

Aviation & Community Services Report

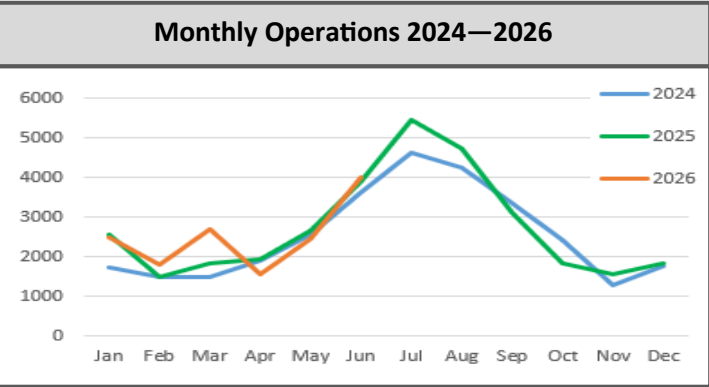
July 22, 2026

Director of Aviation

Last month was our busiest June in 4 years, with an increase in larger jet aircraft.

On July 11th the US Forest Service requested support for 3 CH-47 aerial attack helicopters to fight the Elephant Fire near Loyalton. We provided beddown and refueling support through the night. We also posted this on media and leverage the North Tahoe Public Information Officer network to spread the word that helicopters would be flying throughout the night. We received no noise complaints for 16 nighttime helo operations.

Operations



June brought excellent flying weather to the Truckee area, with approximately 26–27 days of predominantly VFR conditions. Aside from occasional morning fog and brief afternoon thunderstorms, weather quickly improved. Clear skies, excellent visibility, and favorable mountain conditions provided outstanding opportunities for both general aviation and soaring operations.

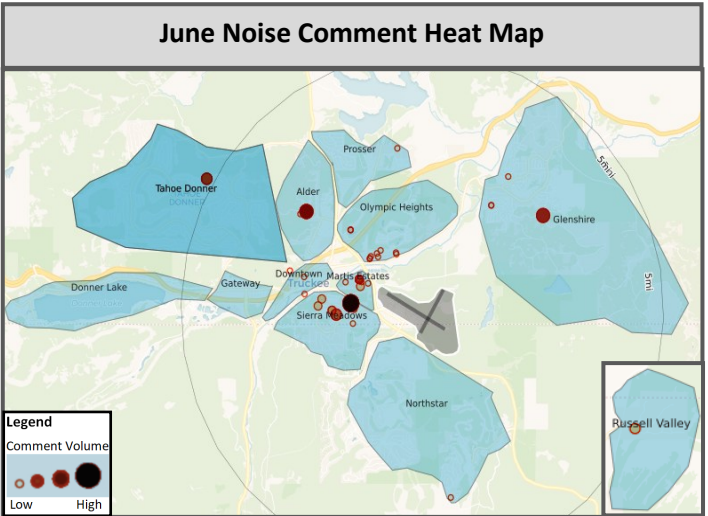
June Operations by Type — 3 Years					
	2024	2025	2026	Change From 2024	Change From 2025
Helicopter	106	143	157	40%	10%
Jet	511	468	603	18%	29%
Piston	1,936	2,270	2,127	10%	-6%
Turboprop	533	475	535	0%	13%
Gliders	545	539	600	10%	11%
Total	3,631	3,895	4,022	11%	3%



Fly Quiet

In June, we received 55 noise comments from 33 households, including 7 from one household. No noise complaints were received during the Air Show practice day or the Air Show. The Navy F/A-18 departure on the Monday after the Air Show generated 14 comments, 6 from first-time commenters. Staff followed up with 12 pilots and contacted Air Traffic Control once to reinforce procedures. There were 33 non-EMS operations during the voluntary curfew, including 7 related to runway closures. Staff also addressed Shoulder Hour Protocol noncompliance with two operators.

June Comments by Type — 3 Years					
	2024	2025	2026	2025 Ops. per Comment	2026 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	2	2	0	72	N/A
Jet	36	20	30	23	20
Piston	34	26	13	87	164
Turboprop	5	2	12	238	45
Total	78	52	55	75	73
T & G	3	0	1	N/A	606
Local	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	335
Transient	N/A	N/A	43	N/A	94



Aviation & Community Services Report

July 22, 2026



Fly Safe

The June Fly Safe Seminar, *‘Ditching The Sky,’* featured Heidi Porch’s incredible account of surviving a forced ditching in the Pacific Ocean while ferrying a Cessna in 1984. Her firsthand story of the water landing, overnight survival, and eventual rescue provided valuable safety lessons and captivated an audience of approximately 45 attendees.

This month’s Fly Safe Seminar, attendees heard *‘Learning From Silent Flight’* presented by USAF Soaring Academy instructor Mark Matticola. Drawing from his extensive glider instruction experience, Matticola discussed the unique lessons glider operations offer pilots, including energy management, aeronautical decision-making, and techniques that can improve overall airmanship. Held in conjunction with TTSA’s week-long soaring competition this seminar took place Wednesday, July 15 outdoors at the Gliderport.

Pilots seeking additional training can now attend several **clinics sponsored by Fly Safe**. Mountain Lion will host a clinic for Cirrus pilots September 3–4, AOPA is putting on a Rusty Pilots Seminar August 22 and Soar Truckee is planning a Glider Clinic later this summer.



STEAM

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is currently hosting its second of three ***Mission to Mars*** youth camps through Friday of this week. The program introduces students to science, technology, engineering, aviation, and space exploration concepts through interactive projects and team-based challenges.

The *Mission to Mars* series continues to be a valuable opportunity for local students to explore STEAM subjects in an engaging environment while gaining exposure to aviation. The third and final camp of the summer is scheduled to take place in late August.

Hangars and Wait List

Staff is getting closer to launching the Tenant Portal in AeroSimple, which will allow for streamlined tracking of documents and inspections. This will ideally make invoicing significantly more accessible to tenants and will likely be followed by a transition to a new payment portal. Waitlist numbers remain steady as new applications offset any vacancies. Staff is undergoing the annual wait list update process which will help gauge demand and determine continued interest in hangars from applicants in previous years.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	34	0
Large-T (48’ door)	11	4	0
Medium-T (44’ door)	57	29	0
Regular-T	129	31	0
Total	227	98	0

Community Outreach

TTAD continued its community engagement efforts throughout June by participating in the **Martis Camp Community Day**, where staff hosted an informational booth and connected with residents about airport operations, programs, and services.

Additionally, the Airport welcomed two field trips from local **Boys & Girls Clubs** as part of their “Aviation Week” programming. Roughly 30 kids from Kings Beach and Truckee branches were given a tour of the airport with educational stops at the rotating beacon, administrative offices, dispatch desk, a well-populated west ramp and the maintenance shop. These outreach efforts support TTAD’s commitment to inspiring the next generation of aviation professionals while strengthening community connections.