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Public Comment Topic	ODAV Commitment to General Aviation Airports
Public Comment	The Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) represents the interests of over 300 general aviation (GA) pilots in Oregon. We are concerned about the perceived degradation of services and facilities at many ODAV managed airports in Oregon. We ask that ODAV please consider these airports as critical infrastructure to be protected and preserved, not as simply expenses to be minimized. Our suggestions to help support the ODAV mission include: 1) Improve communication with pilots, tenants, local governments, businesses, emergency providers, and other stakeholders before making major decisions. Treat airport users as partners in this endeavor. 2) Work with aviation volunteers such as the RAF through Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to create public/private partnerships for maintenance and improvement projects. 3) Consult airport users before undertaking projects that impact the functionality of airports. 5) Look for creative solutions to maintain critical facilities, such as the fuel system at Joseph. 6) Honor existing SOAR fund commitments, including the safety improvements at KPFC. 7) Support the implementation of webcams and remote weather stations to improve safety at minimal cost.
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