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Brief

Cooperation leads to re-opening of Idaho's Reed Ranch

The RAF commends and thanks Idaho Division of Aeronautics, the Idaho Aviation Association and all those who worked long and hard with the USFS to ensure another desirable recreational airstrip for public use.

Paul Collins, RAF's Idaho Liaison said, "This represents a significant shift in the direction of the various agencies, indicating a spirit of cooperation that will benefit us all."

The Reed Ranch Airstrip lies along the south fork of the Salmon River in Idaho about 18 miles east of McCall. Formerly a private facility accessible by permission only, the USFS acquired the ranch and declared the strip "not for public use" because of possible unreported hazards. After substantial dialog and cooperation between the USFS and Idaho Department of Aeronautics, the strip **opened for public use July 30.**

RAF President John McKenna said, "the RAF has been involved with this effort since the first public meeting in McCall in February 2005. We also met Sen. Crapo in Washington, D.C. Success like this takes all parties working together."



Photo of smiling pilots shaking hands in front of planes at Reed Ranch or enjoying picnic.

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John "JV" DeThomas, Administrator, Idaho Division of Aeronautics scheduled the July 30 grand re-opening and picnic lunch. More detail needed . . .

There's no potable water at Reed. A portable toilet is on site for the time being.

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