



JACKSON HOLE AIRPORT STAFF UPDATE

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The final sunset before the runway reopening the following morning.

Submit photo entries to Kevin Dunnigan with a short description to be considered.

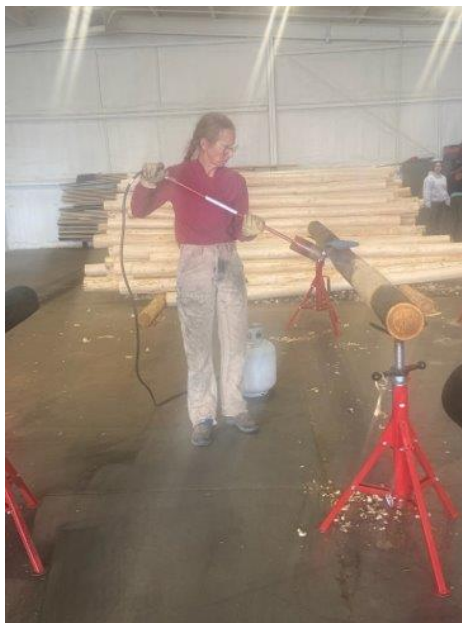
Employees of the Month



For the month of April, the Airport Board recognized Alex Clark as Employee of the Month. He has been with the organization for about a year and a half, and he is an extremely passionate individual. He dives into his work with the same vigor that he takes into the mountains. He routinely works the 4 am shift, then heads to the outdoors for some recreational activities. Alex was also recently named Outstanding Fireground Performer in the Firefighter 1 Class of 2021. Thank you for all of your hard work and positivity, Alex!



The Employee of the Month for May went to Chance Grimmatt. Chance coordinated so many details during the Airport closure, including making sure materials were on site and keeping full-time staff engaged with various projects. Chance has been with the Airport for roughly five years, and has stepped up and contributed all across the organization in many ways. Congratulations, Chance!



Martha Preston received the June Employee of the Month award. She took on the large task of treating every log that went into the Airport's new parking perimeter fencing. Martha used a unique wood preservation method that meant having to burn and condition each log individually. She was averaging 31 logs per day. All of your efforts are so appreciated, and the new fencing looks amazing!

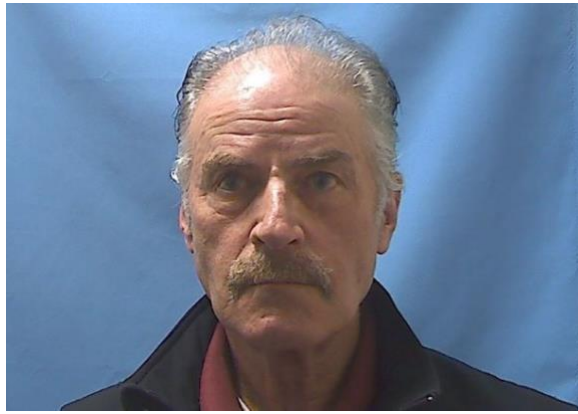


Welcome New Staff Members



Kristie Payne Wilcox, Transportation Security Officer, joined the Airport in December, 2021. She grew up in a big family on a farm and feels right at home at the Airport. She drove tractors, irrigated, weeded, harvested, pruned, and raked hay. She enjoys reading, watching Survivor and NCIS, editing photos, baking and catching up with friends and family. She loves staying active and taking advantage of all the outdoor activities this area has to offer.

She has four boys and studied exercise science with an emphasis in health and wellness and sports performance. She loves helping people and brings that passion to the Airport in her new role.



Steve Caldera, Transportation Security Officer, is new to the team this summer. After college he joined the military. Following a four-year enlistment, Steve joined a Police Department in the San Francisco Bay Area. He retired to the Victor area after a 30-year career in law enforcement. In his free time, he enjoys exploring wilderness country with his horses and Border Collies.



Wesley Hollinger, Transportation Security Officer, is also new to the team this summer. Prior to joining the airport, he was on a sabbatical exploring New Zealand. In his free time, he enjoys traveling and shopping.



Craig Foster, FBO General Manager, is originally from Orange County, California. After earning a B.A. in Business Administration in Washington state Craig returned to Orange County and started as a Line Tech at John Wayne Airport (KSNA). After 25 years in FBO leadership positions at multiple Southern California airports, Craig and his family moved to Boulder, Colorado in 2019 to start a new FBO for Sheltair at Rocky Mountain Metro Airport (KBJC). Though no longer actively flying, Craig has a private pilot license and instrument rating.

Craig and his wife Cristy have two sons, Mason (20) and Declan (16). Mason is starting as a Line Tech at Sheltair and will remain in Colorado. Declan will be a junior in the fall at Jackson Hole High School. Craig and Cristy are excited to make Jackson home.



Community Outreach



The Airport was represented at the local High School Job Fair. This is an opportunity to promote the different career paths that the Airport offers and hopefully piques student interest in an extremely competitive job market here in the Jackson area. About 750 students came through the event and 60 businesses were present.

The annual Eco Fair took place in early May, and staff was proud to represent the Airport.

This served as an opportunity to educate the community on the Airport's efforts as a national leader in environmental stewardship in the Airport industry.



 Jackson Hole Children's Museum is at Jackson Hole Children's Museum.
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🏆 Announcing the WINNER of our Favorite Truck Contest — the truck that received the MOST votes at Sunday's Touch-A-Truck event...

🥁 drumroll please 🥁

.... the Jackson Hole Airport with their ARFF3!
Congratulations @jairport 🏆



The Airport was also represented at the annual Touch-A-Truck event and received the most votes for the Favorite Truck Contest!



Old West Days Parade



Memorial Day Event



The Airport hosted a Minority and Women Owned Businesses Outreach Event for entrepreneurs in the area to network and learn about opportunities with the Airport.



GTNP Report



Park staff shares the community's concerns about the impact to visitors and wildlife as it pertains to noise from helicopters. The Park has done a lot of work and research, some with tour operators, over the last couple years. Because of this, the Park has learned a great deal about their authority over such operations. Park staff would like to see helicopter operations take place closer to the highway and away from noise sensitive areas but is limited in their authority if the flights are not scenic Park tours.

The Park announced public scoping for considerations on what they can do to protect native big horn sheep. This effort includes removing non-native mountain goats and working with winter recreationists on balancing opportunities in the Park with protecting winter habitats. Bears began making the news again, and the Park asks that everyone do their part to secure attractants.

Moose Wilson Road will be under construction during the week but will be open over the weekends from 7 pm on Fridays to 7 am on Mondays. It will close again after Labor Day weekend. The Granite Canyon Trailhead will be closed all summer for upgrades.

The Park worked closely with the Town of Jackson, the Chamber of Commerce, and the County after the Yellowstone flooding took place to ensure the area could accommodate displaced travelers and the potential swell of guests changing plans. There was a little uptick in the campground usage, but it was not overwhelming. The Park was closely monitoring what visitation numbers looked like as it neared the busier visitor timeframe.



Paul Walters Retires After 33 Years



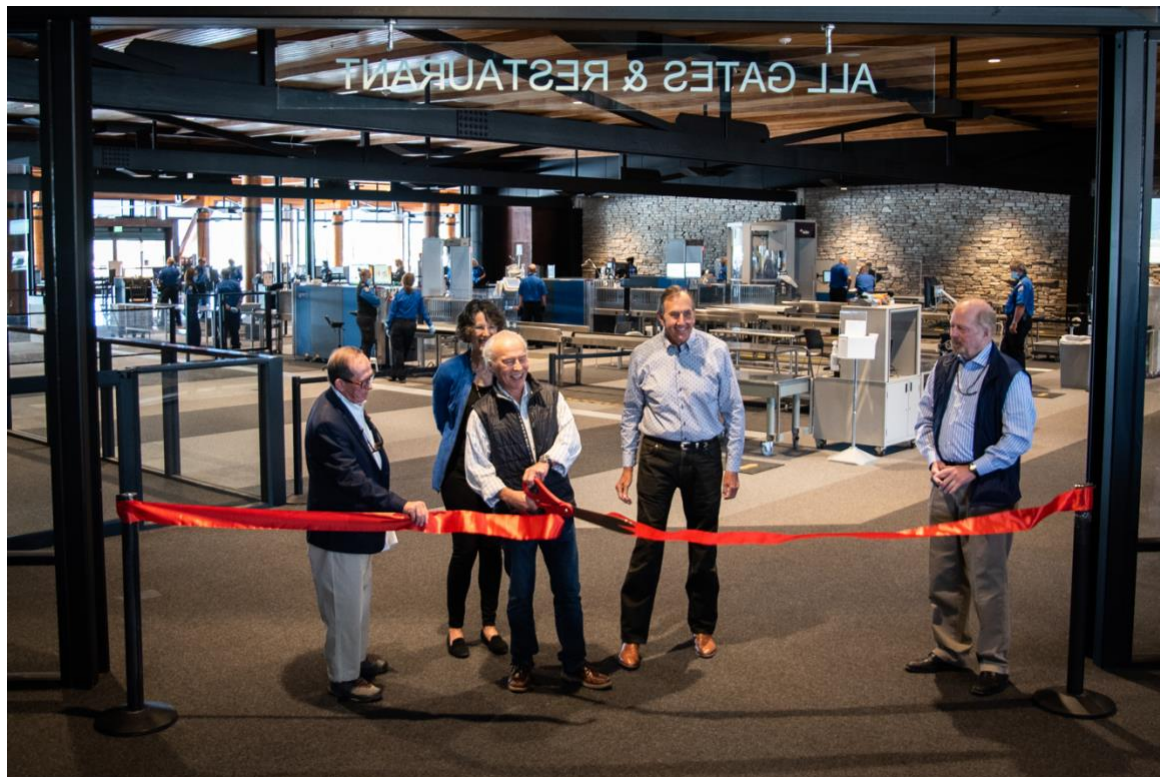
Airport staff came together to honor Paul Walters as he retired after 33 years of service. Over Paul's 33 years he has contributed in a variety of capacities, from firefighting, law enforcement, operations and most recently serving as the Manager of Environmental Programs.

At the event, he was presented with the engraved axe pictured above. Those that attended were able to have lunch with Paul, share some final words, and take some pictures on his last day.

We truly appreciate all of Paul's dedication and service to the community!



Capital Projects Update



The morning of June 28th was a momentous day for the Airport as we celebrated the reopening with a ribbon cutting event. This marked the completion of the TSA Checkpoint, the Runway Phase 2 Reconstruction, and updates to the Holdroom area.

As we move into August, Phase 3 of the runway reconstruction kicks off and includes runway grooving and striping. This should be completed by mid-September of this year.

The restaurant and gate projects are still underway. This includes renovating the restaurant area to improve the customer experience and overall comfort. This includes some additional boarding gates to raise operational efficiency.



These are expected to be completed by the end of the year.



2021-22 Balchen/Post Award Winner



At the 2022 NEC/AAAE Snow Symposium, the Airport received the 2021-2022 Balchen/Post Award for Small Commercial Service Airports for Outstanding Airport Snow and Ice Removal.

Maintenance and Equipment Manager, Tom Whitaker noted, "Snow and ice removal couldn't be done without the help of everyone. I would like to thank everyone for their commitment to clearing the runway, ramp, gates and sidewalks to allow passengers and planes to arrive and depart in a safe and efficient manner."

Additionally, Kody Jeppson placed third at the Snow Removal Operator Rodeo!



Safety Inspection Results

The Airport went through a safety audit with the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services this past March. This is a process the organization has gone through before. While the inspector found some minor items for correction, most were resolved on the spot with the inspector present, or within a few weeks of the inspection. The feedback from the inspector was extremely positive in general, particularly on the Operations Team's documentation, safety meetings, and processes.

One of the results of this process is a 3% discount on Worker's Compensation premiums. Though this is not a significant financial incentive, the Airport values the State's help in always improving safety in our workplace.



Meet Your Board Members

Rob Wallace
Secretary

Rob joined the Airport Board in February, 2022. He is a Natural Resource and Energy Consultant with former experience as the U.S. Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. He was also the Head of Congressional Relations for the National Park Service in Washington, DC; Founding member of the Grand Teton National Park Foundation; and a former member of the Yellowstone Park Foundation, the JH Historical Society, and the JH Land Trust.



Rob has lived in Teton County since 2014, and enjoys skiing, rafting, hiking, and sailing.