

Saturday Seminar - Flying for the US Forest Service and Aerial Fire Missions

Ever wondered what it takes to fly missions that directly support wildfire response, smokejumpers, forest health, and backcountry operations? This session gives an inside look at one of aviation's most unique and purpose-driven career paths.

What You'll Learn:

- Reed's journey from Aurora Flight Training instructor to U.S. Forest Service pilot
- What Forest Service pilots do: smokejumper support, air attack, forest health, cargo, and administrative missions
- The history and mission of the U.S. Forest Service aviation program
- How smokejumper operations work, including ties to Redmond, Oregon
- Career pathways for pilots interested in special mission flying
- Q&A with Reed and our MX Lead on aircraft fleet and maintenance topics

Event Details

Sat, May 16, 2026 at 11:00 PDT
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Stick around after for pie and ice cream with the community!

Columbia Aviation Association building, Purple Gate. There is plenty of parking available in the parking lot.

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