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UNDERSTANDING HOT SPOTS ON AIRPORT DIAGRAM: A CRUCIAL SAFETY SKILL

As pilots, safety and awareness are paramount, and knowing how to identify hot spots on airport diagrams is crucial, even if KRNO doesn't have them.

What is a Hot Spot?

A hot spot is an area on an airport where there's an increased risk of collisions or runway incursions. These areas often have complex layouts or high traffic volumes.

Why Are Hot Spots Important?

Hot spots alert pilots to areas needing extra attention, helping prevent accidents. Being aware of them enhances situational awareness and ensures safe navigation.

Identifying Hot Spots

- 1.Symbol: Look for a circled or boxed HS (Hot Spot) symbol on airport diagrams.
- 2.Label: Hot spots are labeled with identifiers like HS 1, HS 2, etc.
- 3.Location: They are marked at critical areas, like taxiway intersections.

Practicing Awareness

Even though KRNO does not have hot spots, you can practice by reviewing diagrams of busier airports. Note the hot spots and their descriptions to stay prepared and safety-conscious.

Understanding hot spots helps maintain safety during ground operations. Stay vigilant, keep learning, and prioritize safety in every phase of flight. Reach out to your instructor or GBA staff if you have questions regarding hot spots. Fly safe and stay sharp!

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- If you would like to be part of the Study Group or Pilot Sharing What's Apps, please contact the office and we will add you.
- 0500 flight are now available for renter's and dual instruction. Student pilot solos, no earlier than 0600.
- If you are rated for the aircraft you are flying, a friendly reminder that you do need a renter's policy. We will not be dispatching unless it is on file.
- Please remember to call the office or email if you need to cancel or adjust your reservation. Staff takes random days off so do not reach out to them directly. Thank you!

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**MELISSA DRAPALA –
PRIVATE PILOT**

Congratulations to Melissa Drapala on earning her private pilot certificate today! Even though she's a ski bum at heart and loves carving up winter slopes, she didn't let the summer heat melt her determination. Melissa traded in her ski poles for flight controls and hit the books hard, proving her skills with a stellar performance in her oral exam and flight. She tackled those exam questions like fresh powder runs and soared through her flight test like she was catching the perfect lift to the peak. From shredding the slopes to cruising the clouds, Melissa is taking her adventurous spirit to new heights! Big shoutout to her CFI, Danny Britson, for being the ultimate guide on this flight path. Whether it's carving down snowy mountains or navigating through the skies, Melissa is unstoppable! Awesome job Melissa!!

Congratulations to Tate Neubecker on earning his CFII! Tate is a true GBA original, earning his Private Pilot right at 17 in 2019. After graduating high school, he soared off to Auburn University's Aviation Program. Summers home meant staying current with his flying and enjoying these Northern Nevada skies. Now, after graduating from Auburn, he's off to an incredible flight training opportunity in Alabama. We're pumped that Tate squeezed in earning his CFII during a quick trip home before starting his new adventure. Big shoutout to his CFII, Nathan Morin, who's been part of Tate's journey since their high school plane spotting days. Seeing Tate, Nate, and their third amigo Andy Xie succeed is like watching the three musketeers of aviation take flight. We couldn't be more excited for Tate and all that he has accomplished and will continue to achieve in the aviation industry. Keep reaching for the skies, Tate! We can't wait to see where your wings take you next!



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