



# Backcountry Aviation Tourism

# Pilots Wanna have Fun - and they SHARE!



negrito nm airstrip 0NM7 NM



High Elevation Airplane Camping, Can We Take off? 10,000' Density Altitude Negrito, NM

2,120 views • Oct 2, 2020

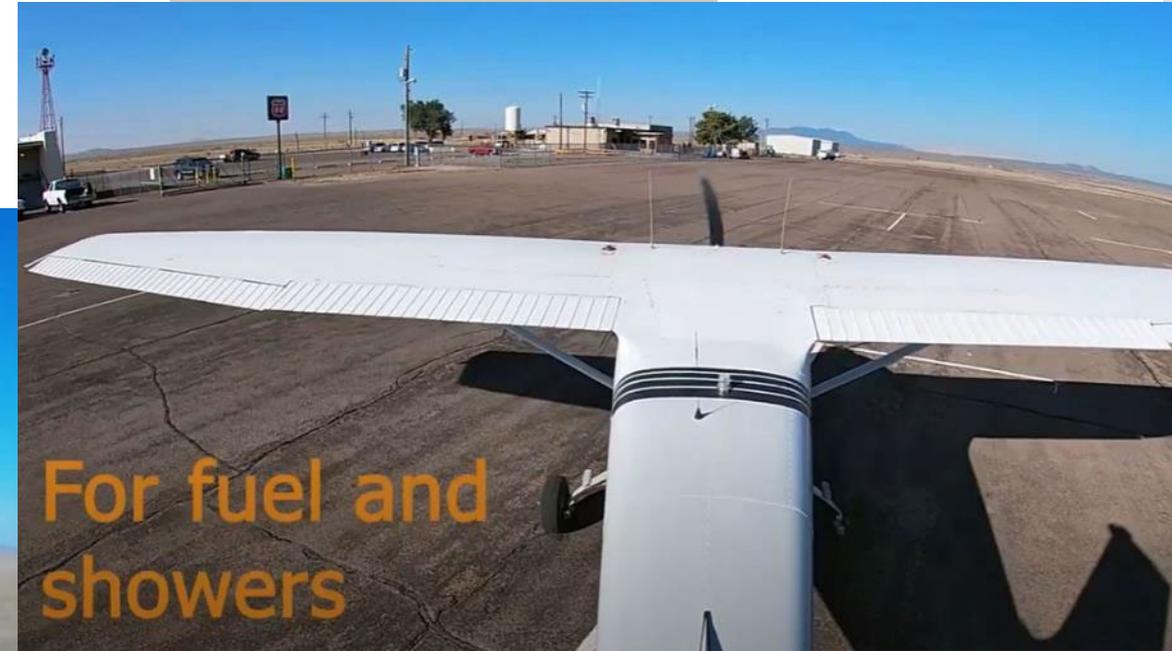
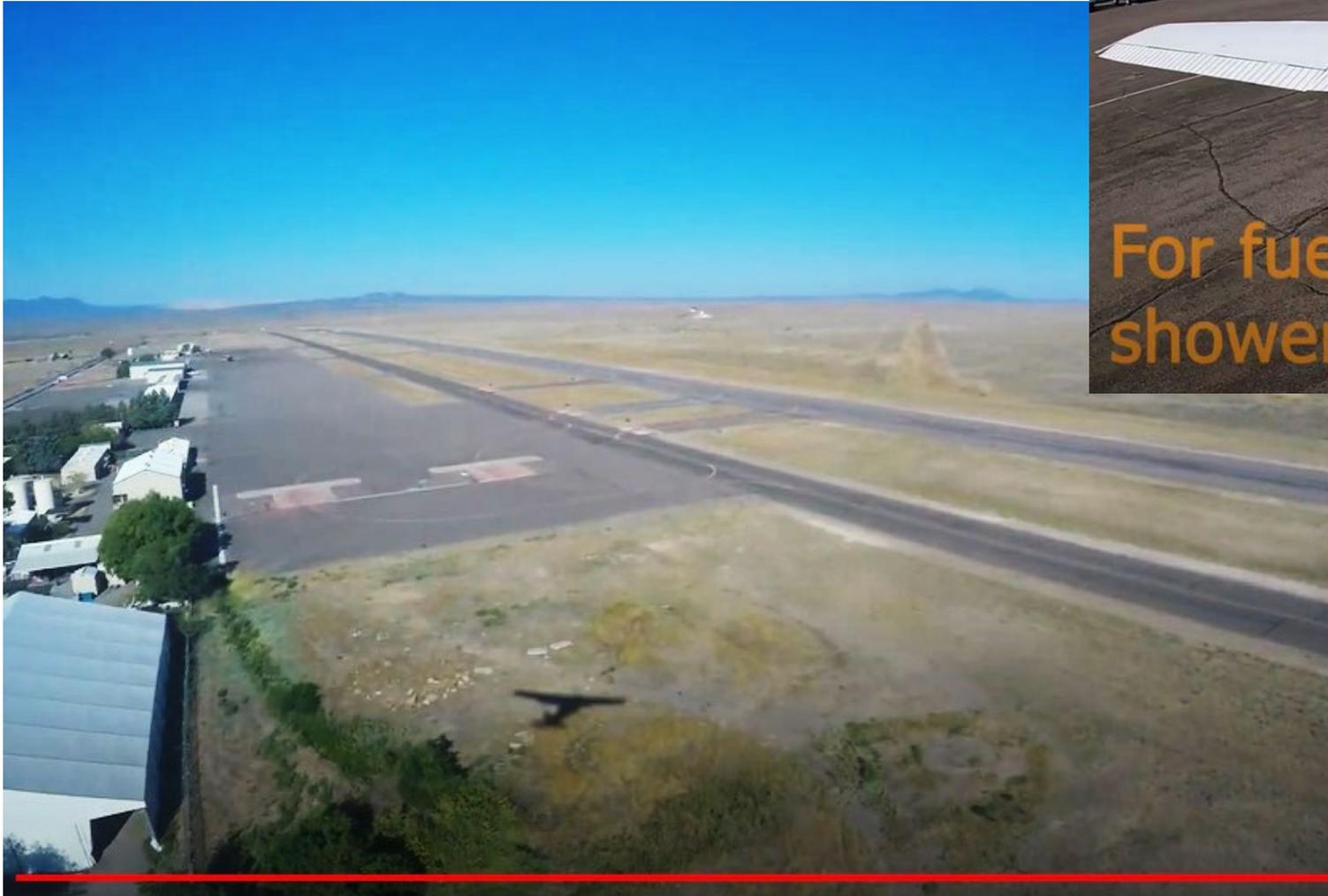
58 DISLIKE SHARE

3 Ship departed from Safford, AZ (KSAD)

# Propwash Ranch bunch at Negrito



# Landed KSVC



- First aircraft landed on 30
- Others diverted to pavement
- Side trip to Whiskey Creek

# USFS Negrito Airstrip in the Gila



Installed with NMPA Funds

12 years of Fly-Ins, Work Parties



# USFS Rainy Mesa - Gila

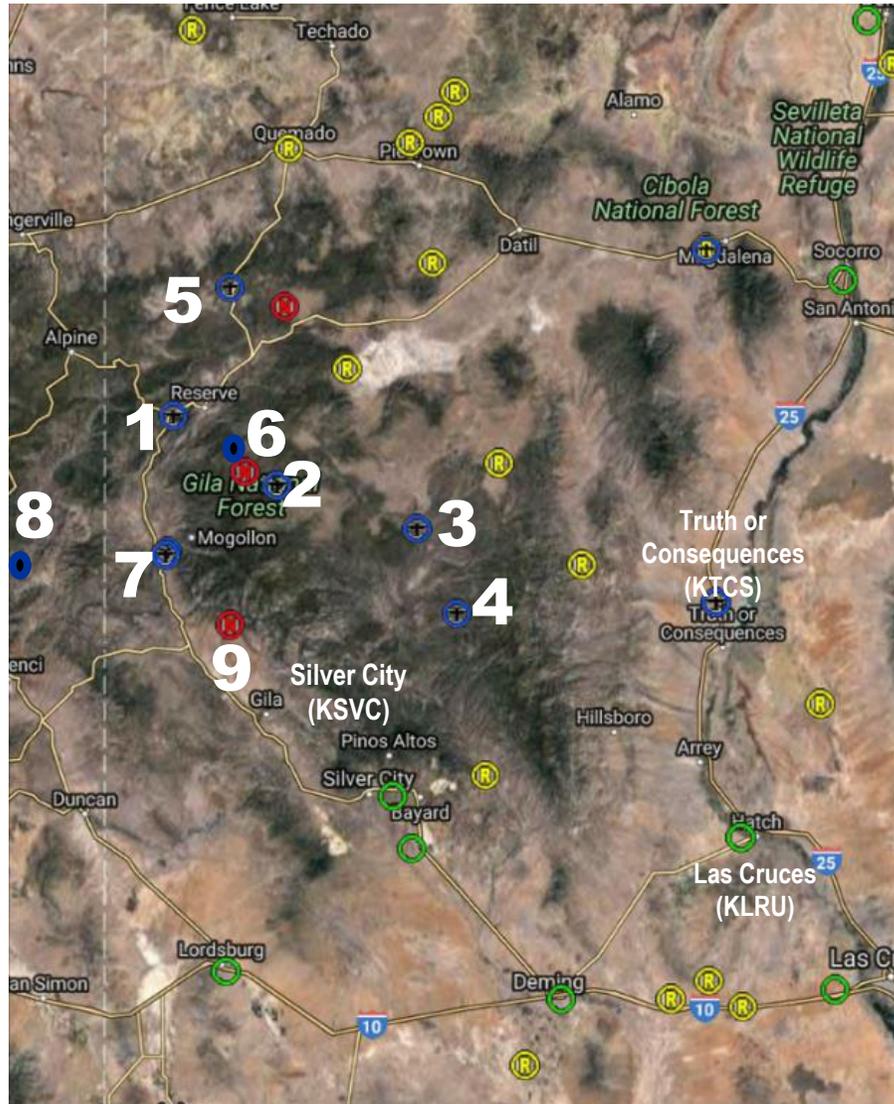
## Accomplished the Impossible

- FAA Identifier
- Returned to chart
- Airstrip restored for use!



# Gila Backcountry Flying

*Unique New Mexico Treasure*



## Recreational Airstrips

1. Reserve (T16)
2. Negrito (0NM7)
3. Beaverhead (13NM)
4. Me-Own (1NM0)
5. Jewett Mesa (13Q)
6. Rainy Mesa (NM54)
7. Glenwood (E94)
8. Double Circle (AZ66)
9. Sacaton (TBD) (**In Progress**)

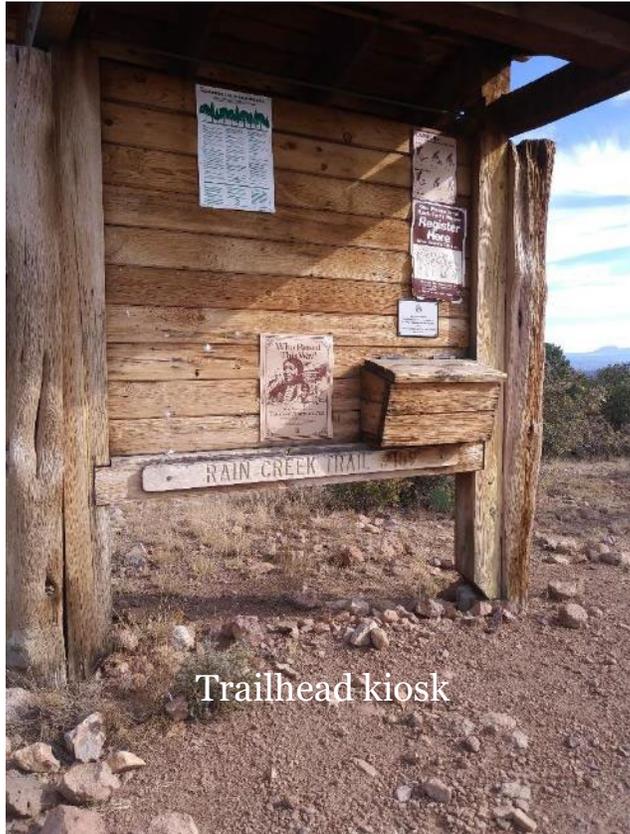
Details on [Airfield.guide](https://www.airfield.guide)



# Sacaton Landing Strip

## ACCOMPLISHED

- Development Proposal Submitted
- Environmental / Cultural Study completed
- Runway rehabilitated



Trailhead kiosk



Before rehabilitation



After rehabilitation



# Cuba Landing Strip (NM2)



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Back on the Chart!
- Cultural & Environmental study completed
- Access road Right of Way approval
- Improvement priorities defined



# 5 Popular Private Airstrip Fly-Ins

## Southwest

- Amigos del Cielo
- Thurmond \*



## North Central

- Grant Besley \*
- Murrow \*

## West Central

- Mystic Bluffs



\* New in last 10 years



# Amigos del Cielo, “Friends of the Sky”

*An awesome fly-in weekend to the Bootheel – 2020 and 2022*

Friday social hour



Guest Speaker & Movie Night in the theatre





# Lordsburg Community Fly-Ins





# Gila Fly-In based at Reserve (T16)

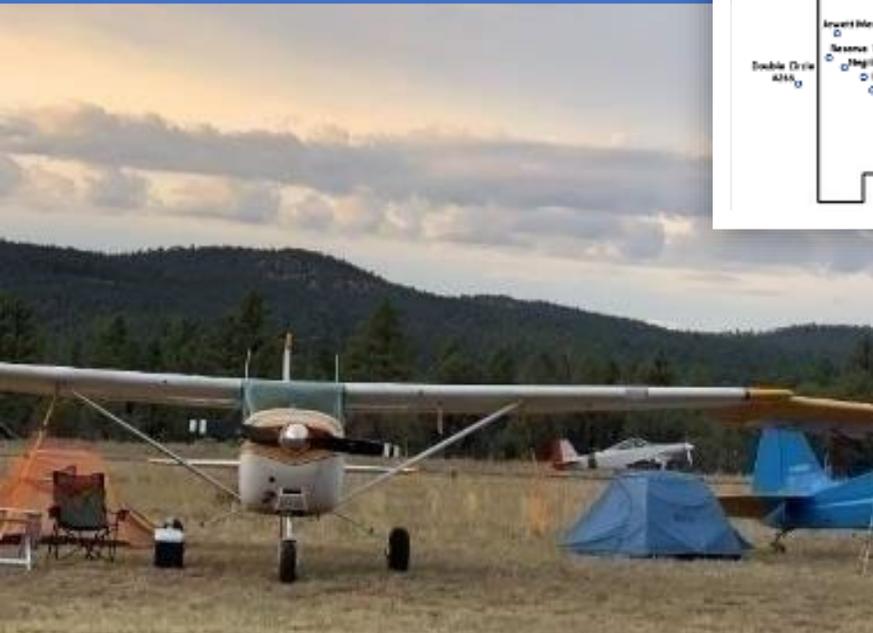


EAA Volunteers provide free Young Eagles flights



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Successful annual events
- Community involvement
- Attracted visitors from NM, AZ, CO, KS, TX, UT

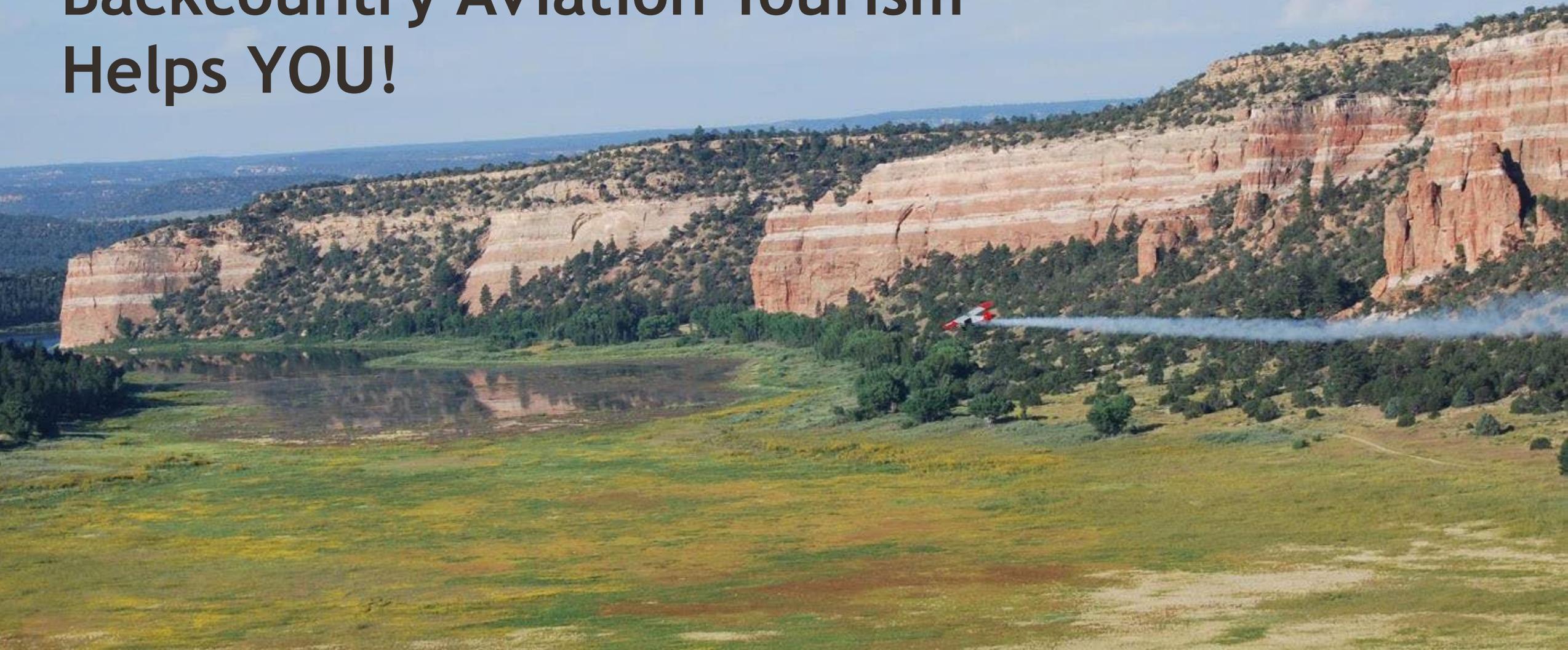


# Backcountry Aviation Tourism Helps YOU!

New Mexico Pilots Association



[Nmpilots.org](http://Nmpilots.org)







# Reserve Airport (T16)

*Approved Project*

## PLANS:

- FEMA building relocation (restrooms, showers, etc.)
- Shade structure for picnic area



# Potential Projects

## Navajo Lake Airport (1V0)

- Portable toilet installed
- Develop picnic and camping area
- Improve access road



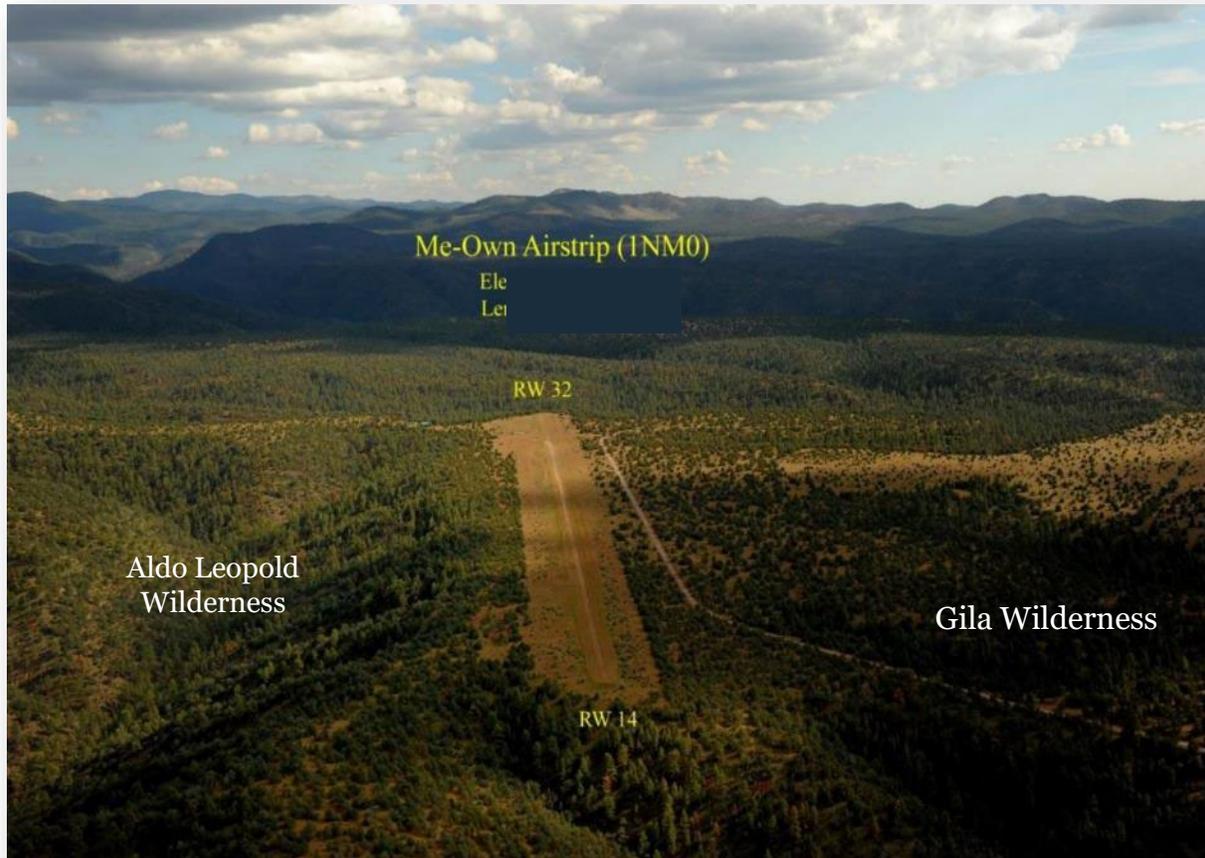
## Glenwood Airport (E94)

- Catron County tourism potential
- Drafting a development strategy



# Gila -Backcountry Flying Treasure

## Me-Own Airstrip



## Beaverhead Airstrip

