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MFR is Looking Ahead to Expansion!

The Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport (MFR) experience is about to get even better with plans for a major terminal expansion. The airport is struggling to accommodate the current number of passengers that pass through every year, and that number is forecasted to double by the year 2042.

With only two jet bridges, the airport is finding it difficult to meet the demands of airlines. During a November 26, 2024 presentation to the Jackson County Commissioners, Airport Director Amber Judd said, "Our terminal is only 15 years old, but it was designed for a lot of smaller, regional jets, which really don't exist at MFR anymore, and the airline trend is only bigger and bigger aircraft."

The proposed expansion will almost double the square footage of the airport terminal and includes a new two-story concourse, capable of handling at least six mainline aircraft at a time.

● MFR Connectivity

Medford's current air service consists of 6 airlines and 11 nonstop markets providing travelers with a range of choices from full-service carriers to budget friendly ultra low-fare carriers. These 11 nonstop markets connect Oregonians to almost 400 worldwide cities.

● 2024 Passenger Traffic Overview

In 2024, Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport (MFR) surpassed **1 million total passengers**, marking the **second busiest year in the airport's history**. This milestone reflects continued growth in air travel demand, driven by expanded airline service, strong regional tourism, and a thriving local economy. MFR remains a key gateway for Southern Oregon, enhancing connectivity for both business and leisure travelers while reinforcing its role as a vital economic engine for the region.



Triennial Emergency Exercise

As required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Rogue Valley International - Medford Airport will be conducting its triennial, live, mass-casualty drill on **May 28th of this year**. The Airport's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Department will initiate the exercise. The drill will include a full response from all agency services within Jackson County. In addition to support provided by mutual aid agencies, a large cast of private individual volunteers will be made-up to simulate injured persons.



Emergency Preparedness



Airport Director

Amber Judd, CM

Amber Judd is the Airport Director of the Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport (MFR) in Medford, Oregon. Prior to becoming the Airport Director, Amber served MFR as Director of Finance & Administration, and before that as Airport Accountant. She has been with the airport for eleven years.

When she is not working, she enjoys traveling, playing with her grandkids, and spending time with her husband and three grown children. Amber is a graduate of Southern Utah University.



● The MFR Leadership Team

Airport leadership at Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport (MFR) led by Amber Judd is responsible for overseeing all aspects of airport operations, strategic planning, and growth initiatives.

This includes managing airline relationships, enhancing passenger experience, ensuring regulatory compliance, and driving economic development through infrastructure improvements and new air service opportunities.

Leadership also focuses on safety, sustainability, and innovation to meet the evolving needs of travelers, airlines, and the Southern Oregon community while maintaining MFR's role as a critical regional transportation hub.

Brian Gebhard, CM Dir Operations & Maint

In November 2017, Brian Gebhard was named new Director of Operations. Brian has been at the airport in various positions for nearly 30 years. Brian started as a fire fighter with ARFF in 1994. In 1999 he was promoted to Fire Chief. After three years as Chief, Brian moved to Jackson County as Security Manager in September 2002.



Brian Gebhard, CM

Brad Cozza, CM Dir of Operational Security

Brad Cozza is an Indiana native and graduate of Purdue University's Aviation Management program. Prior to joining the MFR team as the Operations Supervisor, he served as the Airport Manager at two of Indiana's general aviation airports. Away from the airport, he enjoys spending time with his growing family and participating in local government.



Brad Cozza, CM

Mike Doil Mgr of Economic & Air Service Development

Mike Doil is a Texas native and graduate of The University of Texas as well as a MBA in Strategic Planning and Statistics from TCU. Prior to joining the MFR team as the Director of Economic & Air Service Development, he was with Delta Air Lines for more than 28 years serving in many different roles before retiring as Director of Market and Sales Development in Atlanta, GA. Away from the airport, he enjoys hiking, trail running, wildlife photography and government think-tanks.



Mike Doil

Traci Carrier Dir Finance & Admin

Traci joined the Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport in the summer of 2023, bringing over 20 years of experience in government budgeting and financial analysis. As Director of Finance and Administration, she oversees the airport's financial strategy, budgeting, and administrative operations, ensuring fiscal responsibility and efficiency.

Traci holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Southern Oregon University and is committed to driving financial sustainability and operational excellence within the aviation sector.



Traci Carrier

Brian Calabro Maintenance Manager

Brian brings a wealth of maintenance experience to MFR. Brian Graduated from Rogue River HS 1990. US Navy Presidential Honor guard 1992-1994. Married (Melissa) 1995-present. 2 boys: Payton (23)-USAF, Gabe (21)-NW Lineman college. State of Oregon General Journeyman Electrician 2000-Present. Jackson County Electrician since 2009. Jackson County Maintenance Manager 2022-present. Enjoys sports, outdoors and family.



Brian Calabro

Dan Hermansen Security Supervisor

Dan Hermansen is a native Montanan and spent 29 years with the Oregon State Police and Seven years as a Federal Court Security Officer prior to coming to the Medford Airport where he supervises the Enforcement Team and Credentialing Office.



Dan Hermansen

Gary Hartmann Operations Supervisor

Gary Hartmann was born in California, and spent his formidabile years in Boise, Idaho. Prior to joining the MFR team as the Operations Supervisor, he worked in aviation for 20 years. Starting at an FBO, performing commercial refueling, working for an airline and with the Boise Airport Operations team. Outside of work, he enjoys his family, time with his two sons, and the occasional video game.



Gary Hartmann

Barbara Thompson Airport Accountant

Barbara Thompson is a native Oregonian growing up in Eastern Oregon. She joined the accounting team at the airport in 2007 before the new terminal was opened. Prior to joining the airport, she spent most of her career in banking. Outside of work, Barbara and her husband have two grown sons who are married. The best part of her life are her six grandchildren ranging in age from 17 months to 6 years old. Barb manages the accounting office.



Barbara Thompson

Carrie Andries Contract Coordinator

Carrie Andries is a native of Colorado and moved to the Rogue Valley 20 years ago to enjoy the outdoor lifestyle Southern Oregon has to offer. After 20 years in escrow and non-profit management, Carrie joined the Airport team in 2021 as the Contract Coordinator. Carrie manages the front office & is responsible for the airports' contracts, hangar leases, & advertising agreements.

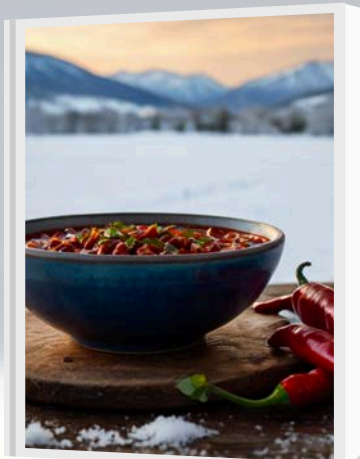


Carrie Andries

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2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off

The Airport hosted our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off on February 12th. Employees from around the Airport were invited to join us to enjoy GREAT chili and see which one was judged to be the best of the best! Three judges ended up selecting Andrea Wood's "Wood Family Chili" as this year's winner!



- **1st place** - Andrea Wood - TSA
- **2nd place** - Jon Braga - MFR Ops
- **3rd place** - Jesse Downs - RAMS



• New ARFF Truck Arrives

With a water tank that stores 3,000-gallons and a 420-gallon foam tank, and a 550-gallon dry chemical capacity, the Striker 6x6 goes from 0 to 50mph in less than 25 seconds.

ARFF vehicles are aircraft rescue and firefighting apparatus, and they differ from municipal rescue and firefighting trucks. The reason is airport emergencies present different types of scenarios and require a unique response.

Airport fire trucks carry a larger water tank, capable of holding thousands of gallons. This is because they don't have access to water supplies when locations of emergencies vary and are uncertain. They also have to carry various firefighting agents, such as firefighting foam, dry chemicals, and clean agents, for situations which may stem from aircraft oil spills and electrical fires.



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GET YOUR REAL ID BY MAY 7, 2025

Starting May 7, 2025, your driver's license or state issued ID must be a REAL ID to access certain federal facilities.

FIND OUT HOW TO GET YOUR REAL ID TODAY AT [TSA.GOV/REAL-ID](https://www.tsa.gov/real-id)

- A REAL ID is a state-issued driver's license, instruction permit or identification card that meets federal security standards set by the [REAL ID Act of 2005](#) to increase the integrity and security of the credentials.
- Starting May 7, 2025, the federal government will require every person 18 years and older to present a REAL ID-compliant state-issued driver's license, instruction permit or identification card or another [acceptable form of identification](#) -- like any government-issued passport, a U.S. passport card or military ID -- to board a flight within the U.S. and to access certain federal facilities, such as military bases or nuclear plants.
- REAL ID is not a passport, and it cannot be used for border crossings into Canada, Mexico or any other location outside of the U.S. If you are traveling anywhere outside the U.S., you will need an unexpired passport.

● What Is Real ID?

Passed by Congress in 2005, the REAL ID Act enacted the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the Federal Government "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses." The Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits certain federal agencies from accepting for official purposes licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards. These purposes are:

- Accessing certain federal facilities
- Boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft
- Entering nuclear power plants



SAN DIEGO



America's Finest City

We are thrilled to announce that Alaska Airlines is launching a brand new daily route between Medford, Oregon and San Diego, California starting May 15th 2025.



Pick Your Passion

There are plenty of passions to pursue in San Diego. We invite you to step outside of your comfort zone and explore new activities while you're here. You might just find that discovering a new pursuit is an adventure in itself.

Follow the music to San Diego, where the clubs are bumping with the beats of world-class DJs, the craft cocktails are true works of art and the dance floors are filled with people soaking up the city's bright vibes.



Find Your Splish-Splashin' Smile

With 70 miles of sun soaked coast, calm bay waters and plenty of placid lakes, it's easy to spend a day on or in the water. Escape to the bright side of San Diego, where these water adventures will have you smiling from ear to ear.

FEBRUARY 2025 | MFR

A Big Snow Event

ROGUE VALLEY INTERNATIONAL - MEDFORD AIRPORT



KEEPING MFR SAFE & OPEN

BY QUINN WILDER

When a major snow event hits, keeping an airport open and operational is no small feat. At Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport (MFR), the airport operations team works tirelessly to ensure that runways, taxiways, and ramps remain safe for arriving and departing aircraft.

During and after the '100-year' snowfall, the MFR team deployed an array of specialized equipment, including plows, rotary brushes, and deicing vehicles, to keep surfaces clear. Snowplows worked in coordinated formations to push snow off runways, while high-powered brushes removed any remaining accumulation to prevent ice buildup. Deicing trucks apply liquid chemicals to critical areas, helping to maintain traction for aircraft and ground vehicles.

Keeping an airport open during a winter storm is more than just a job—it's a commitment to safety, efficiency, and reliability. The MFR operations team's hard work ensured that Southern Oregon remained connected, no matter what winter threw our way.

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