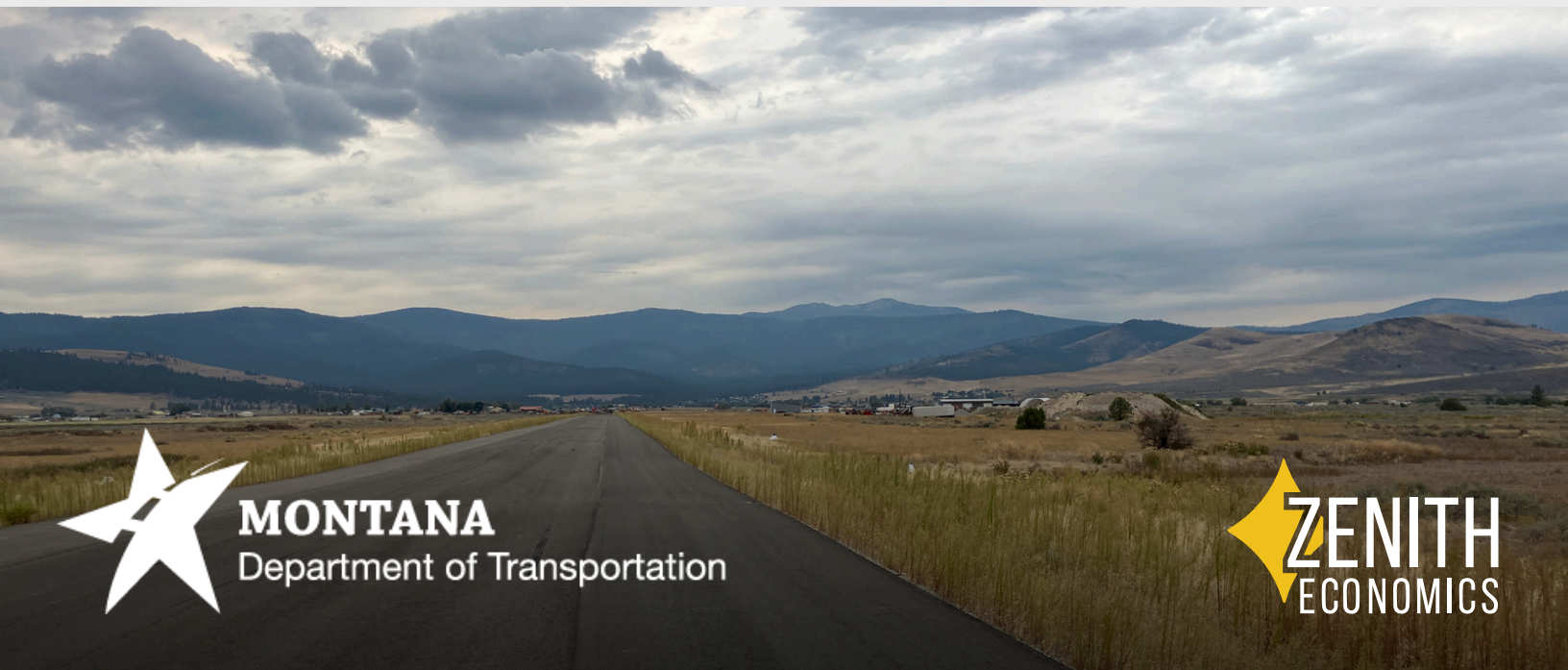




Economic Impact Study
Hot Springs Airport
2026



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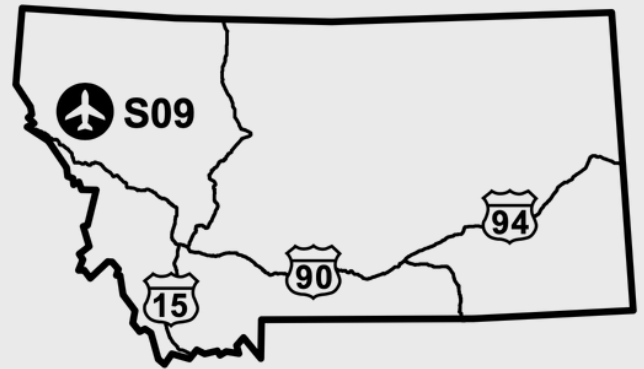


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Hot Springs Airport Impact

Hot Springs Airport is a public-use general aviation airport located in Hot Springs, in Sanders County in western Montana. Notably, the airport is located on the Flathead Indian Reservation, home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

The airfield features a primary runway of 3,550 feet and supports approximately 150 annual general aviation operations. Airport activities include recreational flying and agricultural spraying on a limited basis. The airport serves the small Hot Springs community and surrounding area, providing general aviation access in the lower Flathead River valley.



Total Economic Impact on Montana



Jobs
1



Economic Impact
\$96 Thousand



Payroll
\$41 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:



Recreational Flying
Supports recreational flying and access.



Agriculture Support
Supports Agriculture through Aerial Application

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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.

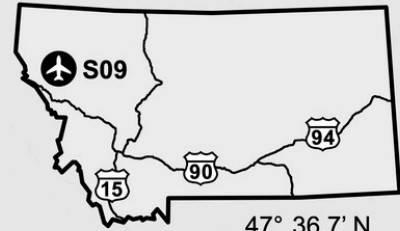
Beyond mobility, Montana's airports support a broad range of economic activity that contributes to employment, income generation, and business operations throughout the state. Aviation-related enterprises, on-airport and nearby businesses, visitor spending associated with air travel, and ongoing investment 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.

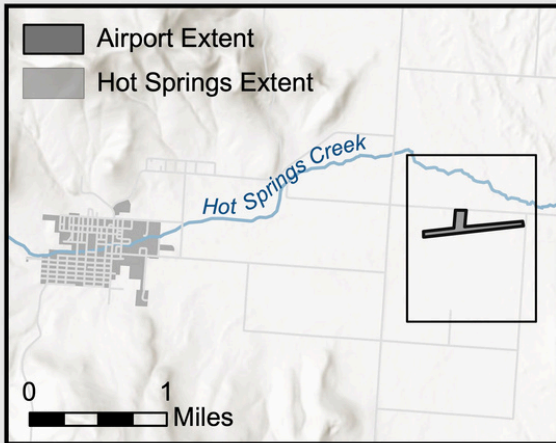
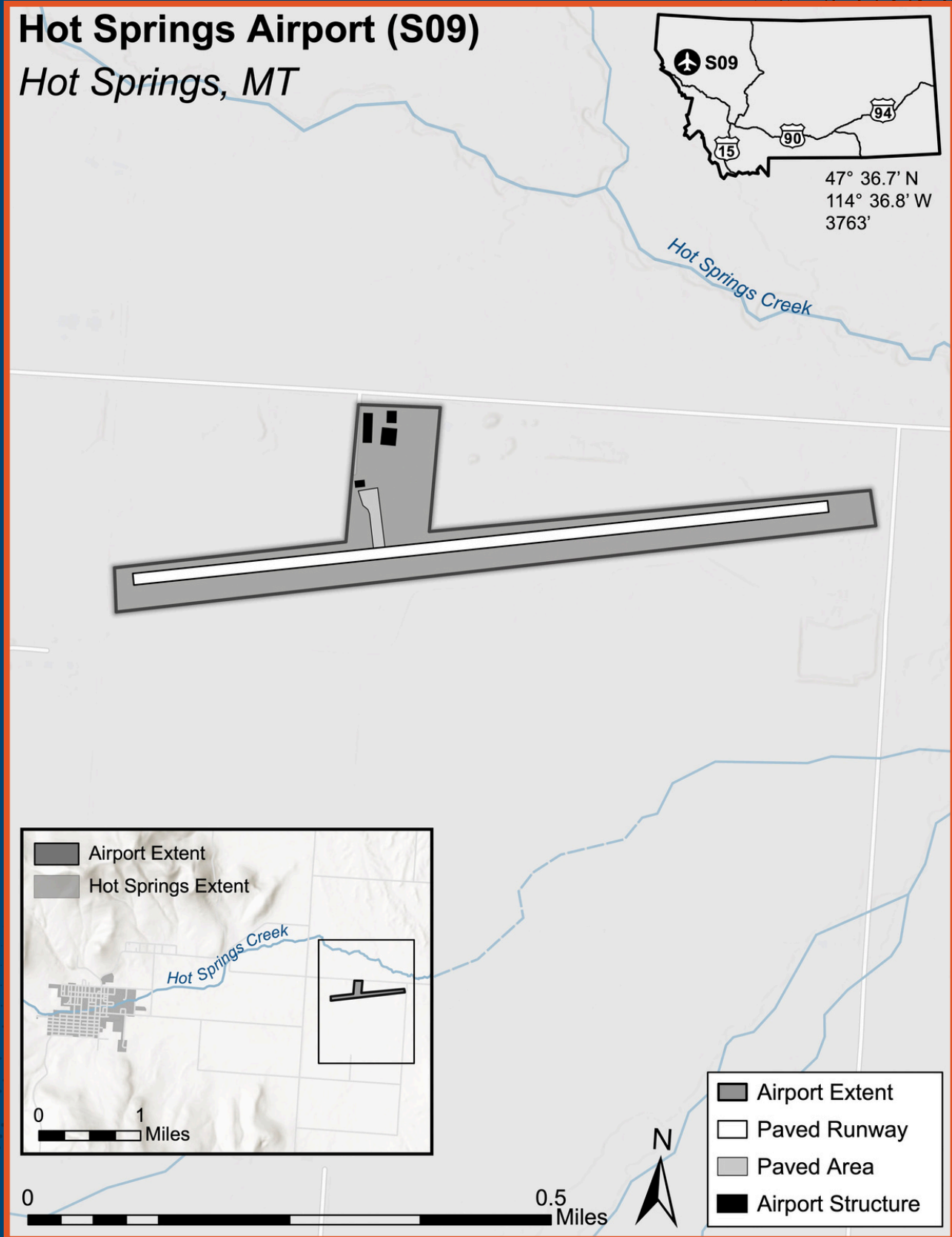


Hot Springs Airport (S09)

Hot Springs, MT



47° 36.7' N
114° 36.8' W
3763'



- Airport Extent
- Paved Runway
- Paved Area
- Airport Structure

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