



# Interagency Aviation Information Bulletin



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**Subject:** Northern Rockies Geographic Area Airport and Airtanker Base updates for 2018

**Area of Concern:** All Aviation Operations

**Distribution:** All Aviation Users

**Discussion:** As fire season begins in the Northern Rockies, some important changes have occurred that may not have been captured in aviation guides, directories, and updates.



**Communications: Airtanker base (ATB) frequency changes:**

Base	NEW Frequency	OLD Frequency
Grangeville, ID. ATB	124.125*	123.975
Coeur d'Alene, ID. ATB	124.125*	123.975

\*This frequency is used by both Tanker bases.

**Missoula Airport Runway re-designation (KMSO):** The runway headings for Missoula International Airport, Missoula, MT, has shifted over the years due to magnetic variation. The new runway numbers are runway **12/30** (formerly runway 11/29) and runway **8/26** (formerly runway 7/25). The instrument approaches for the runways have changed as well.

**FAA Safety Team Notice: Missoula, MT: Missoula International Airport (KMSO) RWY 30 Departures conflicting with arriving Aircraft from the West, Notice Number: [NOTC7841](#).** There have been a number of operational events involving aircraft tracking the RWY 12 Localizer inbound to Missoula International Airport (KMSO) when RWY 30 is the active runway. The IFR Departure procedures RWY 30 are almost exactly aligned with the RWY 12 localizer which sets up an opposite direction situation. Tracking the localizer RWY 12 inbound can place small aircraft opposite direction and in close proximity to larger, potentially wake generating aircraft. It is strongly recommended that VFR arrivals inbound to KMSO from the West/Northwest offset to the south of the localizer final approach course when RWY 30 is active and in use; unless otherwise approved by ATC.

**Ravalli County Airport (6S5) construction projects:** Reconstruction of the hangar-access taxi lanes will begin on July 23. (For more information, see Ravalli County Airport website at <http://www.rpa-hln.com/RavalliCoAirportTaxilanes/> )

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