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Thank you for being part of the solution to the many aviation related issues in our fine State.

Joseph Oregon State Airport really needs to have fuel available to the aviation community for all kinds of safety, convenience and common sense reasons.

The previous system apparently worked quite seamlessly and with no issues as far as I know. A simple and useful system.

I do not pretend to know all the ins and outs of why this system ended.... but I am quite sure it should be remedied as soon as possible.

As a student pilot, I can tell you that having to land at another airport, early in training, which has a much shorter, narrower and crowned/sloping runway is a real safety issue. (I am speaking of the Enterprise City Municipal Airport. 8S4)

Joseph has a local flying club with a much appreciated training plane and a couple of instructors. We also have an excellent high school aviation program as well.

Not having fuel available at any airport is obviously inconvenient.

There are no assurances that the Enterprise Airport's fueling system will always be up and running, so if they experience issues, then there is no fuel anywhere nearby.

Life Flight, Fire Fighting and other agency missions often utilize or are based out of KJSY for extended periods.

As this area is remote and accessed by only long and slow/windy roads, a number of business owners fly in and out of the area and several own planes and hangers at KJSY.

The primary economic activity in the County and region is agriculture--- farming, ranching and logging. The vast majority of these folks have fuel tanks on their properties, and also utilize fuel trailers and slip-tanks in their trucks to carry fuel for all of their equipment. If you ask any of them, they will tell you they would feel hamstrung by the absence of readily available fuel. This is of course true for the local aviation needs as well.

I hope their is no argument about that.

I do know that many community members have offered to become part of the solution as volunteers --- to become organized and trained to expedite and and continue as a local solution to this need. Please facilitate the needed resolutions, forms, and assistance to make this happen.

You can be sure that this is exactly the kind of thing government is expected to do to help Oregonians.

We all thank you for your efforts ---please let us know what we need to do and you can count on us.

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