



# JACKSON HOLE AIRPORT STAFF UPDATE

Fall 2021

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## Employees of the Month



Alex Clark, Operations Officer, received the July Employee of the Month Award. Alex joined the Operations team in November last year, and quickly added to the success of the airport. He brings thoughtfulness and energy to his role. Alex was instrumental in the GBAC program certification (see below) process. This project took months and several hundred hours to complete. Congratulations, Alex!



Ray Lilley, Maintenance Technician, received the August Employee of the Month Award. Ray started with the airport as a Winter Operations team member, then moved to the Maintenance team. He was recognized for his willingness to show up at 4 a.m. to ensure that the bag belt system was fixed and ready for the airport to open. Thank you, Ray!



Connie Avery, Lead Host, received one of the September Employee of the Month Awards. Connie was noted for her ability to step up and help wherever she is needed. She even helped with cleaning the bathrooms. Connie embodies a team player attitude. Thanks, Connie!



Samantha Emmett, Lead Host, received one of the September Employee of the Month Awards. Sam consistently goes beyond her job description to provide exceptional customer service. She has received thanks and appreciation from airport users over the past year. Way to go, Sam!



Martha Preston, Security Officer, received the October Employee of the Month Award. Martha closely aligns with the airport's values as an organization. She is known for her work ethic, a can-do attitude, and really getting into projects. Martha has been with the airport since 2013, and was promoted to a supervisor role in 2016. Congratulations, Martha!

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## Welcome New Staff Members



Kevin Dunnigan, Communications Assistant  
Kevin joins the airport after splitting his time between a position with the City of Elko New Market and teaching high school business and technology courses, both in Minnesota. He has a diverse background that will make him a great fit, and he is excited for ski season.



**Peter Prestrud, IT Specialist**

Peter is a Jackson local who left for college and is now back in Jackson. His education has been in both IT and film. While his passion is in film, he has always had an interest in IT and has had jobs in this field since high school.



**Mitch Wolfe, Operations**

Mitch has a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Administration from Middle Tennessee State University. He spent almost 5 years at Metro Nashville Airport Authority before coming to Jackson. He enjoys the outdoors and spent some time as a Crew Leader building trails at Cumberland Trail in East Tennessee.



**Nick Weber, Operations**

Nick has a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management, and a Minor in Airport Planning. He had a couple of internships at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and the Aviation Information Sharing and Analysis Center in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He is excited to get out on the mountain this winter.



**Justin Porter, Operations**

Justin has a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management from Purdue University. He was working at the Gary Chicago International Airport prior to coming to Jackson. He has a strong interest in wildlife.



**Eric Fogle, Operations**

Eric is currently going to Metropolitan State University focused on Aviation and Aerospace Management. He completed an internship at the Aspen Airport. He started with us recently as an intern and was promoted to a full-time Operations Officer.



**Nick Sewell, Maintenance**

Nick has a diverse background including working winter maintenance at the Jackson Hole Airport for 7 winter seasons. He most recently has been working at the Idaho Falls airport since the summer of 2019. He enjoys spending time with his little ones.



**Karey Allen, Transportation Security Officer**

She joined us in August and was previously a Vet Tech working towards becoming a veterinarian in Texas. She is currently taking a break before attending medical school and is taking courses to prepare. Her goal is a career in Clinical Pathology. She is excited to strengthen her communication skills working with passengers.



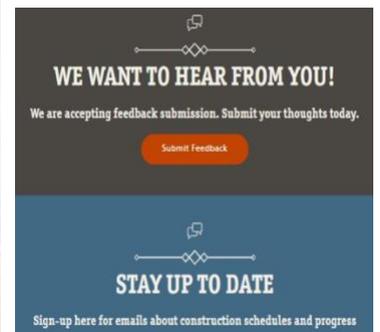
**Timmie Fisher, Transportation Security Officer**

He grew up in Burley, ID and was previously a Wildland Firefighter for the BLM. Timmie ultimately left firefighting after one too many dangerous encounters and has been moving and working to support his wife's career. He has lived in the Jackson area intermittently and the beautiful scenery keeps bringing him back.

## Community Outreach



The airport was proud to be a part of this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in the Town of Jackson. Volunteers passed out over 100 pounds of candy, over 850 firefighter hats, and over 600 squishy airplanes. Thanks to everyone who volunteered!



The airport's communication plan includes a variety of efforts that will help keep the public in the know about the progress of projects and reconstruction progress. The new landing spot on the website for terminal projects and runway reconstruction features timelines, video blogs, virtual tours, feedback opportunities, email update subscriptions, and more. The goal is to create a central location for everyone to stay up to date.



To view project information, please scan the QR code:



After 30 years of military service, Colonel Fisk returned home to a warm welcome at the airport. Staff coordinated a special surprise to honor the Colonel and his contribution to our country.



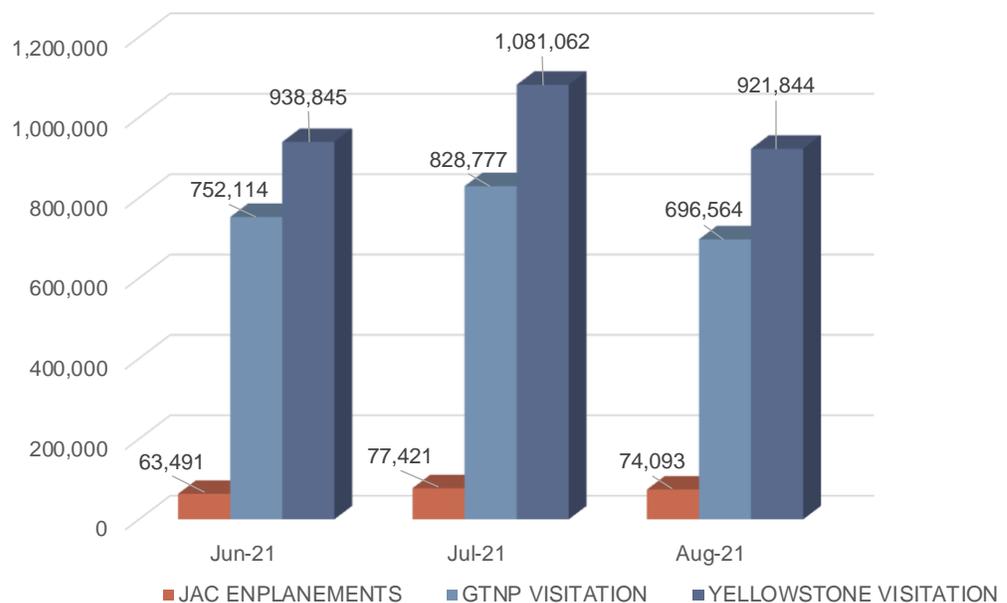
## GTNP Report



July 2021 was the busiest month in the history of Grand Teton National Park, with a 9.7% increase over 2020 and a 6.8% increase over 2019. This came with an increase in challenges such as parking, road safety, and emergency medical services for the Park. There was also a 15% increase in backcountry camping and a 21% increase in trail usage.

As of October 2021, the Park has already seen a record number of annual visitations, with the total number expected to hit 4 million by the end of the

year.



The chart above relates the airport's enplanements to GTNP and Yellowstone visitations for the months of June, July and August. The airport's enplanements account for roughly 10% or less of Park visitations. August had the highest percentages at 10.6% of GTNP's visitation, and 8% of Yellowstone's.

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## Airport Receives the Jay Hollingsworth Speas Award



The airport was honored to be the recipient of the 2021 Jay Hollingsworth Speas Award at the National Airport's Conference in Savannah, Georgia. This award is given annually to the person or persons judged to have contributed most significantly in recent years to the enhancement of relationships between airports and/or heliports and other surrounding environments via exemplary innovation that might be replicated elsewhere.

The Jackson Hole Airport Board and staff have worked diligently to implement numerous initiatives and programs to protect the natural environment, support passengers, staff, and the local community, and to employ resiliency in every aspect of their work. The Airport shared their recently updated environmental initiatives video at the award reception.

The new video can be viewed on the airport's website using the following link: <https://www.jacksonholeairport.com/airport-guide/environmental-initiatives/>

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## Capital Plan Update

As we near the end of 2021, the airport has successfully completed the ticket counter expansion, the new entry vestibule, and the new marketplace projects. The former administration offices have also been remodeled to accommodate airline partners and the administrative team has moved into their new modular offices located adjacent to the short-term parking lot.

Phase 1 of the runway project has wrapped up for the winter, but everyone's hard work this summer helped us to be prepped and ready for the closure next year.

During Phase 1 we successfully repaved the south end Runway Safety Area and installed nearly **2,000 feet** of slot drain and **4,000 feet** of storm drain, making us one of the only airports in the nation with this type of system. Construction crews screened and crushed over 20,000 cubic yards of subbase course onsite using native material excavated onsite, which kept

approximately 1,300 - 2,000 trucks off the road and saved approximately 28,000 - 45,000 gallons of fuel for hauling activities.

The security screening project is scheduled to kick off mid-January and be completed by the end of June 2022. Updates to the hold room are estimated to be completed by early 2023. The restaurant and gate area projects will begin in early 2022 and are scheduled for completion by the end of next year.

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## GBAC Star Facility

The process took many months and several hundred hours to complete, and the airport has earned the Global Biorisk Advisory Council Star Facility status. The project was a complete team effort where staff created, organized, and implemented the 20 required GBAC requirements. The Operations staff is proud of this accomplishment and can assure the public that the airport is safe, clean, and comfortable. There are less than 50 airports nationwide that have reached this status.



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## Employee Recognition



Congratulations to Michelle Anderson, Assistant Airport Director - Finance and Administration, who recently completed her program to earn the Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) designation. Michelle already held a Master's degree, and was able to complete the rigorous final phases to earn this title. She joins a group of less than 500 airport executives nationwide with this designation. Cheers, Michelle, for this significant accomplishment!



JHAB recognizes Phyl Koch for 14 years of service to the airport. She originally started in administration and went on to become the first ever female firefighter at the airport. She has since reached the Certified Advanced Firefighter status and has gained her EMT license. Staff surprised Phyl with a retirement party in the Firehouse. Congratulations and thank you, Phyl!

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## New Referral Bonus Benefit

As the Jackson Hole Airport Board (“JHAB”) works toward becoming an Employer of Choice, we want to encourage employees to refer any qualified and capable candidates you may know for open positions. In order to incentivize employees to make such referrals, JHAB is implementing an Employee Referral Bonus program.

Any Referring Employee who refers a candidate who is hired into an open full-time or part-time position will receive a bonus of \$5,000 after the Referred Employee has successfully completed 6 months of employment with JHAB (based on hire date); and provided that the Referring Employee is still employed by JHAB at that time.

Please be sure to read through the specific definitions, rules, and process before submitting an Employee Referral Form.

Any questions, contact Human Resources Director, Tony Cross.

## Holidays

JHAB will be providing shift meals for airport staff that work on November 25<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup> this year.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, the shift meal will be provided in the Firehouse starting at 10 am.