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National Smokejumper Center Mission Statement

The National Smokejumper Center is a place where all present and past jumpers are welcomed, recognized and honored. This Center is designed to have present and past Smokejumpers share their experience and stories with the public.

The Center is an educational resource for all citizens in all walks of life. Youth are a vital audience for all programs. We promote awareness of Smokejumping through a variety of activities that include public presentations, demonstration jumps, daily youth activities, Junior Smokejumper Camps, facility tours and related public venues.

These programs will inspire past jumpers to become involved with a public outreach mission. The Center will archive and make available Smokejumper history, records and photos for all bases. Research and Development to provide future equipment is an integral goal of all parachute activities in this program.

The National Smokejumper Center will emphasize the stewardship mission of all Wildland Fire Operations and the vital role we play in overall successful ecosystem management. We desire to be recognized as outstanding Stewards for all Public lands.

We will become an icon of the West Yellowstone Community and the region. Future public perspectives of Yellowstone will include Smokejumping along with geysers, bison, wolves and the image that is Yellowstone. We will provide sensational opportunities for the public to engage and gain insights to the many facets of Wildland Fire Operations and Ecosystem Management.

Through this mission statement we will be a profitable, financially independent, non profit organization that will preserve and promote the traditions of Smokejumping in this century and for generations beyond.