



JACKSON HOLE AIRPORT STAFF UPDATE

July, August &
September
2022

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

Employees of the Month



For the month of July, the Airport Board recognized Kevin Dunnigan as Employee of the Month. He stepped up during the ribbon cutting and reopening of the Airport. Kevin handled radio interviews last minute, and played a role in the successful community outreach and in-terminal activities leading up to the reopening. Thank you for all of your hard work in a crucial moment, Kevin!



The Employee of the Month for August was awarded to Wayne Steinert. He is so versatile in his role and has performed a variety of tasks around the Airport. Wayne does this with a big smile and a great attitude. He also played a significant role in finishing the new parking lot fence area, working roughly eight weeks to get the job done. Congratulations, Wayne!



Tyler Anderson received the September Employee of the Month award. He has been with the Airport since 2020. Tyler took the lead updating the Airport Certification Manual, Airport Emergency Plan, Snow and Ice Control Plan and Wildlife Hazard Management Plan including all associated documentation. Based on all of his hard work, the update process with the FAA went smoothly. He has also taken on the day-to-day review of these documents. Tyler showcased his organizational skills, his attention to detail and his attitude to keep working on the small adjustments, asking questions and proposing solutions. Great job, Tyler!



Welcome New Staff Members



Steve Sabat, IT Specialist, recently joined the Airport. He returned to Wyoming after working overseas as an IT Manager and Technology Coordinator for International Schools in the Netherlands, Bulgaria and Japan.

Before going overseas, Steve was a longtime resident of Thayne, in Star Valley. Steve and his family have enjoyed their time exploring different countries and cultures but are happy to be back home in Wyoming. Steve and his family enjoy outdoor activities like skiing and hiking.



Cameron Walters, Maintenance Technician, was born and raised in Jackson Hole. He has worked three seasons as a Winter Snow Removal Operator for the Jackson Hole Airport.

Cameron is an outdoor enthusiast who likes snowboarding, fishing, backpacking and hunting.

New TSO staff during the months of July through September include:

- Elias Rammell
Elias grew up in the Jackson area and completed his education in Star Valley. He enjoys anything outdoors and loves being in the mountains. He is very excited to join the workforce at the Jackson Hole Airport.
- Spencer Cruz
- Joseph Bonner
- William Carlson
- James Tolliver
- Tyken Stibal
- Bronson Strouse
- Emily Jones



Community Outreach



The Airport officially reopened on Tue, June 28th after its 78-day closure. The reopening featured a ribbon cutting ceremony, promotional giveaways, ARFF trucks welcoming first arrivals for the major carriers, and a visit from Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon. The day was filled with excitement and anticipation as the Airport staff was able to resume operations on-schedule and on-budget.



Additionally, in the month of July the Airport participated in the annual 4th of July parade, hosted supervisor training, and presented during a sustainable practices webinar.



GTNP Report



2022 visitation and fee revenues were down a little bit compared to 2021, looking similar to 2019 numbers. This sets 2021 as the busiest year to date. The Park has also seen a roughly 20-25% increase range over the last 10 years.

Park staff are still trying to determine what a normal year looks like. They

held a stakeholder session on August 2nd where they shared some of the research and analysis that they've completed around visitation. Data showed that once visitors travel on Highway 89 (also Hwy 191 and Hwy 26), over 90% make at least one stop in the Park. The higher visitation numbers have manifested in areas such as busy entrance stations and full parking lots.

The data provided more clarity in terms of how guests see the Park, which highlighted that most guests use an “auto touring” style. This means they are making different stops as they drive through the Park.

The data also showed that about 11% of the Park’s visitors use JAC to arrive to the area.

Park staff also participated in the Airport’s Southern Departure Task Force and were able to represent the mission and goals of the Park in doing so.



















Social Media Recap







Here are some of the reactions on social media surrounding the Airport’s reopening:

Instagram

-  **keeks83002** Have missed you JAC, can’t wait to fly you soon again!!! Nice job 👍 all crew. Grateful. ❤️🙌🔥👏 
-  **oliver.eickelberg** Yay!! First airport reconstruction on time in the world 🤔🤔. Kudos to the entire team!! 
-  **thedudeabideslebowski** Coincidentally a private plane. 
15w 1 like Reply
-  **amtnmouse** @thedudeabideslebowski it’s the FAA plane 
-  **see_hawks** Amazing!! Looking forward to LAX-JAC on opening day!! 
-  **royalelectricco** So honored to be a part of this project!!! 
12w Reply
-  **cbaetzel** Congratulations!!!! So happy!!!! 🙌🙌🙌🙌 
11w Reply
-  **radford908** Can’t wait to go back - such a beautiful place... 
12w Reply

Facebook

-  **Lisa K Frazier**
Ok, I'm ready to book my flight!! 😊 
Like Reply Hide 15w
-  **Afjal Hossain**
Most beautiful small airport in US with Teton peaks in the back of it. Can it get any better?
Like Reply Hide 15w 



Jenny Wilson
Hooray, my favorite airport!

Like Reply Hide 15w



Teton County, Wyoming · [Follow](#)
Welcome back!!!!

Like Reply Hide 14w



Connie DeBosko Hartgraves
Well done!! 🍌🍌🍌🍌

Like Reply Hide 14w



Brenda Noelle Wright Henderson
So happy to hear! Flying in tomorrow 😊

Like Reply Hide 14w



Joan Rawlinson
Great news! Will be looking for flights!!

Like Reply Hide 14w



Randy Ksar
Right on time! We will be there soon!

Like Reply Hide 14w



Brenda Carlyle Reichert
Airmail again! Amazon packages won't have to be re-routed to Las Vegas anymore! Whoo hoo!

Like Reply Hide 14w



Capital Projects Update



Phase 3 of the runway reconstruction began in August and wrapped up in September. This phase included runway grooving and striping and was completed in the evening hours after the final planes had landed at JAC and before the morning flights were scheduled.



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

The roof was recently installed over the new restaurant space and the basement area is almost completed. These projects are

expected to be completed by the end of the year.



WAC 2022 Aviation Professional of the Year Award



At the 2022 Wyoming Airports Coalition Conference, Michelle Anderson received the Aviation Professional of the Year award at the banquet Thursday evening. This award recognizes the accomplishments of airport staff who have shown exceptional commitment to the industry.

“We are so proud of Michelle for being recognized for her dedication to JAC, WAC, and aeronautics across the state,” noted Executive Director Jim Elwood.

The Airport also received the Airport Project of the Year award at the Conference.

This award is given to an airport in Wyoming to recognize a project that demonstrated innovative design, significant planning, community involvement, a unique funding model, and/or provided a game-changing improvement to the airport.

Jim added, “It is gratifying to know that our fellow airports recognized our team’s hard work to bring such a significant project to a successful completion. It was clear to the selection committee that the runway project could not have been completed on time without the tireless efforts of each of you. Together we have accomplished amazing things.”



NWAAAE 2022 Aviation Excellence Award



At the 2022 AAEE Northwest Chapter’s Conference, the Aviation Excellence Award was presented to Megan Jenkins. The award recognizes airport management professionals who have gone out of their way and given substantial extra effort to ensure the promotion, operations, maintenance, or development of aviation and/or the airport.

“Megan handled the communications with the community about environmental issues, noise, construction, and was very involved in the Airport’s response to the COVID 19 pandemic”, said Ryan Sheehan, NWAAAE President.

Megan oversees the Airport's host program that ensures passengers have a safe and efficient travel experience as they navigate the airport. In addition, as the Public Information Officer for the Jackson Hole Airport, she has developed strong ties with the community to allow for effective communication regarding airport projects, issues and/or events.



NWAAE Conference Wrap-Up



JAC played host to this year's annual NWAAE Conference, which took place at the Snow King Lodge and Event Center over the final week in September. Many of the staff attended the conference events and some of the administrative staff contributed to the conference sessions over the four day event.

A big thank you goes out to those that helped and everyone that attended!





Southern Departure Task Force Overview

The purpose of the Southern Departure Procedure Study was to further investigate the feasibility of a procedure for southern departures that could reduce noise for the entire community south of the Jackson Hole Airport, while taking into consideration other noise sensitive areas such as the Elk Refuge, U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service lands. The Study sought to determine if one or more such procedures are feasible and if so, to conceptually design them. The intent of the Study was to build upon the well-developed existing noise abatement program in place at the Airport and look for ways to further refine and reduce noise.

In connection with this work, the Departure Procedure Study Input Taskforce was organized to provide input and consultation on the process. The SIT meetings were used to obtain stakeholder input, address questions, ensure understanding regarding the Airport's and FAA's roles, and to identify the challenges of designing such procedures relative to FAA standards, criteria and constraints to flying certain procedures. The duration of the SIT expired at the end of the Study.

The meetings took place from February through August of 2022, with a final report presented to the Airport Board at the September Board Meeting. The Task Force was unable to come up with a solution that didn't simply move or relocate noise from one neighborhood or noise sensitive area to another. The Board adjusted the voluntary curfew that was in place, which is now in affect from 9:30 pm (21:30) to 7:00 am (7:00) for general aviation operations.