

# Aviator's Code of Conduct

## Preamble:

The Arizona Pilot's Association (APA) and The Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) are partnering to advance backcountry aviation in Arizona, and every pilot plays a part in our success. Each of us is an ambassador to the non-flying public, and to the land managers responsible for the airstrips we enjoy. Please do your part by practicing these few rules. We want to be the friendliest and most helpful recreational users these land managers work with!:

### Pilots will abide by all State and Federal regulations regarding the use of aircraft.

- Act with all possible courtesy to those on the ground who are hunting, horseback riding or observing wildlife, by maintaining reasonable distance and altitude.
- Know wildlife refuge boundaries as well as seasonal areas of wildlife congregation to avoid inadvertent low level over-flights.
- Avoid putting potential stress on wildlife.
- Get appropriate permissions when required, prior to using an airstrip.

### Pilots will practice good wilderness and backcountry flying ethics.

- Keep the noise signature of the aircraft to a safe minimum.
- Practice "leave no trace" camping. Fly it in, fly it out.
- Avoid very early morning departures unless safety of flight demands a deviation.
- Be courteous to other users in the area.
- Do not use these airstrips for training purposes or just to say "I've been there."
- Keep the aircraft clean of noxious weed seed to prevent the spread of weeds to backcountry airstrips.
- Participate whenever possible in work events to maintain these airstrips.

### Honor the Land Manager's Vision and Rules for the Airstrip

Many hours of negotiations and work go into each backcountry airstrip and trust is earned through fulfilling our commitments to the land managers. A few rogue pilots can destroy this trust and set our backcountry efforts backwards for years. On the other hand, honoring these agreements can go a long way towards these efforts, and even opening new airstrips, so get to know the vision and rules for each airstrip.



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# Grand Gulch Airstrip Information

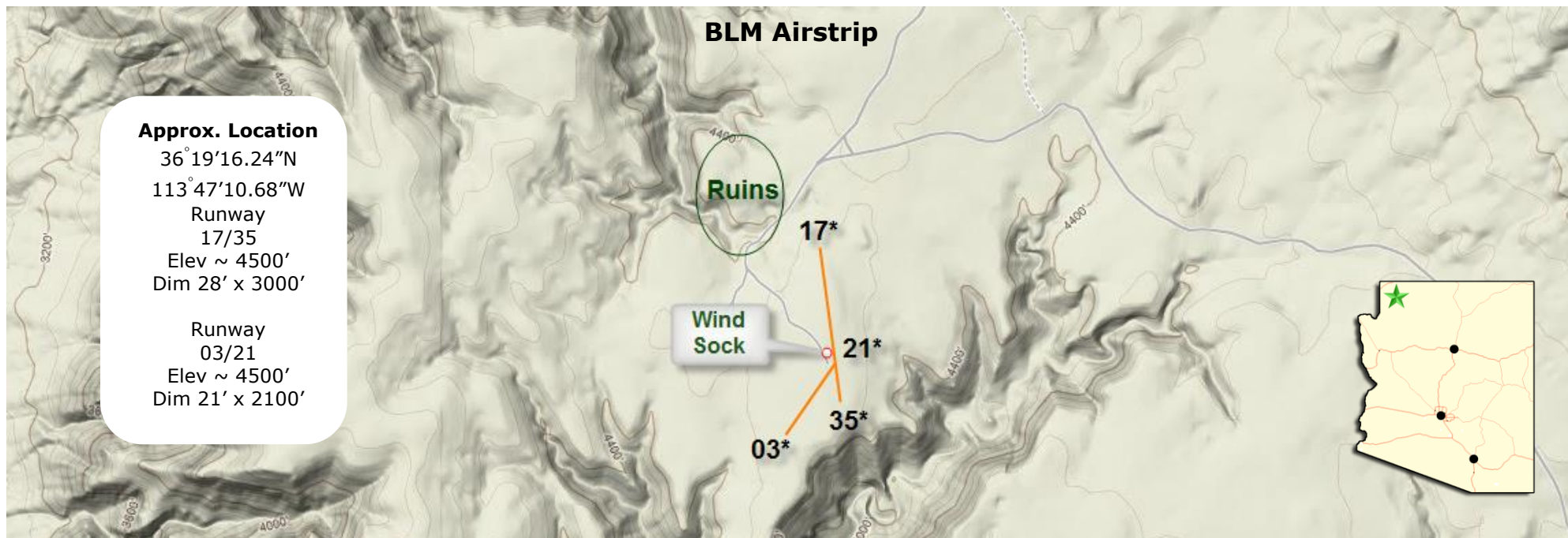
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## Hazards

- Varying surface conditions
- Rocks and possible brush
- Veering off RWY may damage aircraft
- Narrow with shrubs along edges
- Crosswinds common
- Potential downdrafts
- Wildlife on runway

## Grand Gulch Mine

Located on BLM land  
 36 nm Northeast of Lake Mead  
 47 nm Southwest of St. George  
 are the historic ruins of Grand  
 Gulch Mine, Arizona's Richest  
 Copper Mine in 1911.

Your Recreational Aviation Foundation  
 has negotiated approval for use of  
 this airstrip for recreational purposes!

Information is posted at:

- [www.AZPilots.org](http://www.AZPilots.org)
- [www.facebook.com/AZPilots.org](https://www.facebook.com/AZPilots.org)
- [www.theRAF.org](http://www.theRAF.org)

Please feel free to contact us for more  
 information regarding this airstrip and  
 long term plans and needs.

## Group Event Specifics

Group Events  
 Temporary CTAF is:  
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Events will be posted at:

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### DISCLAIMER

Neither the RAF, the APA, or the B.L.M.  
 encourage your participation at these events,  
 and you are responsible for, and are the final  
 authority as to, the operation of your aircraft.  
**By Your decision to land, you assume all  
 risk for your own and your passenger's  
 safety!**

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