



Aircraft Owned by Utah

Overview of Two Departments | September 21, 2022

Summary of DNR- and UDAF-Owned Aircraft

Four departments own aircraft that are used for varied purposes. Those four departments are:

- 1) Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR)
- 2) Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF)
- 3) Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- 4) Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT)

This document provides details about the aircraft owned by DNR and UDAF. For information on DPS and UDOT’s aircraft, please see the handouts under meeting materials for the September 21, 2022, Transportation Interim Committee meeting.

Department	Aircraft Type	Use/Purpose	Storage and Maintenance
Department of Natural Resource – Division of Wildlife Resources	Cessna 185 – 3 total	Fly biologists around the state to locate animals, monitor species populations, aerial stock fish, assess habitat	Stored at SLC International Airport Mechanics hired by UDOT’s Aeronautics Division
Department of Agriculture and Food	N2568J Super Cub PA-18 N91241 Super Cub PA-18	Used as part of cooperative program between UDAF and USDA for predator management	N2568J Super Cub PA-18: hangar at the Richfield Municipal Airport N91241 Super Cub PA-18: hangar at the Nephi Municipal Airport Individual mechanics perform maintenance

Department of Natural Resources – Division of Wildlife Resources

DWR has three Cessna 185s that are used year-round to fly biologists. Throughout the state, they locate animals, monitor different species populations, aerial stock fish, and assess habitat. The department budgets \$265,000 of wildlife restricted funds annually for their 2 full time pilots. The department spends about \$1,100 per month to hangar the Cessnas at Salt Lake International and are worked on by mechanics from UDOT’s Aeronautics Division.

Department of Agriculture and Food

UDAF’s aircraft are a N2568J Super Cub PA-18 and N91241 Super Cub PA-18. The aircraft are shared as part of a cooperative program between UDAF and the United States Department of



Agriculture (USDA) per a memorandum of understanding for exclusive use by Wildlife Services (part of the Animal Industry Division) for predator management only.

The state and federal cost for maintaining and flying the aircraft during the 2020-2021 flying season are:

- N2568J:
 - Flown 363.6 hours
 - Used 100% for predator management
 - State pilot payroll \$40,387
 - State travel \$5,785
 - State purchased fuel \$366
 - Federal funds for maintenance, fuel, hangar, and support \$65,102
- N91241:
 - Flown 187.5 hours
 - Used 100% for predator management
 - Federal pilot payroll \$54,606
 - State purchased fuel and repairs \$772
 - Federal funds for maintenance, fuel, hangar, and support \$60,335

The N2568J Super Cub PA-18 is stored in UDAF's hangar at the Richfield Municipal Airport located in Richfield, Utah. The N91241 Super Cub PA-18 is stored in UDAF's hangar at the Nephi Municipal Airport located in Nephi, Utah. Both aircraft are worked on by independent mechanics.