MINERAL COUNTY MEMORIAL

Mineral County Memorial Airport (C24) is a general aviation airport in southwestern Colorado, located approximately two miles south of the town of Creede. The airport is owned and operated by Mineral County. There is a single asphalt runway at the airport (7/25) that is 6,880 feet long and 60 feet wide. C24 serves one of the most remote regions in Colorado and is popular for recreational visitors coming to hunt or fish in the Upper Rio Grande Valley. Additionally, the airport is often used by sailplanes and hang gliders as well as sightseeing aircraft. In past years, the airport has been utilized by aerial/wildland firefighting helicopters operating in the surrounding mountains.



Airport Classification

The 2020 Colorado Aviation System Plan (CASP) has identified six functional classifications for Colorado's 65 publicly-owned, public-use airports and one privately-owned, public-use airport. The six classifications were newly developed for the 2020 CASP and replace the roles previously developed in the 2011 study. These classifications follow the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) role categories as defined by the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) and the ASSET study. However, the CASP expands upon these roles to create more specific classifications for airports that are not included in the NPIAS. Airports that are included in the NPIAS are eligible for federal funding. As of the 2019 NPIAS publication, 48 publicly-owned airports and one privately-owned airport in the Colorado airport system are included in the NPIAS, while 17 publicly-owned airports are not.

Mineral County Memorial Airport is one of 16 airports in Colorado classified as a GA-Community airport. GA-Community airports are defined as being publicly-owned and having at least 10 based aircraft or being located 30 miles from the nearest NPIAS airport. Additionally, these facilities can support Native American communities and/or are used by federal government agencies. GA-Community airports often support quality-of-life activities such as emergency services and medical transport and can provide economic benefits to surrounding areas.





Frequent Airport Activities











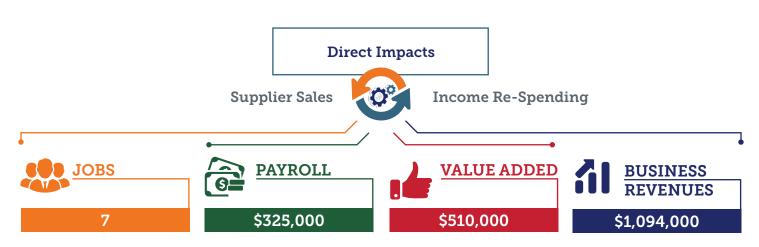
Mineral County Memorial Features

齫	Associated City/County	Creede/Mineral
	Associated OEDIT Region	8 - San Luis Valley Region
	FAA GA ASSET Classification	Non-NPIAS
**	Annual Operations (2018)	1,439
×	Number of Based Aircraft (2018)	10
	Runway(s)	1
#	Air Traffic Control Tower	No

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Economic Impacts of C24

The 2020 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study (CEIS) measured the economic impacts of all airports in the state. Mineral County Memorial is one of 56 general aviation airports contributing to the state's aviation economic impacts. The components that comprise the total economic impacts for C24 are summarized below. Visit the project website to learn more about the methodology used to determine the economic impacts of C24 and all other Colorado airports.



Airport Needs and Recommendations

The 2020 CASP identified several performance measures (PMs) and facility and service objectives (FSOs) to provide a baseline for the infrastructure, facilities, and service capabilities required to best support the type and volume of aviation activity typified by each classification. The CASP identified gaps between the airport's existing condition and the needs to satisfy PMs, FSOs, and/or future facility needs driven by aviation demand forecasts. It is important to note that the PMs and FSOs are not requirements or mandates for airports to meet, rather, they serve as guidelines for airports and CDOT Division of Aeronautics to use during the airport planning process. Airports considered to be deficient in meeting the PMs and/or FSOs were reviewed to determine the recommended projects needed to satisfy those components.

Planning level costs were developed for recommended projects and were associated with the appropriate goal category, PM, or FSO. These costs were developed based on 2019 Colorado material costs and industry knowledge and were adjusted to reflect cost differentials between types, sizes, and locations of airports. Projects and associated costs from available airport master plans and the CDOT 20-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) were also incorporated into the CASP to provide an estimate of the airport's needs based on meeting PMs and FSOs as well as forecasted future demand. The project cost estimates for Mineral County Memorial to meet appropriate goals, PMs, and FSOs, and projects identified by the airport from other planning efforts, are categorized by project type in the following chart.



Airport Project Costs by Type





Airport Report Card

Facility and service objectives (FSOs) were developed for each of the six airport classifications in the 2020 CASP. The following table details the FSOs and corresponding performance of Mineral County Memorial. These objectives were analyzed in conjunction with the other performance measures (PMs) to determine the airport's project needs and associated costs.

Objective Category	GA-Community Objective Current Condition				Meets 2020 Objective	
	Airfi	ield				
RC	B-I	B-I			Yes	
unway Length	Accommodate 95% small aircraft adjusted for elevation and mean maximum daily temp during hottest month	6,880 feet (>10,000 feet)			No	
unway Width	60 feet	60 feet			Yes	
unway Strength	12,500 pounds	12,500 lbs SW			Yes	
axiway	Turn-arounds	Connector				Yes
unway Markings	Non-precision	Visual			No	
	Lighting/I	NAVAIDS				
proach	Non-precision	Visual			No	
sual Aids	Rotating beacon, lighted wind cone, REILs, VGSIs	Wind cone				No
unway Lighting	MIRL	None				No
eather Reporting	On-site ASOS, AWOS, or Automated Unicom	None				No
	Airport F	acilities				
erminal (CS and/or GA)	Facility with restrooms, pilot-lounge, and Wi-Fi	None		No		
oron Tie-Downs	Tie-downs for 60% of based aircraft fleet plus 25% of weekly average overnight transient storage during peak season	60% of based aircraft fleet plus 25% transient aircraft fleet:	7	Total tie- down spaces:	8	Yes
angars	Hangars for 40% of based aircraft fleet	40% of based aircraft fleet:	4	Number of based aircraft hangar spaces:	10	Yes
edicated Maintenance/SRE orage Building	Based on community need	No			Based on community ne	
ectric Vehicle Charging ations	Based on community need	No			Based on community ne	
erimeter Security	AOA 3-wire fencing with appropriate signage	AOA 3-wire fencing with appropriate signage			Yes	
	Services	/Other				
t A Fuel	Based on community need	24/7 (Self-Serve or Call Out)			Based on community ne	
/Gas Fuel	24/7 (Self-Serve or Call-Out)	24/7 (Self-Serve or Call Out)			Yes	
rcraft De-icing	Based on community need	None			Based on community ne	
ourtesy Car	Yes	Yes				Yes
ıstainability Plan	Based on community need	No or All Airports			Based on community ne	



