

Aviation & Community Services Report

April 22, 2026

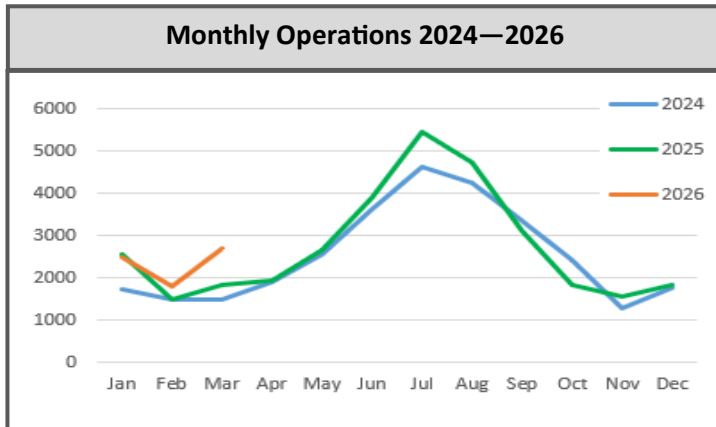
Director of Aviation

A walk through of the Multiuse Aviation Facility (MAF) with local STEAM groups was held on Apr 17th to solicit feedback on what TTAD can do to make the MAF as useful as possible. We will incorporate this feedback into policy on the MAF as well as equipping the facility to maximize its benefit to the community.

A Medical Evacuation helicopter from the CA Air National Guard visited Truckee from 4/17 to 4/20 to train in high altitude environments, and did a tour with CAP cadets on Saturday 4/20.

Work continues in preparation for the June 20th Airshow.

Operations



The month began with some unsettled weather, followed by a steady improvement in flying conditions, which was reflected in an increase in traffic compared to February.

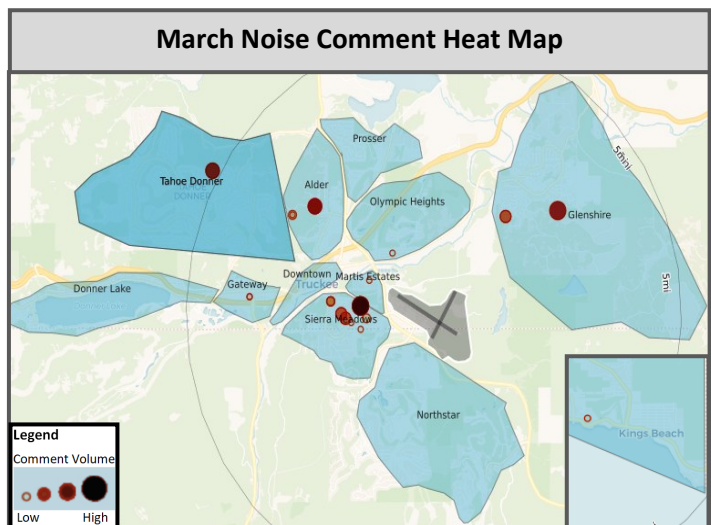
	2024	2025	2026	Change From 2024	Change From 2025
Helicopter	74	70	94	27%	34%
Jet	308	242	383	24%	58%
Piston	719	1,132	1,776	147%	57%
Turboprop	377	378	439	16%	16%
Total	1,478	1,822	2,692	82%	48%



Fly Quiet

In March, we received 28 noise comments from 16 households. One aircraft conducting touch-and-go operations on March 20 generated six of those comments. Seven non-EMS flights took place during the voluntary curfew hours, including four during the Shoulder Hour, and none resulted in noise complaints. The Community Engagement office followed up with nine operators regarding noise abatement procedures, contacted five operators about curfew-hour operations, and coordinated with ATC on three operations.

	2024	2025	2026	2025 Ops. per Comment	2026 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	0	1	0	70	NA
Jet	10	14	7	17	55
Piston	18	17	16	67	111
Turboprop	5	8	5	47	88
Total	33	40	28	46	96
T & G	NA	NA	9	NA	29
Local	NA	NA	6	NA	449
Transient	NA	NA	22	NA	122



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Fly Safe

This month’s Fly Safe Seminar was our highest attended seminar to date with 108 participants (53 live & 55 via Zoom)! Local pilots Leigh Golden, Michael Golden, and Tower Manager Steve Ingebretson presented ‘**San Francisco Class B Airspace—A Flight From Truckee to The Bay Area.**’ In addition to the regular distribution network for these events, an FAA Safety Team Representative from Van Nuys, CA reached out to tell us they shared our event with their Southern California Aviation United Working Group. This group maintains a General Aviation safety database with events and pilot resources.

Next month’s seminar will be marketed beyond our regular pilot group to include our local community. Wilderness medicine expert and CFI Howard Donner alongside CFI Jason Miller, of Finer Points Aviation and ‘Aviation Influencer’ will present ‘**Spending The Unexpected Night Out— After a Forced Landing or Back-country Emergency.**’ This talk will focus on the first 24 hours— what to prioritize, what to carry and when things don’t go as planned. The event takes place on Weds, May 13 at 5:30pm, will be marketed in local papers and to local outdoor groups.



STEAM

Truckee Tahoe Airport recently hosted a youth Rube Goldberg Contest, welcoming three student teams from **Tahoe Expedition Academy**. The event encouraged creativity, problem-solving, and hands-on engineering as students showcased intricate chain reaction machines designed to complete simple tasks in imaginative ways. TTAD lent two staff members to serve as judges, offering feedback and encouragement while supporting local STEAM education. The collaboration highlighted the airport’s commitment to community engagement and youth learning in the Truckee Tahoe region.

Hangars and Wait List

Following the March board meeting, notices were sent to tenants regarding the adopted rent increases effective May 1st. We have successfully transitioned to AeroSimple as the lease management software. Next step would be to activate the tenant portal, which will streamline document management and automated notifications for inspections and other tenant communications. Currently, the waitlist and hangar availability remain stagnant; however, this could change in the coming months.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	35	0
Large-T (48’ door)	11	4	0
Medium-T (44’ door)	57	27	0
Regular-T	129	32	1
Total	227	98	1

Community Outreach

TTAD is pleased to announce that Riley Sorge has joined our team as this season’s **Noise Annoyance and Event Coordination Technician**. Riley is a Certified Flight Instructor whose firsthand experience in aviation, and airshow planning for the Reno Air Races, make her a great fit for this unique role.

In this seasonal position, Riley will support planning and operations for the **Truckee Tahoe Airshow & Family Festival**, working closely with staff, partners, and volunteers to ensure a smooth, well-organized event. As summer activity ramps up, she’ll serve as a key point of contact for aircraft noise abatement and response, assisting community members, researching flight activity, and helping us maintain strong relationships with residents and pilots alike.