

For Your Information

FAA announces closures of flight service stations

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced the permanent closure of the Flight Service Stations (FSS) at Bettles, King Salmon, Allen Army Air Field in Delta Junction, and at Cordova. The air traffic service responsibilities and personnel assigned to these facilities will be consolidated into the Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS) in Juneau, Fairbanks, and Kenai.

Consolidation of FSSs into AFSSs is part of a nationwide flight service modernization program approved by Congress in 1980. AFSSs are centralized facilities equipped with new automation, communications, and weather graphics equipment designed to provide pilots with enhanced services over larger areas.

Pilot weather briefings and flight planning assistance is still available 24 hours per day.

Aviation weather observations will be provided by private weather contractors and the U.S. Air Force.