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Subject: Alaska Aviation Fact Sheet

Alaska's 591,004 square miles of land and 2,427,971 square miles of airspace are served by:

3 Flight Standards district offices	8 FAA control towers and 4 military towers
1 certificate management office	2 terminal radar approach control facilities
1 FAA Safety Team	1 air route traffic control center
1 aircraft certification office	195 aviation weather camera sites
133 automated weather monitoring systems	17 Flight Service Stations
	1 commercial space port

Pilots, Mechanics, & Aircraft:

There are 8,202 active pilots, 2,849 air frame and power plant mechanics of which 775 have inspection authorizations, and 10,423 registered aircraft in Alaska.

Airports:

Alaska has 405 public use land-based airports, 54 heliports, and approximately 855 recorded landing areas (private, public, and military) total. *Of course pilots land on many of the thousands of lakes and gravel bars across the state where no constructed facility exists.*

Air Commerce

The number of enplanements (4.65 million) in Alaska is 6.4 times the state population compared to 2.3 times the U.S. population for all states. *There are 290 certified air carriers in Alaska providing scheduled and on-demand services.*

Seaplanes:

Lake Hood in Anchorage is the world's largest and busiest seaplane base and the only seaplane base with primary airport status in the U.S. It accommodates an average of 172 daily takeoffs and landings with nearly 400 on a peak summer day. There were approximately 63,000 operations in 2012, when combined with the Lake Hood gravel strip. *Alaska has the most seaplane bases in the country – 184*

Air Traffic Control Tower Activity in 2012:

Ted Stevens, Anchorage– 284,095
Lake Hood – ~63,000
Fairbanks – 129,389
Juneau – 91,176
Merrill Field, Anchorage– 131,777

Airport Improvement:

Since 1982 the federal Airport Improvement Program has provided over \$3.5 billion for airport construction, development and planning in Alaska. This funding was provided via approximately 1,407 grants within Alaska. *In fiscal year 2012, the FAA Alaskan Region distributed \$225.8 million in 42 grants to State and other "local" airport sponsors.*