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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, Birchwood Airport (PABV/BCV), AK., FAA (AAS-1)

2224604

Info: FAA (AVP-1, AVP-200, AAS-300, AWP-600, AFS-260, AFS-200, Director of Air Traffic Operations WSA), AOPA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, ICAO, ICASS, NAFI, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB

From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: PABV/BCV Airport Security

We recently received ASRS reports describing a safety concern that may involve your area of operational responsibility. We do not have sufficient details to assess either the factual accuracy or possible gravity of the report. It is our policy to relay the reported information to the appropriate authority for evaluation and any necessary follow-up. We feel you should be aware of the enclosed deidentified report.

To properly assess the usefulness of our alert message service, we would appreciate it if you would take the time to give us your feedback on the value of the information that we have provided. Please contact Dr. Becky Hooey at (408) 541-2854 or email at becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov.



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ACN 2224604**DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202503
Local Time Of Day	No Local Time Of Day Stated

PLACE

Locale	BCV.Airport
State	AK
Altitude - AGL	0

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

Make Model Name	Small Aircraft
Operating Under FAR Part	91

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT Y

Make Model Name	Any Unknown or Unlisted Aircraft Manufacturer
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PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	Single Pilot
ASRS Report Number	2224604

EVENTS

Anomaly	Conflict - Ground Conflict, Critical
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published Material / Policy
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Security
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Vehicle
Detector - Person	Flight Crew

NARRATIVE 1

While performing engine run-up vehicles are passing under wings. Much of this is due to the fact there is no security compliance at the airport. Birchwood does not have a single point of entry. At this time there are 6 open gates. 4 of them are on private leases. I have [asked] the airport personnel and agent to step in but to no avail. I have seen aircraft performing simultaneous landings on the paved and gravel strip. I have seen landings on the gravel and paved strip from opposite directions at the same time. Cars driving up and down taxiways while aircraft are in motion. Car crossing runways while aircraft are departing and landing. It is the Wild West of Airports. Most of the car interference can be stopped by closing the gates on the leased properties and establishing procedures to close all established access gates behind you after entrance. As for the failure to follow established air-traffic rules the airport personnel and FAA need to take a more proactive stance. It is only a matter of time before you have a midair or ground incursion resulting in injury or death. I have sent this same thing in months ago and still nothing has been done. All the established entry gates at Birchwood are marked in accordance with TSA signage. Please step in and close the gates and enforce aviation safety and security requirements. Birchwood is in close proximity to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, a point of entry for the President and other members of the country's leadership, and therefore should be viewed with security and safety as a main priority.

SYNOPSIS

General aviation pilot reported that security needs to be improved at PABV/BCV Airport, with multiple open gates providing unrestricted access to the field.