

Appendix E1 – Airfield Categories - 2008

GENERAL

- A. This Directory is for USDA-Forest Service (FS) use only. It provides dispatchers with FS classification information for airfields and airstrips in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. State and Federal aviation publications, and Notice to Airmen (NOTAMS) need to be referenced for current and pertinent information. This document is NOT FOR FLIGHT USE.
- B. Individual National Forests (NF) may have specific requirements for a particular airstrip. The appropriate NF dispatch office should be contacted to obtain current airstrip information. Before dispatching an aircraft into a Category 4 airstrip, a pilot must meet special requirements and the mission must be coordinated with the local Forest.

CATEGORIES

- A. Category 1. These are major airports that have paved, lighted, multiple runways served by FAA approved instrument approach procedure(s). These airports are generally limited by their weight bearing capacity.
- B. Category 2. These airports generally serve small communities. They are equipped with at least one paved, lighted runway and services vary.
- C. Category 3. These are airfields with limited or no services. They may be unpaved, unlighted, and seasonally maintained. They are located either on Federal, State, County, Municipal, or Private land. Use approval must be obtained from the appropriate NF dispatch office.
- D. Category 4. These are mountain/remote airstrips and are restricted by the FS to day VFR flight only. Use authorization must be obtained from the appropriate NF dispatch office. Pilots must have an endorsement on their Pilot Qualification Card and meet specific currency requirements.

PILOT REQUIREMENTS (Category 4)

- A. Initial:
 - 1. Minimum of 200-hours pilot experience in typical terrain and density altitudes; and takeoffs/landings into mountain/remote airstrips.
 - 2. Pass an initial mountain/remote airstrip flight check performed by a FS Inspector Pilot.
- B. Currency: Pilots must complete a minimum of 5-takeoffs/landings at 2-different FS classified Category 4 airstrips in the preceding 12-months. Pilots are restricted from operating at Category 4 airstrips, which they have not landed at within the preceding 12-months.

WARNING

The information contained in this directory has been collected from many sources and may not be accurate. Directory information must be verified by the user with official sources and by reference to official aeronautical charts and publications. This Directory is NOT FOR FLIGHT USE. The USDA-Forest Service publishes this directory annually.

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