Lyman stated that the Mission Field Airport (LVM), Livingston, Montana, is managed by the Parks County Airports; he is the chairman of the board.

There is no formal process to conduct a runway assessment. However, an airport board member lives in the area and routinely visit the airport to conduct a runway assessment. The runway assessment or frequency of the observations are not documented but are conveyed verbally to the airport board via cell phone.

To the best of his knowledge, there is no formal snow or ice removal plan. When the runway is required to be cleared, a board member will use the county provided equipment to clear the runway. The frequency of the snow removal is not documented.

The airport snow removal equipment is limited to clear snow and ice to ½ inch of the runway surface.

On the day of the accident, he was not aware of any notice to airman (NOTAM) issued as to the conditions of the runway environment. A NOTAM was issued to close the runway for 48 hours, following the accident.

The airport does have an ADS-B account that monitors arriving traffic and aircraft in the pattern at the airport. To his knowledge, they were not aware of the arriving airplane.

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Date: January 17, 2024

Subject: WPR24LA071, Memorandum for Record

Contact: Andrew Sanders, Independent Contractor, Parks Country Airports

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Sanders in a telephone conversation.

Mr. Sanders stated that he is an independent contractor with the Parks County Airports. The Parks County Airport board provides oversight of the Mission Field Airport (LVM), Livingston, Montana.

The airport is generally unattended and there is no formal process to conduct a runway assessment. There are several airport board members that live in the area and routinely visit the airport. The fixed base operator (FBO) located at the airport occasionally provides updates on the runway conditions.

An outside contractor will generally plow the runway, with county provided equipment when an inch of snow or more accumulates. Also, when small amounts of snow are required to be cleared, a board member will also use the county provided equipment. The board chairman, Paul Lyman would know the frequency of snow removal. To his knowledge, no chemicals are used to deice the runway.

On the day of the accident involving the LearJet airplane, a board member did respond to the airport, and reported that the runway was clear of snow.

The airport board does have an ADS-B account that monitors arriving traffic and aircraft in the pattern at the airport. To his knowledge, the airport has no paid employees and he is the only independent contractor at the Parks Country Airports.