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Aviation & Community Services Report

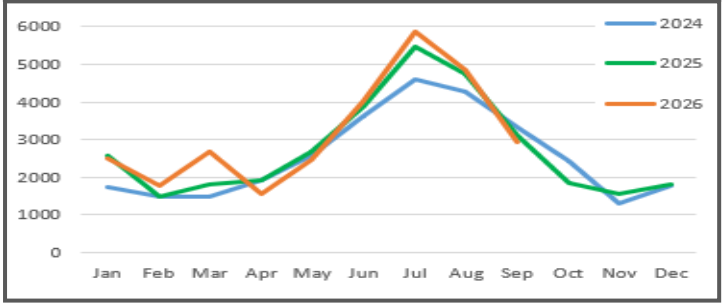
October, 21 2026

Director of Aviation

September showed typical operations with days getting shorter and cooling trends.
Staffed interviewed 3 TTUSD students for our new Connecting Point internship program, which will run from Nov to spring '27; two students will be selected.
Staff is working with Vector to re-establish our on-line overnight hangar rental program. The old vender went out of business and Vector will provide us this service before winter sets in.

Operations

Monthly Operations 2024—2026



September saw a mix of favorable flying weather and the first signs of fall conditions at Truckee. Cooler temperatures and occasional periods of stronger winds and increased cloud cover caused some limited disruptions, particularly as fall conditions began to settle in. Conditions remained steady while reflecting the seasonal transition out of the summer months.

September Operations by Type — 3 Years

	2024	2025	2026	Change From 2024	Change From 2025
Helicopter	224	106	143	-36%	35%
Jet	450	457	578	28%	26%
Piston	1,943	1,774	1,551	-20%	-13%
Turboprop	444	445	551	24%	24%
Gliders	286	334	154	-46%	-54%
Total	**3,347**	**3,116**	**2,977**	**-11%**	**-4%**

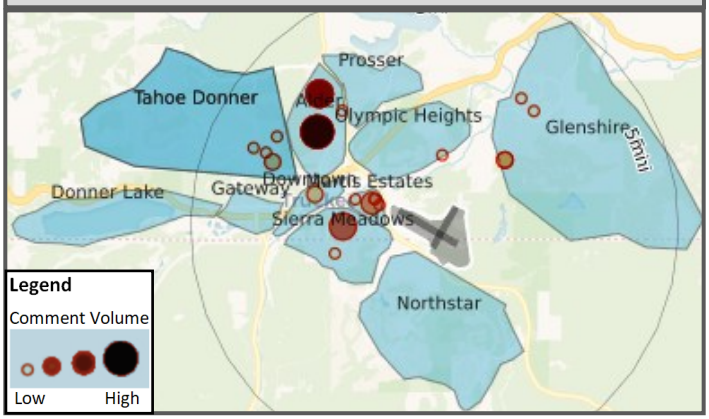
Fly Quiet

In September, the airport received 38 noise comments involving 19 different aircraft types. Alder and Sierra Meadows generated the most comments, with eight comments originating from a single Alder household. Helicopter activity also increased during the month due to the Bug Fire, as Truckee Tahoe Airport served as the designated Helitack base for fire-fighting operations. While temporary, the increased helicopter traffic supported critical wildfire response efforts throughout the region. Overall comment volume remained consistent with seasonal aviation activity through the month.

September Comments by Type — 3 Years

	2024	2025	2026	2025 Ops. per Comment	2026 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	3	0	1	N/A	143
Jet	43	23	25	20	23
Piston	23	17	5	104	310
Turboprop	5	3	7	148	79
Total	**74**	**43**	**38**	**72**	**78**
T & G	4	0	2	N/A	207
Local	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	992
Transient	N/A	N/A	35	N/A	85

September Noise Comment Heat Map



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Fly Safe

With drones increasingly making headlines for interfering with wildfire response and airport operations, the October Fly Safe seminar held on Monday, October 19, showcased the safe operations of drones around airports and restricted airspace. Leading the discussion was a local Part 107 Drone Operator who taught **'What Every Drone Pilot Should Know'** as well as members of the FBI and CA Central Intelligence Center who shared anti-drone technologies available to protect airports and large events. In addition to local pilots, the event was advertised to attract a broader audience including drone users and real estate agents.

On Wednesday, November 18, the final Fly Safe Seminar of the year will feature **Bryan Allegretto of OpenSnow**, one of the region's most trusted weather forecasters. Bryan will kick off the evening with insights into Sierra winter weather patterns and what pilots can expect during the upcoming snow season. Following his presentation, airport supervisors will lead the annual **Winter Operations at KTRK** discussion, covering snow removal procedures, how Field Condition (FICON) reports are determined, and best practices for safely operating on the airfield during winter weather events. This event will be advertised to the wider community.

STEAM

Truckee Tahoe Airport is proud to partner with **Connecting Point** to recruit two local high school interns for a unique Career Technical Education (CTE) learning experience. Beginning this Fall, interns will complete an 'Airport 101' curriculum before advancing into a structured pilot ground school program that combines classroom instruction with hands-on breakout sessions. Over the coming months, students will gain valuable exposure to aviation, airport operations, and career pathways while developing practical skills and real-world experience at an active airport.

Hangars and Wait List

As Fall continues, transition of the tenants out of Juliet Row is almost complete. Hangar Revitalization is underway on five executive hangars. Hangar inspections are pending. Tenant Portal transition is paused to upgrade to AeroSimple Next, which will better streamline leasing management, reporting and tenant communications.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	30	0
Large-T (48' door)	11	3	0
Medium-T (44' door)	57	24	0
Regular-T	129	33	0
Total	**227**	**90**	**0**

Community Outreach

Both members of TTAD's Noise & Community Outreach office attended the **ACI-NA/AAAE Airport Noise Conference** in Bellevue, Washington last week. The three-day event, considered as one of the preeminent gatherings of airport noise professionals addressed the latest topics in airport noise management and mitigation as well as research updates and community engagement strategies. TTAD's own Larry Finney was featured as a panel speaker for a session titled 'Noise Officers Get Asked About Anything and Everything.'

The Nevada County Arts Council will host its **Art At The Airport** Fall exhibit opening reception on Friday, November 20. The theme for this season is the annual tradition of a 's.t.e.A.m' student art exhibit in partnership with the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. This dynamic exhibit showcases how local students creatively explore the intersection of art and innovation.