ADVISORY FOR SW TO NW VFR DEPARTURES
ASHLAND, OR

Use caution when departing Ashland Municipal Airport (S03) on a SW to NW heading when aircraft are arriving Runway 32 at Medford Airport (MFR). This scenario often puts aircraft in direct conflict creating a safety concern for the National Airspace System. Many aircraft are overflying Interstate 5 to take advantage of the valley. This makes the airspace over Ashland Airport congested and potentially dangerous. Prior to departure, S03 pilots are encouraged to monitor MFR ATIS on frequency 127.25. When Medford Runway 32 is in use, Ashland departures could be in close proximity to MFR arrivals. If conditions allow, depart on runway heading or remain east of I-5 and contact Cascade Approach on 124.3 for traffic advisories.

Frequencies: CASCADE APPROACH 124.3, MFR ATIS 127.25, MFR TOWER 119.4

Suggested best practices:

o Monitor MFR ATIS for runway in use.

o Use caution if RWY 32 is in use at MFR.

o SO3 departures, flying SW to NW recommend runway heading or east of I-5 and contact Cascade Approach for traffic advisories

o Avoid flying directly over the interstate. Suggest offsetting a mile or more to the east.

o Maintain VFR

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