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Public Comment	I am a private pilot who spends much time flying in the backcountry of Oregon and Idaho. I often land in Joseph to refuel during my trips and appreciate the convenience of the airport as a stopover point when I'm heavily loaded with camping gear. It is unfortunate that by withholding fuel sales at JSY you discourage visits and hurt the economy of the airport and surrounding community. Other pilots heading for Idaho backcountry will likely now continue on past Joseph and fuel at an Idaho airport. You're contradicting your mission statement by removing an asset from a State airport. How does removing fuel support ODAV's mission to drive economic growth? And what about your stated responsibility to advocate for safe and efficient aviation system that connects communities? Please step back and think about what ODAV's responsibility is to the general aviation community in general and to this rural community in specific. The Board needs to listen to the GA and local communities to hear and consider all sides of an issue. Staff may not know facts or convey them accurately. Please listen to people who know how to fly an airplane. I greatly admire the Wallowa County aviation community and the families behind it. I show my appreciation and support by volunteering at the Joseph Fly-in each year. I financially support their fundraiser for the high school flight science program. The Fly-in raises tens of thousands of dollars for the flight science program. By removing fuel available at the Fly-in you impact the future viability for the long-standing community gathering. And, the Fly-in is the major annual fundraiser for the flight science program at the High school. Is the ODAV Board aware of all the good that is done for GA by pilots in this remote NE Oregon community? Did ODAV truly consider the many impacts fuel removal would have on the local community? It seems that there's a lack of communication between local communities and the ODAV Board. Please consider all sides of an issue before making important decisions for Joseph and other State airports.
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