

## **More Aviators Push for Airstrips on National Forestland**

GREAT FALLS, Mont. — A clearing in Lewis and Clark National Forest is about to go from being a home for grazing cattle to a stopover for pilots.

If it opens as planned next spring, the Russian Flat grass airstrip will give aviators access to the Little Belt Mountains. It will be the first such strip approved on national forestland in about four decades, according to Bozeman, Mont., pilot John McKenna, 55, a backcountry airstrip expert who is president of the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF). Complete story here (including reader comments):

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