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Subject: Opening of La Grande Airtanker Base (LGATB)

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The La Grande Airtanker Base (LGATB) is now open to all airtanker operations until permanent rehabilitation repairs begin in mid September 2011. The Regional Forester, with concurrence of the geotechnical staff, has issued a letter reopening the LGATB.

Based on the recommendation of forest and regional aviation staff, LGATB was officially closed to all airtanker operations by Regional Forester Letter (5700) dated April 14, 2011. In June 2011, Union County proposed temporary repairs to the apron areas that would permit operations during the 2011 fire season. The RO engineering staff agreed in principle that temporary repairs would enable the area to withstand operations for a single season without impacting the proposed (permanent) rehabilitation contract.

Union County completed the temporary asphalt pavement repairs to the LGATB apron in late July 2011. The county's Consulting Engineer for aviation operations validated that the repairs were adequate to allow operations for the remainder of the season. The Engineer also recommended daily inspections in order to ensure the apron's continued serviceability.

The La Grande Airtanker Base is now open for all airtanker operations

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