

# Aviation & Community Services Report

February 25, 2026

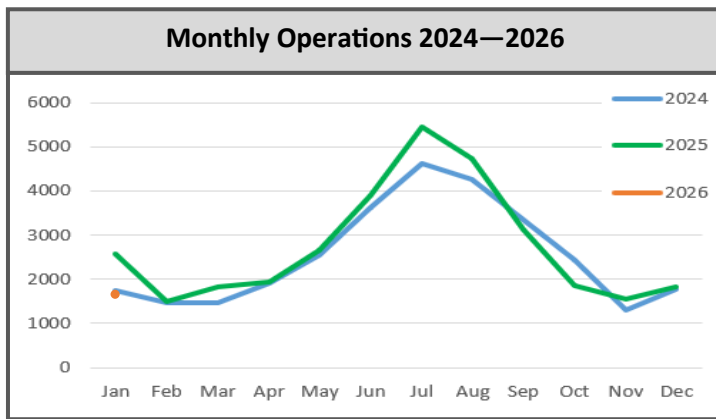
## Director of Aviation

Winter weather slowed operations in mid-February and resulted in more overnight hangar rentals.

Our Noise and Annoyance Technician has moved on to a career in professional flying. We will begin advertising March 1 for a full-time (seasonal) position. The position is being adjusted to “Noise & Event Coordination” to help with airshow event planning.

Our first Fly Safe event of the year had 82 participants! 38 people in the room and 43 on-line. Many thanks to Mountain Lion CEO Chris Barbera for the excellent presentation on winter weather and icing.

## Operations



Aside from a storm in the first week of the month it was mostly a dry January. Good weather resulted in the opportunity for several pilots to earn new ratings including TRK’s own Kay Ziegenhagen-Omenitsch acquiring her Commercial Pilot rating.

	2024	2025	2026	Change From 2024	Change From 2025
Helicopter	63	74	42	-33%	-43%
Jet	223	367	350	57%	-5%
Piston	1,024	1,692	1,576	54%	-7%
Turboprop	426	440	530	24%	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>2,573</b>	<b>2,498</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>-3%</b>



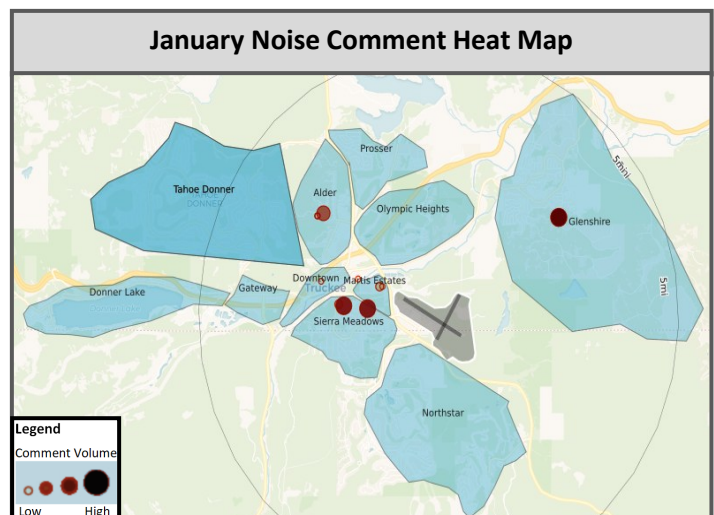
## Fly Quiet

With generally favorable weather throughout the month, traffic counts were close to January 2025. We received a total of twelve comments, with two households accounting for nine of them.

The U2 fly-by generated just two comments, including one from a first-time commenter. On the Monday departure day of MLK weekend, three comments came from the same household. All departures that day flew an instrument departure in full compliance with FAA procedures.

The Community Engagement office followed up with three operators who did not fly the noise abatement departure correctly.

	2024	2025	2026	2025 Ops. per Comment	2026 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	1	0	0	N/A	N/A
Jet	11	25	6	15	58
Piston	42	4	4	423	394
Turboprop	41	1	2	440	265
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>208</b>



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## Fly Safe

We had a great turnout to the first Fly Safe Seminar of the year on Tuesday, February 10 with a timely presentation on ‘Freezing Fog, Icing and Other Winter Hazards’ by Mountain Lion CEO and Director of Operations Chris Barbera. This free, hybrid event drew a crowd of 82 attendees between in-house and online with many joining us for their first time. Unique at this meeting was that more people attended via Zoom (43) than in-house (38) and it was also our highest turnout on Zoom in the three years of the program. With a greater demand shown for online learning, the Fly Safe program has upgraded their audio equipment, purchasing two wireless lapel microphones to enhance the experience on Zoom.

Next month’s seminar will feature TRK Tower Manager Steve Ingebretson and Oakland Center’s Justin Martin presenting ‘Improving Your Communications with Air Traffic Control.’ This subject was a user-request from the Fly Safe survey that went out at the end of 2025.



## STEAM

TTAD continues preparing for the installation of a temporary STEAM building to be known as the **Multiuse Aviation Facility**. The next step is to install an electric meter pedestal for the building, scheduled for early April in time to accept delivery of the building towards the end of April. The unit, called ‘WorkPlex’ is built by United Rentals and comprised of five 40’ shipping containers built out to facilitate a meeting space and four offices. Staff are currently developing the framework for implementing this new facility and its use by local STEAM organizations.

## Hangars and Wait List

Airport staff is in the final stages of transitioning to AeroSimple for lease management. The hope is that this new software will improve visibility into aircraft types and provide greater functionality across departments (work orders, inspections). Changes related to hangar policy, inspections, and usage may affect the turnover/availability over the coming months. Winter is typically slow as far as movement in the hangars.

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	35	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>0</b>

## Community Outreach

TTAD’s social media presence set a new internal record when a video posted to Facebook and Instagram of a **Lockheed U-2 “Dragon Lady”** flying a low approach over Runway 29 garnered over 1 million views. The flyby took place midday on Friday, January 30 and 12 days later the video hit the 1 million mark. With the attention the video received, our followers on Instagram grew by almost 1,000.

The Truckee Cultural Arts District hosted the opening reception launch party for their MUSE publication in the airport terminal building. The event, held on Wednesday, February 4 was a huge success with representatives from Nevada County and live music.