

Grant Besley, NM (NM03)

Airstrip Briefing

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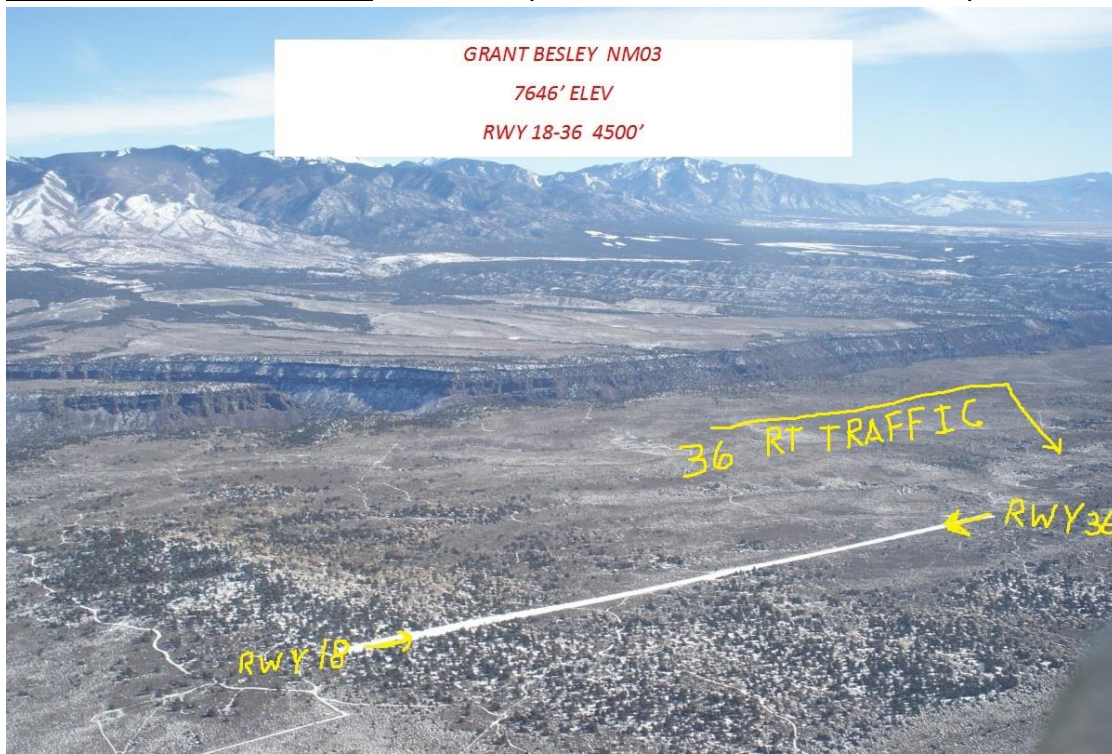
GENERAL:

Grant Besley is a non-public gravel airstrip located 19 NM northwest of Taos, New Mexico, just west of the Rio Grande Gorge. Field elevation is 7646' and density altitude is usually much higher. The airstrip is constructed of gravel, and can be soft during wet weather and may be unusable during winter due to snow. Wildlife, including elk, deer, and coyotes frequent the runway and surrounding areas.

OWNER: Steve Weiss, 786-210-8684

PRIOR PERMISSION REQUIRED: Yes

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Advance permission from owner is required



ENROUTE:

The airport is charted on the Denver Sectional. Monitoring Taos Airport CTAF (122.8) is highly recommended while approaching from the south. Do not overfly tribal sensitive areas to the northeast and east of Taos.

CAUTION: Grant Besley Airport has very high terrain up to 13161' NE through SE, and high terrain of 8655' immediately west.

COMMUNICATION:

Albuquerque AFSS: 122.1/listen on 117.6 TAS VOR

TAOS (SKX) AWOS: 132.975

QUESTA (N24) AWOS: 118.2

Besley CTAF: 122.9

APPROACHES:

Visual approaches only. VFR traffic pattern is 8600' msl with right traffic for Rwy 36, and left traffic for Rwy 18.

Windsocks are located at the approach end of Rwy 36, and at mid-field.

Runways are lined with rocks and some trees.

Runway 36 is preferred if wind conditions permit, 4500' X 40' gravel, and slopes uphill.

If Rwy 18 is used for landing, be aware of trees on centerline of approach.

CAUTION: Runway ends are not visible from each other.

CAUTION: Elk, deer and coyotes are common on and near the runways.

CAUTION: Wheel pants not recommended.

CAUTION: The Rio Grande River Gorge is immediately east, and frequently has turbulence and wind shear.

GROUND OPERATIONS:

Arriving aircraft should vacate the runway as soon as practical, after shutdown.

Several tie down spots are located at the far north end of the runway.

Use caution when pushing aircraft into parking spots, as trees and stumps are in close proximity.

All aircraft will need to supply their own chocks, tiedowns, and stakes.

FUEL:

Fuel is not available; nearest fuel locations are Taos (KSKX) or Angel Fire (KAXX).

DEPARTURE:

All pilots should announce intentions on 122.9 prior to leaving the tiedown area.

Runway 18 is the preferred departure runway.

Pilots should taxi to the crest of the runway to visually check for clear runway prior to takeoff roll.

CAUTION: The airport is in the vicinity of very high terrain in multiple directions.

CAUTION: Density Altitude is usually a factor, and can easily exceed 11,000'. Aircraft performance should be calculated for ambient conditions before departure.

