



# New Mexico Airstrip Network

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### THEME I: Preserve and enhance airstrip access (BLM, NMAD, NMAMA, NMPA, RAF, USFS)

STRATEGY	1. Identify additional airstrips or facility improvements to increase the inventory of airstrips and recreational opportunities in the network.	2. Classify and inventory the diverse network of airstrips to promote safe use.	3. Identify, prioritize, and address airstrip maintenance needs, to increase safety and assure continued use.
ACTION PLANS	<p><b>A. Identify and prioritize opportunities for new airstrips or recreational access (NMPA/RAF/BLM/USFS/NMCOG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use various methods including 5010 forms, referrals, and coordination with various groups.</li> <li>• Establish a process for airstrip owners to grant permission to pilots. (NMPA /RAF)</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Implement identified improvement projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan projects, acquire funding, and identify needed resources including personnel, equipment and supplies. (ALL)</li> </ul>	<p><b>A. Design, develop, and implement a classification scheme that recognizes the diversity of existing and desired future NM airstrips to guide maintenance requirements and support identification of future improvement needs. (NMPA / RAF)</b></p> <p><b>B. Inventory all network airstrips, public or private, including on-site evaluation of existing conditions. (ALL)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assign airstrips to classifications</li> <li>• Consider active and inactive</li> <li>• Identify former use</li> <li>• Site visit reports (NMPA/RAF)</li> <li>• Input to agency inventories</li> </ul> <p><b>C. Establish a user-friendly map and database to monitor and promote network airstrips including ownership, geo-references, airstrip condition, safety, and other information, based on field data. (NMPA / NMAD with owners)</b></p>	<p><b>A. Determine what is needed to manage and operate each airstrip.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer maintenance plans, agreements and workgroups (NMPA/RAF w/ owners)</li> <li>• Supply maintenance manuals (RAF)</li> <li>• Develop Safety Briefings (NMPA/RAF w/ owners)</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Establish volunteer maintenance workgroups (NMPA/RAF w/owners) and implement plans</b></p>



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**THEME II: Demonstrate the sustainable value of airstrips as one of New Mexico's truly unique transportation assets**  
**(AOPA, NMAD, NMAAA, NMAMA, NMCOG, NMED, NMDGF, NMTD, RAF, USPA)**

<b>STRATEGY</b>	<p><b>4. Market and educate communities of interest and stakeholders to create awareness and understanding of the importance and benefits of the network. (ALL)</b></p>	<p><b>5. Provide for ongoing administration of the network. (ALL)</b></p>
<b>ACTION PLANS</b>	<p><b>A. Identify key stakeholders potentially affected by NMAN efforts, either positively or negatively. (ALL)</b></p>	<p><b>A. Formalize the organizational structure and roles and responsibilities of each network member, using an MOU format. (ALL)</b></p>
	<p><b>B. Develop and implement a communication plan to specifically address key stakeholder groups and issues to support network efforts. (NMAD, NMTD, NMCOG, AOPA, NMED, NMPA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations to member organizations</li> <li>• Recreational web sites (i.e., state parks)</li> <li>• Tri-fold to promote NM aviation opportunities</li> <li>• Calendar of events</li> <li>• Website linkages</li> </ul>	<p><b>B. Identify funding needs and potential funding sources to complement ongoing public and public/private partnership investments in the network with an eye towards enhancing New Mexico's economic base, especially in rural areas. (ALL)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish foundation to manage funds</li> <li>• Pursue grants</li> </ul>
	<p><b>C. Identify and promote potential economic impact to portal communities including developing methodology to track and assess impact. (NMAD, NMTD, NMAMA, NMPA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create economic impact survey and email database of back country pilots</li> <li>• Communicate via Chambers of Commerce, NM Municipal League, etc.</li> </ul>	