

Classification Matrix
Idaho Airstrip Network

This classification format is used to describe the type of public use airstrips and their attendant uses, settings and experiences that are available for the general public to use and enjoy. This classification format does not apply to “Privately Owned” airstrips that are not available for public use. Privately owned airstrips that are available for public use may receive a classification based on the same criteria in the classification format as public airstrips. The term *airstrip* as used in this classification format shall have the same meaning as the definition provided in §21-101 (c), I.C.

Classification	Closed	Limitations on Use		For General Public Use			
	Not Available for Use	Owner Restrictions	Hazardous	Wild Wild with No Services or Facilities	Primitive Primitive with Limited Facilities	Developed Destination Camping with Basic Services	Community Community Oriented with Basic Services
General Description Of Classification	Airstrips currently not available for public use due to a resource, ownership or other reason, appropriately closed by special order closure and marked as closed on the ground	Airstrips, either private or publicly owned, with a variety of facilities that have individual restrictions on use. In some cases fees or advance permission may be required for landing.	Airstrips with no facilities that have extremely hazardous conditions due to location or configuration, and require special skills or equipment beyond the normal anticipated for general aviation and use is discouraged.	Airstrips may have basic navigation aids such as windsock and runway markers and no user facilities	Airstrips with basic navigational aids such as windsock and runway markers and some limited user facilities.	Airstrips with basic navigational aids that also provide additional services for user convenience and comfort, such as restrooms or camping facilities. Generally may have road access and nearby attractions.	Airstrips which may have additional navigation aids, and which might include radio service, and additional services generally associated with proximity to communities or other attractions. Some limited aviation services may be available.
General Setting	Variable based on location	Variable based on location	Variable based on location	Typically located in the remotest settings (either wilderness or backcountry) away from roads and communities	Typically located in remote settings (either wilderness, desert or backcountry) but may be accessed by low standard road	Typically located in areas of high use and interest, often in remote settings but may be accessed by improved roads	Typically located in proximity to a community, accessed by full service roads, and surrounded by or close to some development

¹ Restricted category may include many different types of restrictions and category labels. Two main ones are shown below. As more are identified they may be included in this classification format.

Settings and Descriptions

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	Not Available for Use	Owner Restrictions	Hazardous	Wild	Primitive	Developed	Community
Typical Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) settings	Variable based on location	Primitive to Semi-Primitive non-motorized	Primitive to Semi-Primitive non-motorized	Primitive	Primitive to Semi-Primitive motorized	Semi-Primitive motorized to Rural	Roaded Natural to Rural
Type of road access	Variable	Highly variable, from roaded to primitive with no roads	Typically none	None	Typically none, but may have low standard road access	Access by low standard or improved roads	Access by improved or paved roads
Anticipated Level of Use	None	Highly variable	Infrequent	Low	Low to Moderate – peak season Low – other times	High – peak season Low – other times	High – peak season Low to Moderate – other times
Skill level qualification	NA	Generally all with training on unpaved surfaces	High skill with specialized training unique to each airstrip	Mod – High skill with mtn flying training	Mod – High skill with mtn flying training with the exception of desert strips	Moderate skill with mtn flying training	All with training on unpaved surfaces
Equipment qualifications	NA	Properly equipped to standard specifications	Specialized equipment needed	Properly equipped for mtn flying and rough unpaved surfaces	Properly equipped for mtn flying and/or rough unpaved surfaces	Properly equipped to standard specifications	Properly equipped to standard specifications
Level of risk and difficulty	NA	Low-Moderate	Extremely High	High	High	Moderate – High	Low – Moderate
Historical and Cultural Attractions	NA	Variable	Variable based on location	Natural surroundings with likely prehistoric features nearby	Natural surroundings with likely prehistoric features nearby	Natural surroundings with likely pre-historic and historic features nearby	More developed surroundings with likely historic features nearby
Types of Activities Available	NA	Variable, though typically offer some outdoor activities and specialized services	Variable based on location	Typical outdoor activities associated with remote settings	Typical outdoor activities associated with remote settings	Typical outdoor activities and some associated with more developed settings	Typical activities associated with developed settings
Availability of Commercial Services	NA	Variable, though typically may have some services available	None	None	None	May have commercial services within driving distance of airstrip	May have commercial services within walking distance of airstrip

Settings and Descriptions (continued)

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	Not Available for Public Use	Owner Restrictions	Hazardous	Wild	Primitive	Developed	Community
Types of Commercial Services that might be available	NA	Variable, though typically similar to Developed and Community Airstrips	None	None	Outfitters and Guides	Restaurant Groceries Cabins Outfitters and Guides	Groceries Restaurants Hotel/Motel Gas Sporting Goods
Types of amenities that might be provided at airstrip	NA	Similar to Developed and Community Airstrips	None	None	Tie-downs Dispersed campsites Pit or vault toilets	Tie-downs Developed campsites Vault or flush toilets Potable water	Tie-downs Courtesy Cars Vault or flush toilets Potable water Public phone

Management Concerns

Classification	Closed	Limitations on Use		For General Public Use			
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Types of airstrip maintenance which might be scheduled	Variable by airstrip, typically none	Variable, though typically similar to Developed and Community Airstrips	Clear vegetation from approaches and remove obstacles only as needed	Clear vegetation, remove obstacles, treat noxious weeds and blade periodically to maintain useable airstrip surface	Clear vegetation, remove obstacles, treat noxious weeds, blade or mow regularly to maintain useable airstrip surface	Clear vegetation, remove obstacles, blade, mow, water, treat invasive and noxious weeds, and make spot improvements regularly to maintain an improved airstrip surface	Clear vegetation, remove obstacles, blade, mow, fertilize, water, treat invasive and noxious weeds, and make spot treatments to maintain an improved airstrip surface

Airstrip Listing

Classification	Closed	Limitations on Use		For General Public Use			
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List of Airstrips by Classification	Cape Horn Crowfoot Falconberry Hida Point Obsidian Ramsey Meadows	Allison Ranch Badley Billy Creek – 3 Rivers Cambell Ferry Concorde Mine Copenhaver Elk Lake Flying B Ranch Green Valley Hubler Field Huskey (Bonneville) Mallard Creek MBAR McClain Ranch Monumental Morgan Mullins NorthStar Ox Ranch Pistol Creek Reed Ranch Root Ranch Running Creek Selway Lodge SFR (Hettinger) Shepp Ranch Snow Valley Spencer Stibnite Stonebreaker Sulphur Creek Taylor Ranch Triple Creek Whitewater Ranch Wiley Ranch Yellowjacket Yellowpine Bar	Cayuse Creek Dewey Moore Elk Meadows Hoodoo Horse Heaven Mile-Hi Simonds Vines	Bernard Big Bar Fish Lake Lower Loon Mahoney Shearer Soldier Bar Upper Loon Wilson Bar	Antelope Valley Atlanta Bear Trap Big Southern Butte Cabin Creek Chamberlain Cold Meadows Copper Basin Cox’s Well Dixie Dixie FS Elk River Graham Grasmere Hollow Top Indian Creek Krasel Laidlaw Corrals Landmark May Midway Moose Creek Murphy Hot Springs Orogrande Thomas Creek Twin Bridges Weatherby	Big Creek Bruce Meadows Henry’s Lake Idaho City Johnson Creek Magee Magic Reservoir Pine Slate Creek Smith’s Prairie Warm Springs	Carey Cavanaugh Bay Dixie Town Donnelly Elk City Garden Valley Howe Kooskia New Meadows Porthill Smiley Creek Stanley

² This list is for discussion purposes only. Until the Idaho Airstrip Network is established, this list represents potential airstrips by category. As owners choose not to participate, some airstrips may be eliminated from the classification format.

³ In some cases, these airstrips may no longer exist.

⁴ This list includes numerous private airstrips that will be invited to join the Idaho Airstrip Network. Each airstrip may have unique requirements for use.