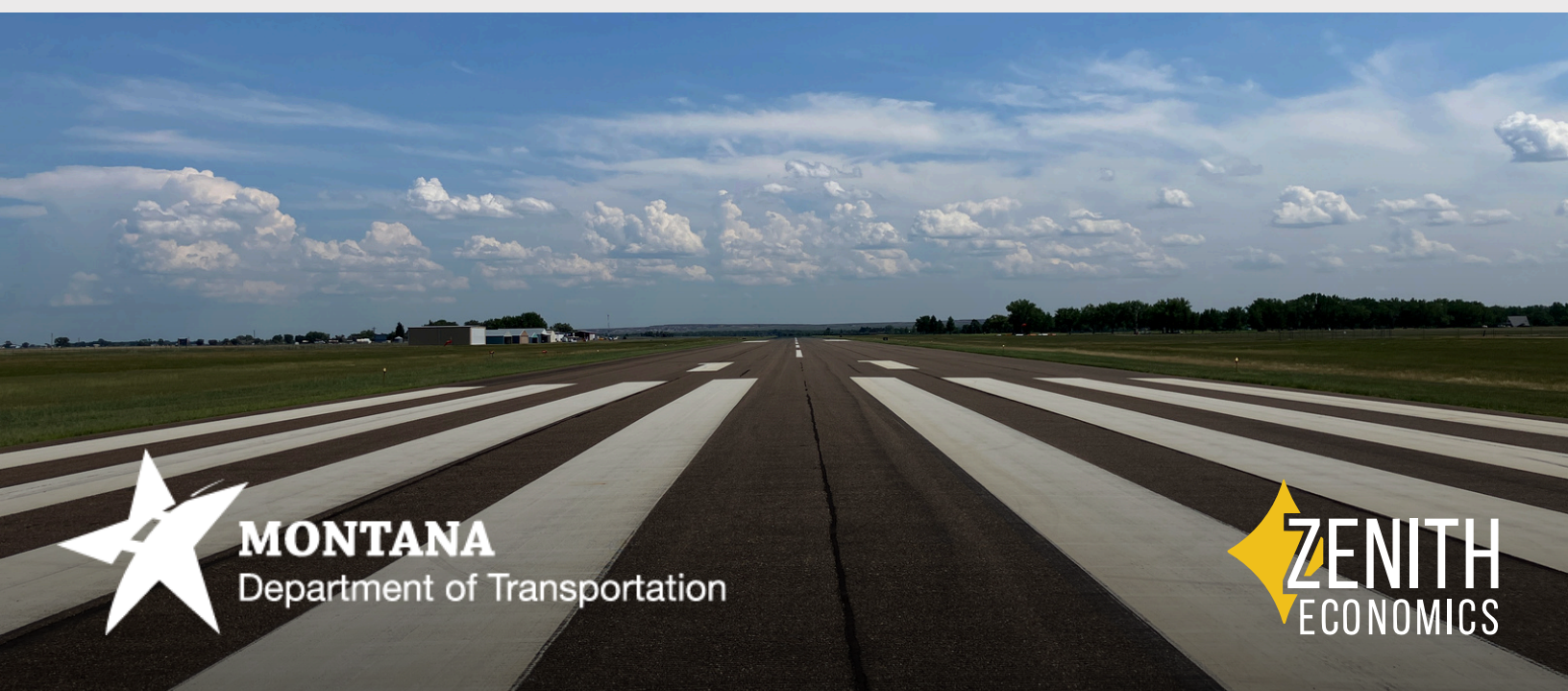




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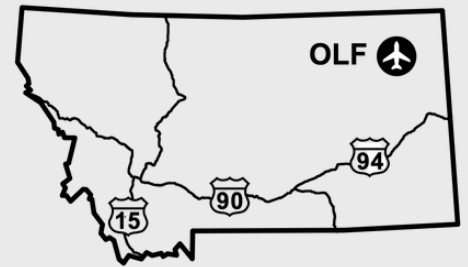


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# L.M. Clayton Airport Impact

L.M. Clayton Airport is a public-use G.A. airport with commercial service located in Wolf Point, Roosevelt County on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in northeastern Montana. The 290-acre airfield features a 5,089-foot paved runway and has been described as the smallest airport in the contiguous 48 states with scheduled commercial service. Cape Air provides scheduled Essential Air Service to Billings Logan International Airport twice daily under federal contract. The airport supports recreational flying, corporate and business aviation, agricultural operations, and emergency medical transport — including flights operated by the Northeast Montana STAT Air Ambulance Cooperative, whose member hospitals include Northeast Montana Health Services in Wolf Point. The airport features a 24-hour self-service fueling station, a pilot's lounge, and a recently expanded terminal with TSA security facilities.



## Total G.A. Economic Impact on Montana

This study was unable to capture commercial service data for this airport. Additionally, there was \$0 in Capital Expenditure grants noted by the Montana Department of Transportation across the studied period. As a result, the following impacts reflect only G.A. operations at L.M. Clayton airport. Commercial impacts are almost certainly a magnitude larger.



**Jobs**  
1



**Economic Impact**  
\$119 Thousand



**Payroll**  
\$32 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:



**Emergency Medical Aviation**  
Supports Air Ambulance Operations



**Recreational Flying**  
Supports recreational flying and access.



**Agriculture Support**  
Supports Agriculture through Aerial Application

# 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.

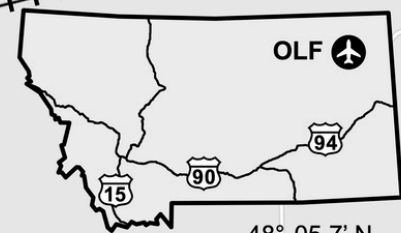
Beyond mobility, Montana's airports support a broad range of economic activity that contributes to employment, income generation, and business operations throughout the state. Aviation-related enterprises, on-airport and nearby businesses, visitor spending associated with air travel, and ongoing investment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



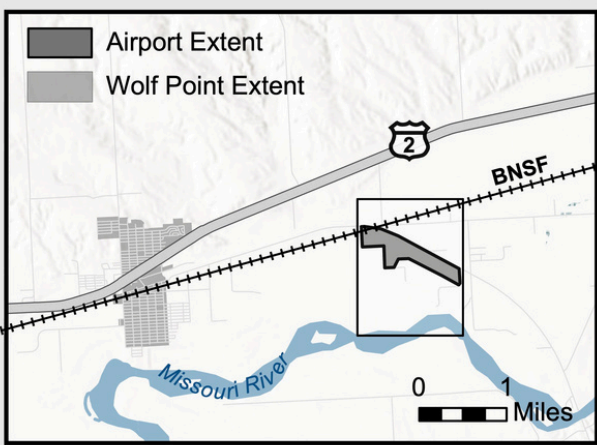
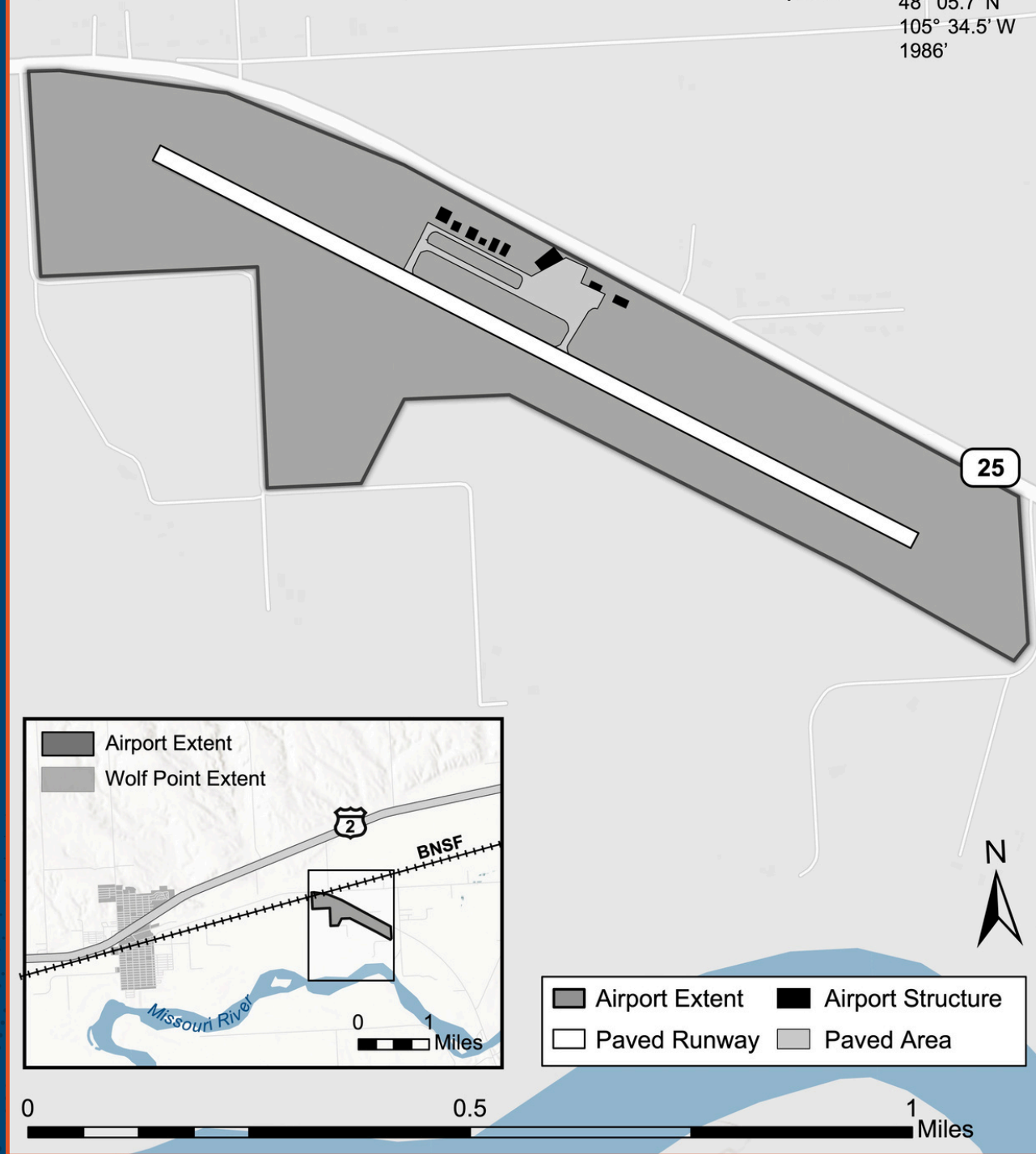
# L. M. Clayton Airport (OLF)



## Wolf Point, MT



OLF   
48° 05.7' N  
105° 34.5' W  
1986'

BNSF



 Airport Extent  
 Wolf Point Extent

 Airport Extent     Airport Structure  
 Paved Runway     Paved Area

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