Grand Junction Air Center Tanker Base Repairs

**Project ID:** L210

**Description:** This project repairs the Grand Junction Air Center complex, a multipurpose wildland fire management and operation center that plays a critical role in national interagency wildland fire support. The project will eliminate safety hazards by replacing multiple structurally deficient buildings with a single cost-effective building that will consolidate units to increase efficiency and reduce operation costs. Additional structural repairs to the tanker base concrete apron pavement will correct multiple deficiencies and bring the apron into compliance with Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

**Values:** Currently, the GJAC:
- Provides tactical aircraft resources locally and regionally
- Is the only facility in the area that can support large air tankers
- Provides coverage for Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah

The project will:
- Enhance the region’s firefighting capability by laying the groundwork and infrastructure to support very large airtankers in the future
- Increase safety for fire crews and the public
- Improve upon the already outstanding wildfire response times

**GAOA Funding, Fiscal Year 2022:**

$5,630,000

**Estimated Deferred Maintenance Reduction:**

$6,726,000

**Total Economic Impact of Project:**

81 jobs supported

$8.7 million in economic contributions

**District or Unit Name:**
Grand Junction Air Center

**Project Location:**

Colorado

**Benefits:**
- Larger amount of deferred maintenance backlog

**Priorities Addressed:**
- ECONOMY/JOBS
- CLIMATE RESILIENCY