

Keep kids off airstrips

The Federal Aviation Admin-

istration in Alaska has asked parents living near airports or airstrips to remind children that it is dangerous to play on an aircraft runway or landing strip. Anyone seen on an airstrip or runway should be told to leave the airstrip immediately as they are placing themselves and others in a very dangerous situation which could result in serious injury, financial loss, or death.

Flat rural airstrips and runways are especially appealing to children and adults for play activities because unscheduled flights may give the appearance that the runway is not in use.

Recently a Cessna 402, twin engine airplane preparing to land on an airstrip at Kotlik (90 Nau. Miles S.W. of Unalakleet), was forced to cancel a landing in order to avoid children who were playing on the airstrip. In an attempt to increase power and go around the aircraft lost power in one engine and crashed off the runway. One person on the aircraft was injured and the plane was damaged.

Anyone playing, jogging, walking, snowmachining, or traveling without permission on a runway or airstrip should be reminded of the danger involved and asked to leave immediately.