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Comments: Aviation provides access to national forest lands for those who would otherwise be excluded. Every year I use my plane to offer friends and family the opportunity to see and experience the Oregon back country. These people often become passionate supporters of the national forests. Aircraft provide an opportunity for a truly unique experience to commune with nature.

Aviation is very low impact. A few hundred feet of level grass provides access for many with a very low footprint. Aviation provides job for surrounding community's. Airports, mechanics, fuel, lodging, retail all benefit from the dollars the visiting pilots spend when visiting backcountry strips. This extends across the state. Backcountry aviation is experiencing growth right now because of the access it provides. Pilots personally spend tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars in their communities for the ability to fly into backcountry strips.

Aviation provides safety for other forest users. Medical evacuations are made possible by a robust network of backcountry aviation.

In conclusion, we should not just be protecting backcountry aviation, we should be improving and expanding it for future generations,