

# Aviation & Community Services Report

January 28, 2025

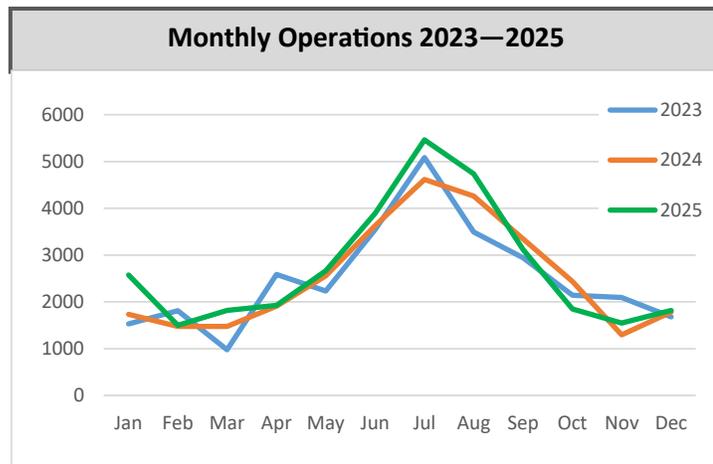
## Director of Aviation

Winter finally arrived in December with our first snow falls and snow removal operations. This also drove an uptick in our overnight hangar rentals with booking continuing into January during busy holiday week-ends.

Tenant outreach to both landside and hangar tenants took place over the holidays informing them of rent studies that will be released in 2026 which may impact rents.

We are examining our airfield access policies for non-hangar tenants and how to best ensure safety, security, and District cost recovery.

## Operations



With holidays and many storm days throughout the month Truckee Tahoe Airport had similar operation levels to 2024 with only a 2% overall increase/

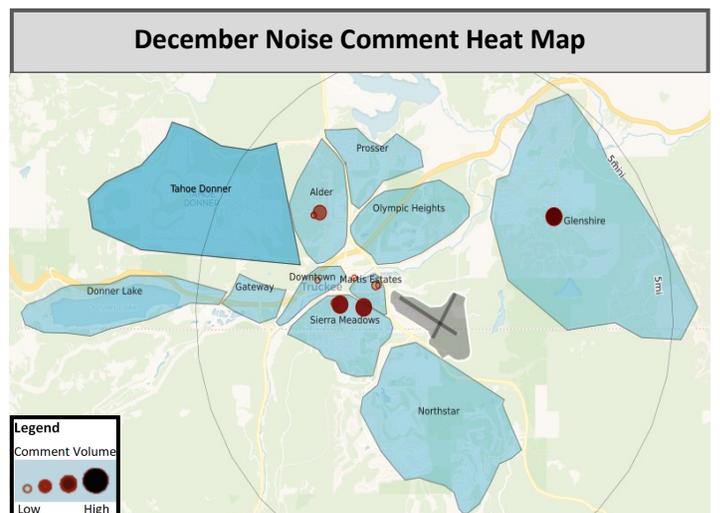
	2023	2024	2025	Change From 2023	Change From 2024
Helicopter	127	61	61	-52%	0%
Jet	250	238	207	-17%	-13%
Piston	1,012	1,205	1,249	23%	4%
Turboprop	295	277	300	2%	8%
Gliders	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>1,781</b>	<b>1,817</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2%</b>



## Fly Quiet

With many flying in for the holidays and significant snowfall at the end of the month we received majority of noise comments in the second half of the month. Many comments were received in the days following the storm cycle that grounded flight in and out. During the month, 6 households submitted 12 noise comments. The majority of comments were about jet traffic arriving runway 11 and departing runway 29. These is likely due to those runways having FAA instrument procedures required during the lower weather days we experienced. On the good weather days we received a few comments regarding training aircrafts doing frequent landings. Overall, a quiet month for Truckee Tahoe Airport.

	2023	2024	2025	2024 Ops. per Comment	2025 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Jet	8	9	6	26	35
Piston	21	6	6	201	208
Turboprop	8	2	0	277	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>151</b>



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## Fly Safe

The Fly Safe Seminar Series resumes next month on Tuesday, February 10 with a presentation on ‘Freezing Fog, Icing and Other Winter Hazards’ by Mountain Lion CEO and Director of Operations Chris Barbera. This free, hybrid event will be available for attendees live in-person and remotely via Zoom and takes place at 5:30pm. As always this event will earn pilots FAA WINGS credit and will be recorded and uploaded to our YouTube Channel as an ongoing educational resource.

The next two months of rolling calendar for seminars will feature ‘Improving Your Communications with ATC’ in March and ‘Flying From Truckee Into Class B Airspace’ in April. The 2026 season will also feature more flight clinics than last year and staff is in the process of arranging a TBM Pilots Clinic.

TRK’S FAA-Certified **flight simulator** was used 415 hours in 2025. This Advanced Aviation Training Device that is offered for free to pilots residing within the boundaries of TTAD was mostly used by pilots working on Instrument ratings and practicing approaches for Instrument currency.



## STEAM

TTAD began facilitating an “**Aviation Immersion Program**” for a local high-school student at the Tahoe Expedition Academy this month. The student comes to TRK each Tuesday to take a flight lesson with a CFI (not paid for by TTAD) and then spends three hours job-shadowing an organization and has so far spent time with the Air Traffic Control tower, Mountain Lion Aviation and Sierra Aero. The job-shadow program will also include Care Flight and airport Operations. We look to expanding this program to TTUSD’s Career Training Education efforts.

## Hangars and Wait List

There has been a **slight increase** in waitlist interest to start of the year. Changes related to hangar policy, inspections, and usage may affect the hangar turnover over the coming months. Airport staff is also transitioning to a new, more user-friendly management software (AeroSimple) for properties that will improve visibility into aircraft types and provider greater functionality across departments.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	34	0
Large-T (48’ door)	11	4	0
Medium-T (44’ door)	57	25	0
Regular-T	129	31	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>0</b>

## Community Outreach

Noise Technician, Court Salzman spoke at an **FAA Safety Team webinar** about winter flying in the Sierra. Representing KTRK at the December 4 event Court stressed safe decision making and shared resources to aid pilots coming to Truckee.

The Truckee Cultural Arts District will install the winter exhibition of **Art At The Airport this week**. The exhibition featuring the work of six local artists and titled ‘Sunset to Sunrise’ officially opens Wednesday, January 28 from 5-7pm with an artist open reception.

**New signs** welcoming pilots and passengers to Truckee will be installed soon on the inside of our ramp gates. Messaging will include ‘Thanks For Flying Responsibly’ as well ‘Fly Safe, Fly Quiet, Fly SAF.’