

# Airtanker Base Operations

US FOREST SERVICE ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
REGION

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# Current NextGen Airtanker Platforms

3000 Gallons of Retardant or less



BAE-146



MD-87



RJ- 85



C-130 "H"

# Current NextGen Very Large Airtanker Platform 5000 Gallons or more

DC-10



# Additional Large Airtanker Assets

## 3000 Gallons of Retardant or less

Mobile Aerial Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) C-130H and J Models  
Mobilized by a joint agreement between the USFS and DOD on an as needed basis  
4 units nation wide operate the specialized MAFFS mission  
Channel Islands, CA  
Reno, NV  
Cheyenne, WY  
Colorado Springs, CO (Only Airforce Reserve Unit)



# Possible NextGen Airtanker and VLAT Platforms



Boeing 747



Boeing 737

# Rocky Mountain Region Airtanker Bases

BROOMFIELD, CO (JEFFCO)

GRAND JUNCTION, CO

DURANGO, CO

RAPID CITY, SD

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO (TEMP BASE)

PUEBLO, CO (TEMP BASE)

# What do (Perm)Airtanker Bases Need



- FUEL
- AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
- HOTELS/ RENTAL CARS
- ACCESS FOR TRANSIENT FLIGHT CREWS  
AND MAINTENANCE



# What do (Temp)Airtanker Bases Need



- LAND USE AGREEMENTS
- WATER SOURCE
- POWER SOURCE
- WASTE WATER DISPOSAL