

Tanker Operations at Yellowstone Airport

Yellowstone Airport had a visit from Tanker 103 on August 16 & 17! The MD-87 operated by Aero Air, LLC flew support missions out of the Yellowstone Air Tanker Base to the Wigwam Fire near Ennis, MT. It was a first for this Next Generation Air Tanker to be loaded with fire retardant from the Yellowstone Air Tanker base. The three-person flight crew delivered six loads over two days totaling 18,000 gallons.

According to the Tanker Base Manager, Yellowstone Airport has possibly the quickest operation turn-around time in the nation. The MD-87 averaged only twelve minutes on the ground from the time the aircraft stopped at the base for loading until takeoff roll.



*MD-87 - Tanker 103 on taxiway at Yellowstone Airport
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