

# Airport News

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## AIP Project Stuck in Neutral

Caldwell's FAA Airport Improvement Project for 2013 is crack-filling, seal-coating and re-marking of the full-length parallel Taxiway A, our runway, and the taxiway and apron by the Hubler Terminal.

Still no news on when our grant will be approved for our project. Other airports planning much longer projects this summer are really feeling the squeeze, as their opportunities to get finished look worse and worse as the weeks go by.

We are still working toward a three-week project starting sometime in July or later at this point. Additional details will be provided via email and our Facebook page as soon as they become available.

### Wildlife Hazard Assessment

Over the past several years the FAA has sponsored WHAs at commercial service airports all over the country. Caldwell is among the first group of general aviation airports in Idaho to set a WHA in motion. The work involves observing all types of wildlife at our airport over the course of twelve months, analyzing the data and preparing a final report of findings. Based on a number of factors, we may then continue on and request that a Wildlife Hazard Mitigation Plan be crafted to address various hazards.

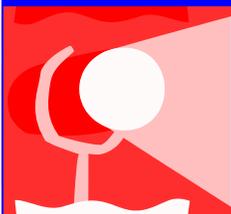
The work is conducted or supervised by a qualified wildlife biologist.

Bids were opened in mid-June and WH Pacific was the low bidder. The WHA will also be funded primarily through an AIP grant, and we are waiting on funding to notify the contractor to proceed. Best guess would put the start in August or September.

### Irrigation Ditch Move

Public Works Director Brent Orton and Assistant City Engineer Robb MacDonald continue their efforts in working with Pioneer Irrigation District personnel to develop a plan acceptable to all parties that will move the existing ditch to a new alignment.

The latest discussions have focused around PID's desire to enclose the ditch in a pipe, their concerns that the tolerances are quite tight in trying to relocate the new pipe along a different alignment, and challenges in continuing to best serve Pioneer customers.



## Business Spotlight:

The **AIRPORT CAFÉ** will be closed July 8th-11th for installation of new flooring in the kitchen. Plans are to be up and running as usual Friday, July 12th.

Contact Becky Aldrich, Café Manager, at [208-546-2233](tel:208-546-2233), for updates if you plan to make a special trip around that time for her delicious food.

(Regular hours — Mon-Sat 7am-2:30 pm & Sun 7am-1:30 pm)

## Safety Focus

- **Segmented Circle**

The City Street Department has almost completed a maintenance and re-painting cycle on our Segmented Circle. They also repaired/replaced several of the panels that have suffered some physical damage over the years. You should find the circle MUCH more visible from the air, due to the fresh paint!

- **Dumpster Etiquette**

Trash can become a big deal at an airport and can easily morph into opportunities for Foreign Object Damage (FOD) on the apron. FOD dangers exist for aircraft of all types and sizes and should command the attention of everyone who uses our airport.

The two dumpsters near Gate #3 are provided by the City for use by the Airport Café and others renting space in that building. Over the years many private hangar owners have also used them for trash and recyclables, and that sharing has worked reasonably well. If you use those dumpsters, please don't abuse the privilege by just dumping waste or recycling items near the dumpsters. As I write this, there is a big mess along the fence which may have been exacerbated by the wind, but started with "trash" not placed in the dumpsters.

All business hangars are expected to manage their own trash via an agreement for pickup or by removing it themselves.

The Silverhawk Aviation dumpster is being used by some who mistake it for the 'shared' dumpsters noted above. Please do not place anything in the Silverhawk dumpster.

***Help minimize FOD opportunities to maximize ramp safety!***



## Hangar Construction

A new hangar is being planned for the space immediately adjacent to 518 Dishman Place!

The business hangar will be built by Lisa & Mark Schmidt for their use.

There are several other projects that are in various stages of the development process. More details will follow as they firm up.