

National Fire Plan Firefighting Resources Montana 2003



Helena Tanker Base / Helena Regional Airport Celebration

The Helena Regional Airport celebrated their 75th year of providing service to the Helena Valley this summer. The Helena National Forest took advantage of the celebration to highlight their new Tanker Base facility. The Tanker Base was built last fall and completed this spring, utilizing National Fire Plan funding, to provide aerial fire suppression capabilities for central and eastern Montana.



Helena Tanker Base, Helena, Montana

Over 1500 guests visited the Tanker Base during the Celebration. Firefighters from the Helena National Forest and Montana Department of Natural Resources utilized the opportunity to visit with the public about wildland fire suppression capabilities and shared ideas on how to make rural homes fire safe.



Attendees at the Celebration learn about wildland fire engines and equipment used to fight fires.



Visitors reading about the National Fire Plan Program while touring the new Tanker Base.

Helena Forest Supervisor Tom Clifford reports, “It was very gratifying to see so many people from the community stop by and visit with our people on fire prevention and the actions they can take to safeguard their property. It was also quite evident that people feel more secure knowing that a first-rate firefighting facility is immediately available for their protection.”