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Comments: Please add "Maintain Airstrips" to this list

#### Historic Use

\* Both commercial and private aviation activity has historically occurred on these Forests since the 1930s. Please consider adding "aviation" to the list of approved activities.

#### Management and Maintenance

\* Aviation organizations have established Airstrip integrated Operations and Maintenance Plans on the Wallowa-Whitman Forest. This plan can be replicated on each Blue Mountains Forest for airstrip maintenance. This is cost effective partnering with aviation groups to maintain the airstrips, saving USFS funds.

#### Transportation Infrastructure

\* Airstrips are a component of the USFS nationwide transportation system, as are the roads and trails, and should be considered as such in any management plan

\* Airstrips support Federal and State land management activities, wildfire operations, recreational and hunting use, emergency evacuation, access to private in-holdings and commercial ventures that support the local economy.

#### Dispersed Usage

\* Airstrips provide locations for dispersed backcountry recreation.

#### Aesthetics

\* Airstrips appear as open meadows on level terrain, and offer habitat for wildlife.

#### Effect on Wildlife

\* Scientifically peer-reviewed studies show that aircraft noise has no detrimental effect on wildlife.