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Comments: My friends and family have enjoyed responsible aviation use of airstrips in the Wallow-Whitman and Oregon's Blue Mountains National Forests for years, including Reds Horse Ranch and others.

As a member of the Recreational Air Force (RAF) I donate money and time to maintain airstrips in the backcountry that support fish and wildlife management, emergency response, fire fighting, recreation, hunting, access to private in-holdings, business activities, and much more. These airstrips are an important part of the USFS nationwide transportation system, just the same as roads and trails. They should be considered as such in any management plan

These airstrips also support dispersed backcountry recreation, provide open meadows that serve as habitat for wildlife. Wildlife use of these modest open areas (airstrips) demonstrate what scientifically peer-reviewed studies have shown....that aircraft noise has no detrimental effect on wildlife.