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### **Sun Valley/Friedman Memorial Airport (SUN) Earns Rare “Discrepancy-Free” FAA Part 139 Inspection**

**Hailey, Idaho — April 6, 2026** — The Sun Valley/Friedman Memorial Airport (SUN) has achieved a perfect score on its most recent Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 139 annual inspection, earning the distinction of a discrepancy-free audit, a rare accomplishment among commercial service airports nationwide.

This milestone follows a series of recent successes for the airport, including a “no findings” annual comprehensive financial report in January and a fully compliant Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security audit last summer.

FAA Part 139 inspections occur annually and are comprehensive, multi-day evaluations required of airports that serve scheduled commercial air carriers. These inspections assess an airport’s compliance with rigorous federal safety and operational standards designed to protect the traveling public.

“I am incredibly proud of our team. A discrepancy-free FAA inspection reflects the professionalism, discipline, and work ethic that our team brings to work every single day,” said Airport Director Tim Burke.

The inspection evaluates a wide range of airport functions, including the condition of airfield and its markings, signage, and lighting systems. The airport’s Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) readiness and response capabilities and emergency preparedness is evaluated with simulated response drills while the airport’s training curriculums and certification programs are combed through.

In addition to infrastructure inspections, FAA inspectors conduct in-depth audits of documentation, records, incident reports, and training programs to ensure ongoing compliance and emergency preparedness.

Earning a discrepancy-free inspection signifies that every inspected component, record, and procedure meets or exceeds federal standards.



“This is no small feat and there is no better validation and recognition for our staff than walking away from a federal inspection with a perfect score” Burke added. “It also reflects the strong partnerships we maintain with our federal, state, and local stakeholders.”

The Friedman Memorial Airport remains committed to maintaining the highest standards of safety and operational excellence as it continues to serve the Wood River Valley and the South-Central Idaho region.

### **About Friedman Memorial Airport**

The Friedman Memorial Airport is jointly owned by the City of Hailey and Blaine County and is operated by the Friedman Memorial Airport Authority Board. The airport serves as the primary gateway to Idaho’s rugged Sawtooth Mountains, the Sun Valley Resort, and the beautiful Wood River Valley, providing access to world-class, year-round outdoor and backcountry recreation.

Committed to safety, reliability, and customer service, the Airport supports both commercial and general aviation while prioritizing the protection of life and property. Through teamwork, coordination, and professionalism, the Friedman Memorial Airport plays a vital role in connecting the region to the world while supporting the regional economy.

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