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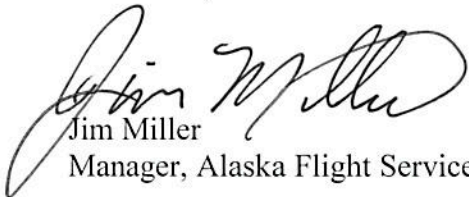
SUBJECT: Alaska Direction Finder (DF) Service Decommissioning

CANCELLATION: September 30, 2014

The Federal Aviation Administration is decommissioning Direction Finder (DF) service in Alaska effective February 15, 2013 at 0901 Zulu. This action is considered appropriate as new technology is being used for navigation and utilization of DF equipment for locating lost or disoriented pilots has become all but obsolete. Additionally, the equipment is no longer manufactured and can no longer be maintained.

As always, pilots are advised to contact FSS, as appropriate, as early as possible if a potential emergency or distress situation is anticipated or encountered.

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