



Economic Impact Study  
**Eureka Airport**  
2026



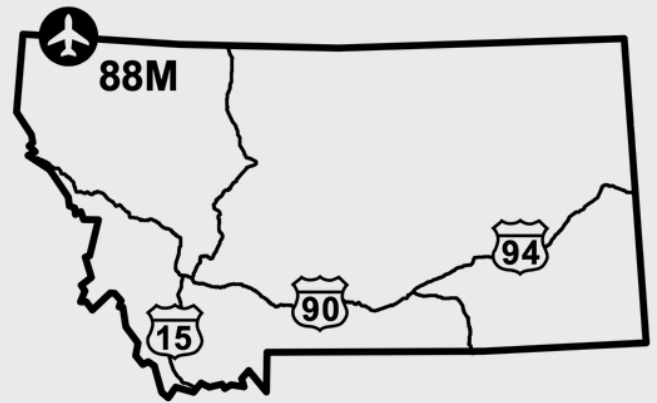
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# Eureka Airport Impact

Eureka Airport is a public-use general aviation airport located five miles north of Eureka, in Lincoln County in the northwest corner of Montana near the Canadian border. The airfield features a primary runway of 4,200 feet and handles approximately 450 annual operations. Airport activities include recreational flying, corporate and business aviation serving local resorts, search and rescue, freight, flight training, emergency medical transport, aerial photography and surveying, police and law enforcement support, and wildland firefighting in the surrounding Kootenai National Forest. The airport also supports animal rescue transport operations for a local no-kill shelter.



## Total Economic Impact on Montana



**Jobs**  
4



**Economic Impact**  
\$514 Thousand



**Payroll**  
\$174 Thousand

## Qualitative Impacts

In addition to generating substantial economic impacts, this airport supports a variety of harder to quantify “Qualitative Impacts” that support critical statewide safety and enterprise. The 2026 Montana Statewide Economic Impact of Airports Study documents the following non-inclusive list of qualitative impacts associated with the airport:



**Aerial Firefighting**  
Supports Wildland Firefighting Operations



**Police/Law Enforcement**  
Supports Police and Emergency Response Ops



**Emergency Medical Aviation**  
Supports Air Ambulance Operations



**Recreation and Education**  
Provides Pilot Training, Aviation Education, and access to recreational flying



**Search & Rescue**  
Supports Search and Rescue Operations



**Corporate/Business Activity**  
Supports Corporate and Business Activity

Source: Montana Statewide Economic Impact of Airports.

# Montana Airports Support Our State



**Jobs**  
39,400



**Economic Impact**  
\$6.4 Billion



**Payroll**  
\$2.4 Billion

Montana's airport system functions as a critical component of the state's transportation and economic infrastructure, enabling connectivity across a large and geographically dispersed landscape. Through scheduled commercial service and general aviation activity, airports provide access between Montana communities and regional, national, and international markets, supporting passenger travel, freight movement, and time-sensitive operations that cannot be efficiently served by surface transportation alone.

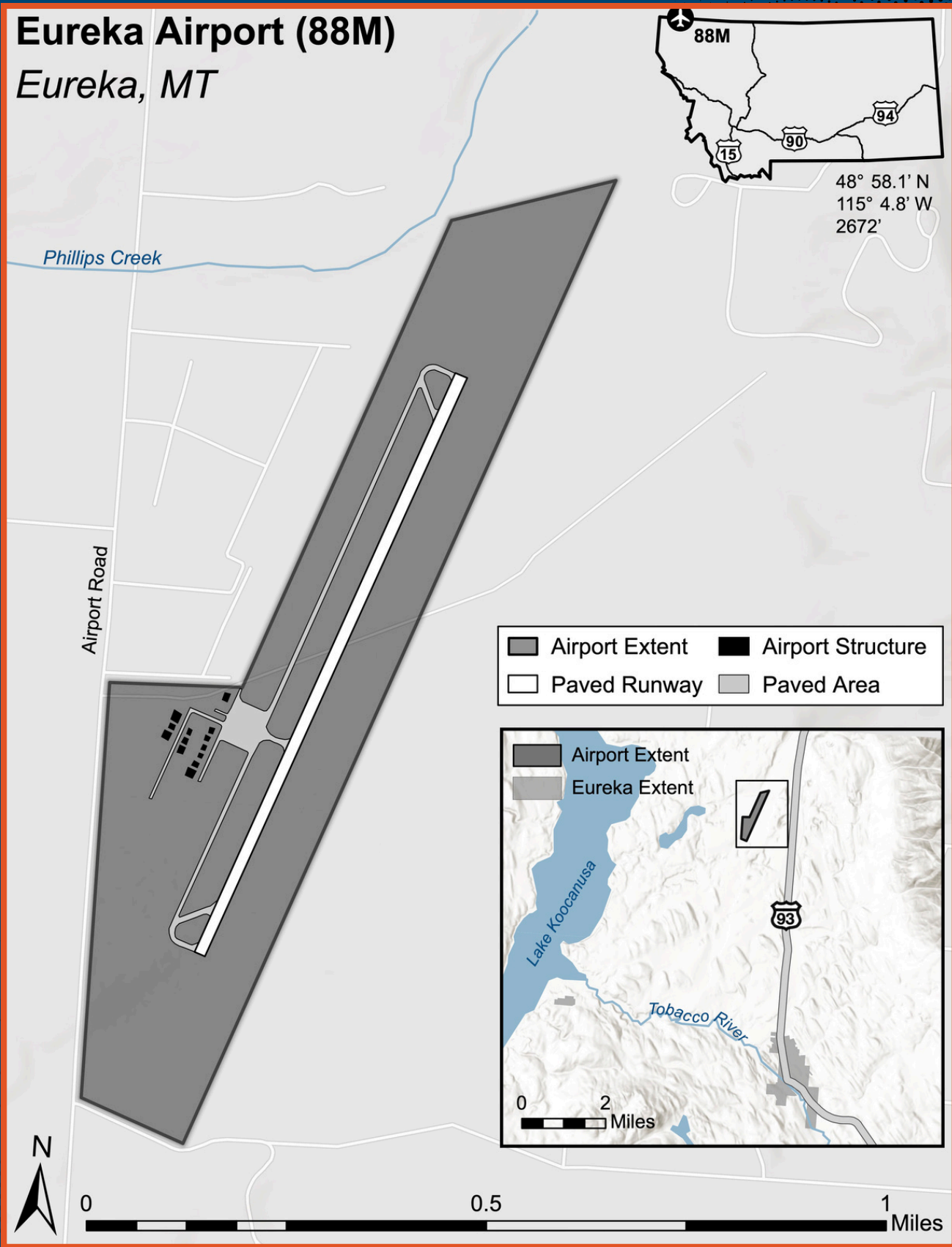
Beyond mobility, Montana's airports support a broad range of economic activity that contributes to employment, income generation, and business operations throughout the state. Aviation-related enterprises, on-airport and nearby businesses, visitor spending associated with air travel, and ongoing investment in airport facilities collectively generate economic activity at the local, regional, and statewide levels. These effects extend across multiple sectors, including tourism, healthcare, construction, professional services, and natural resource industries.

To document both the economic contributions and broader community functions of the state's aviation system, the Montana Department of Transportation undertook a comprehensive, statewide evaluation of Montana's airports. The **2026 Montana Statewide Economic Impact of Aviation** study examines the full scope of airport-related activity, including aviation and non-aviation businesses, visitor spending, capital investment, and secondary economic effects, while also identifying the specific roles individual airports play in supporting residents, businesses, and critical services across Montana.



# Eureka Airport (88M)

## Eureka, MT



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