



# DFPC AVIATION

## Colorado Airport Operators Association January 2019



# Cañon Helitack

## Fremont County Airport



# Montrose Helitack

## Montrose Regional Airport



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# NoCo SEAT Base

Northern Colorado Regional  
Airport



# Rifle SEAT Base

## Rifle Garfield County Airport



# Multi Mission Aircraft (MMA)

*Wildland 27 and Wildland 28*  
Centennial Airport



2019 goals for the DFPC aviation program include

- increasing helicopter crew size and capability,
- increasing SEAT capability through higher performance aircraft,
- adding mid-size air tankers and Very Large Air Tankers to our call-when-needed fleet (currently includes SEATs),
- and updating MMA software to include augmented reality systems.



# VLATs and LATs

- Predetermined where can operate out of (VLAT – Colorado Springs), LATs (Durango, Jeffco, Grand Junction, *Pueblo*)
- Prioritize departure
- Trained parking tenders

## Rocky Mountain Area Interagency Mobilization Guide





# SEAT Operations

- Agencies moving away from portable Mix trailers
- Airports capable of supporting SEAT operations also pre-determined as permanent (Category 1) or call-when needed (Category 2) bases
- Products, infrastructure and footprints can vary widely



# Hosting Incident Aircraft



# 2013 Larimer County Floods



# Busy day at Rifle



# When the COARNG Flies In (Vance Brand Municipal Airport)



Do you have a place for the big boys??



Hopefully far away from General Aviation...



Any extra hangar space?





- Helicopters may arrive with a lot of **people...and trucks...and fuel trucks...and chase trucks...and mechanic trailers.**
- Then come the **Fire Crews** to transport...and **supplies** to fly to the line...and **food for everyone... and overhead** for reconnaissance flights...and the **media...and the Governor...and hopefully port-o-pots and hand-wash stations!**



How are your helipads?  
When it gets hot on the  
ramp...

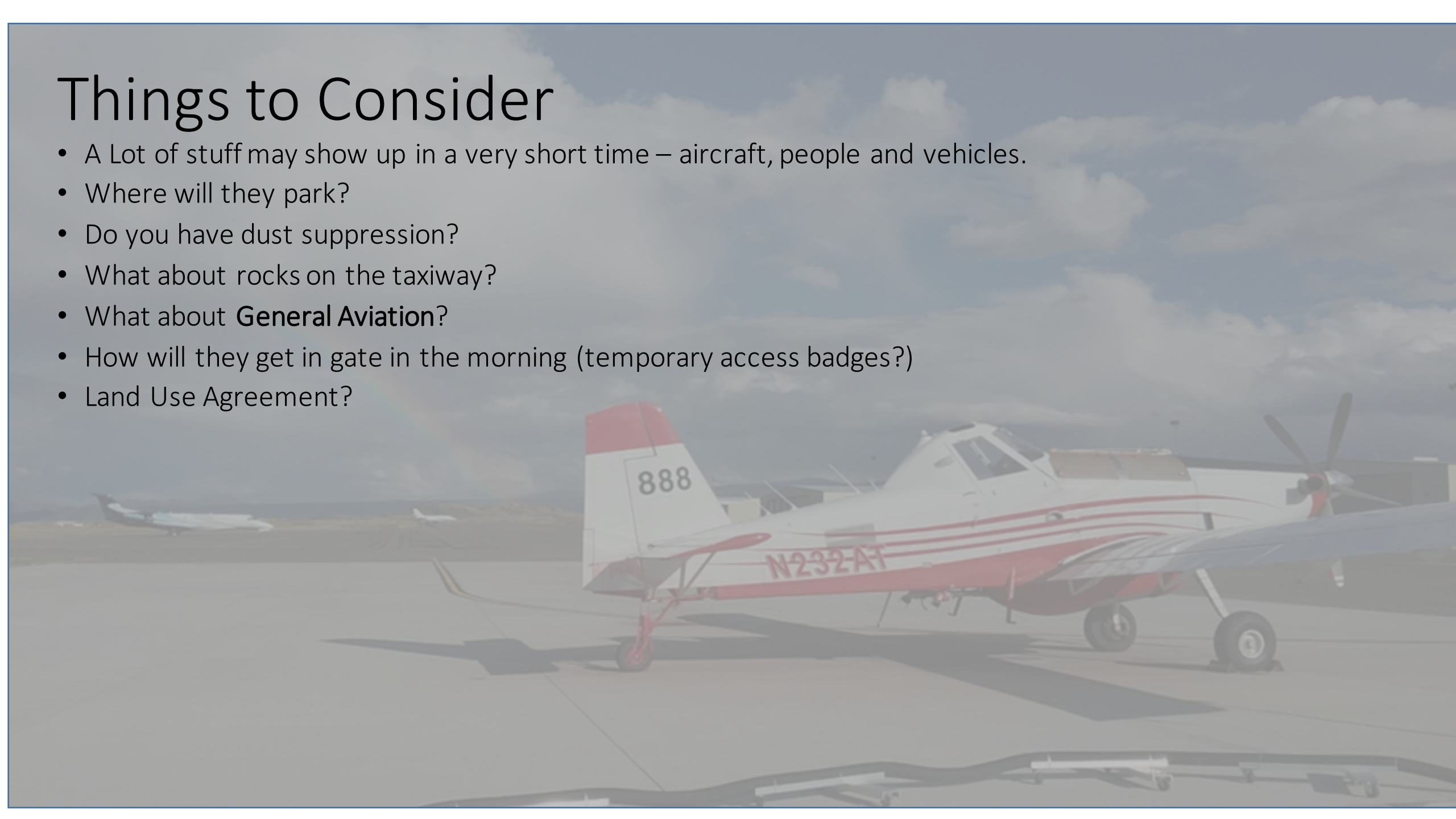


# Do you have Shade?



# Things to Consider

- A Lot of stuff may show up in a very short time – aircraft, people and vehicles.
- Where will they park?
- Do you have dust suppression?
- What about rocks on the taxiway?
- What about **General Aviation**?
- How will they get in gate in the morning (temporary access badges?)
- Land Use Agreement?



# Things to Plan for ?

- Land Use Agreements
- Temporary Access
- Temporary Traffic Routes
- Accommodating your General Aviation Customers (skydivers vs Blackhawks)
- What else???
- Lessons Learned???

