



Economic Impact Study
Mission Field Airport
2026



MONTANA
Department of Transportation



Mission Field Airport Impact

Mission Field is a public-use general aviation airport located in Livingston, Park County in south-central Montana. The airfield features a primary paved runway of 5,701 feet along with two turf crosswind runways on 689 acres, with three instrument approaches and both 100LL and Jet A fuel available. The airport handles approximately 6,800 annual general aviation operations, with 85 percent transient traffic reflecting the area's appeal as a gateway to Paradise Valley, the northern entrance to Yellowstone National Park, and the celebrity homes of the region. The airport is operated by Yellowstone Air Service, which also runs the FBO at Big Timber. Airport activities include recreational flying, flight training, emergency medical transport, search and rescue, wildland firefighting, and gateway services for VIPs and high-profile visitors.



Total Economic Impact on Montana



Jobs
17



Economic Impact
\$2.7 Million



Payroll
\$881 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



VIP/Visitor Gateway
Serves as Gateway for High-Profile Visitors and Tourism



Emergency Medical Aviation
Supports Air Ambulance Operations



Search & Rescue
Supports Search and Rescue Operations



Recreational Flying
Supports recreational flying and access



Flight Training & Education
Provides Pilot Training and Aviation Education

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.



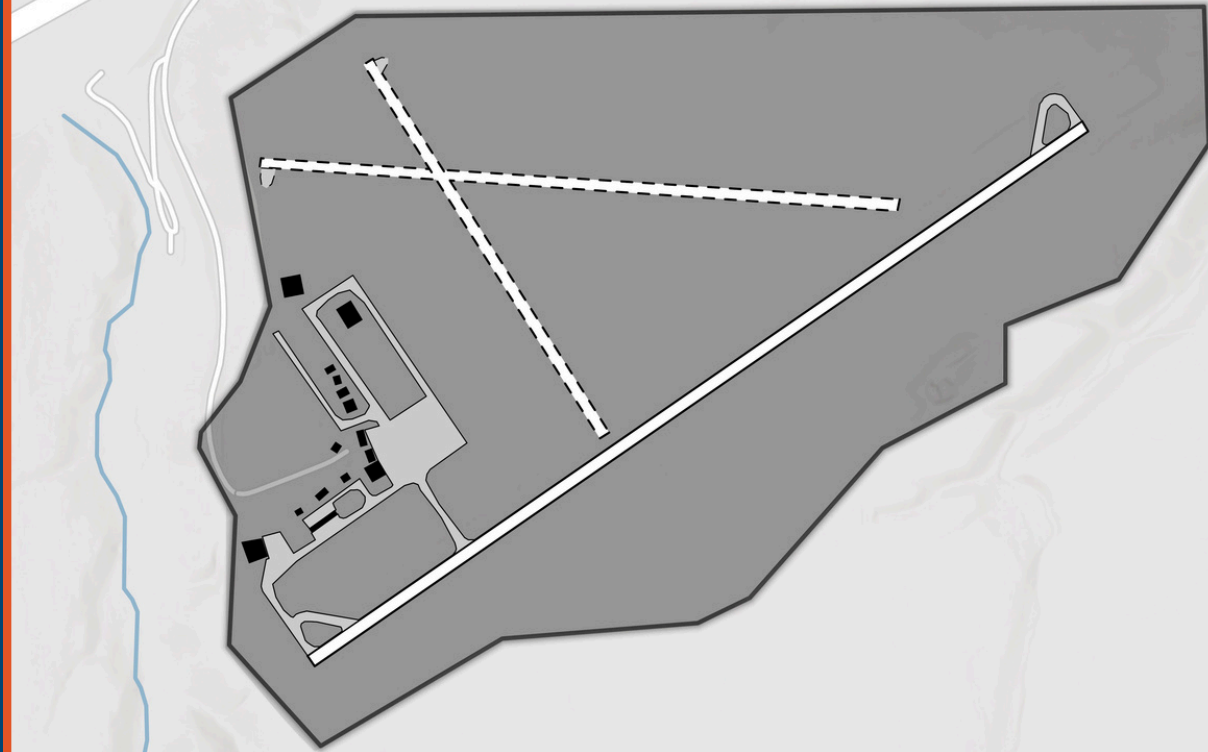
Mission Field Airport (LVM)

Livingston, MT

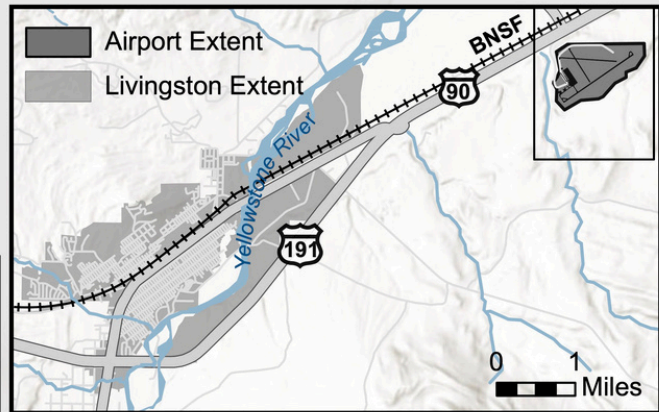


45° 42.0' N
110° 26.9' W
4659'

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Airport Extent	Airport Structure
Paved Runway	Paved Area
Turf Runway	Turf Area



0 0.5 1 Miles

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