



To Date in 2016

The Alaska Aviation System Plan (AASP) spent 2015 focusing on airport inspections, improving the internal website, and establishing new work group topics. Work started in 2015 has continued in 2016.

The AASP currently has three work groups focusing on current issues including: weather equipment, backcountry airstrips, and establishing seaplane base performance measures. Both the weather and backcountry work groups met in mid-April and plan to meet once more in 2016. The third work group is establishing seaplane base performance measures to set up basic infrastructure and service requirements for each state owned seaplane base. Land based airport performance measures were previously established by the AASP. All measures should be finalized by mid-summer.

Upcoming Outreach

Great Alaska Aviation Gathering

Stop at the DOT&PF Statewide Aviation booth to learn more about the AASP on April 30th and May 1st at the FedEx hangar at Anchorage International.

2016 FAA Airports Division Alaska Region Workshop

The AASP will have representation at the workshop on June 1st and 2nd.

Regional Meetings

The AASP team will be holding regional meetings with DOT&PF staff and local airport sponsors in June. The meetings will focus on the latest airport inspection review procedures, internal website updates, and upcoming work. Dates TBD.

The AASP is conducting a pavement strength study for Adak, Gustavus, and Cold Bay. A Pavement Classification Number (PCN) will be established for each airport, per FAA standards.

Additional work in 2016 includes summer airport Capital Improvement and Maintenance Program (CIMP) inspections at up to 10 airports by the consultant team and 50 airports by state personnel, automation of project prioritization using the internal website, and calculating pavement strength for Sand Point Airport.

AASP Weather Working Group: Identifying Gaps in the Aviation Weather Reporting System

The primary goal of the AASP Weather Working Group is to increase the number of aviation weather stations throughout Alaska, with a focus toward on-site airport weather stations. The group is comprised of a broad range of aviation stakeholders including DOT&PF, FAA, and various user groups. The group is working to prioritize airports for potential weather station funding, but we need your help! In May 2016, the group will be soliciting feedback from users to help prioritize airports. A survey will be available at the Great Alaska Aviation Gathering or by email.

To identify an airport where you would like to see a weather observation station, please send your comments to Jim Greil at jgreil@dowl.com.

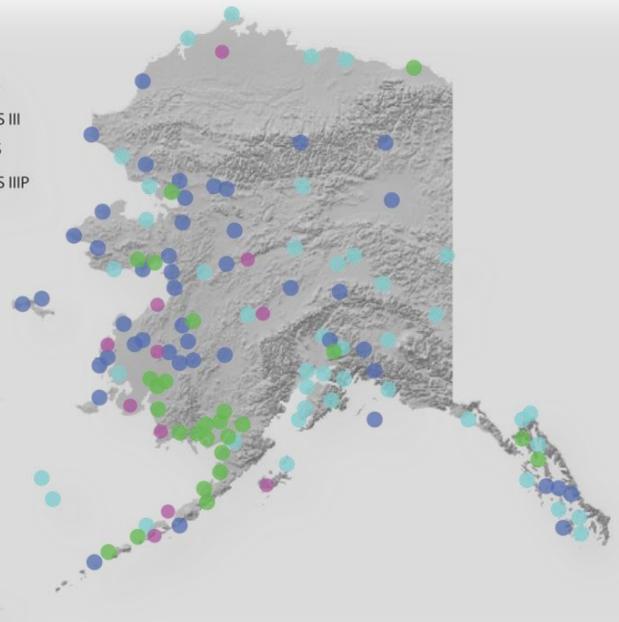
The Weather Working Group has published a report detailing the aviation weather reporting system in Alaska. This report can be found at: www.AlaskaAsp.com/documents.aspx

Want to learn more about the AASP and how it affects you?

One of the focuses of the AASP's Public Involvement Plan is to better communicate with internal DOT&PF staff and key stakeholders. The AASP team is available to present to your region, department, or group about current and past AASP work. Please contact Rebecca Rauf at 269-0728 or rebecca.rauf@alaska.gov to request more information. The 2015 AASP Executive Summary, with further plan details, is also available on the public AASP website.

Certified Airport Weather Stations

Legend
● ASOS
● AWOS III
● AWSS
● AWOS IIIIP



Alaska has 168 approved weather observation stations. To replicate the density of weather reporting stations in the continental U.S., Alaska would need approximately two hundred additional stations throughout the state.



To learn more about the AASP, contact Rebecca Rauf at rebecca.rauf@alaska.gov or Leah Henderson at lhenderson@dowl.com.

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