

## Getting I.V. Airport off the ground a goal

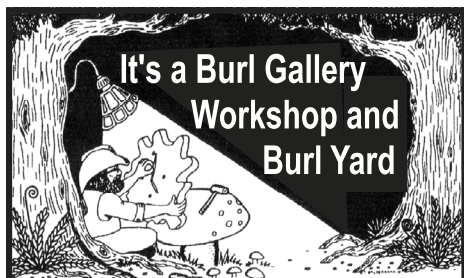
Once the home of the U.S. Forest Service's Siskiyou Smokejumper Base, the Illinois Valley Airport, now owned by Josephine County, is getting a few new flight plans.

Members of the Illinois Valley Airport Advisory Board are working to preserve the historical integrity of the facility while providing some amenities for campers and the like. Providing a pleasant, safe experience for fly-ins and other activities is a goal of the advisory board. There is a restaurant at the airport, but there is no operator at the present time.

Besides efforts of the advisory board, the Illinois Valley Community Development Organization is planning a business incubator on airport property. This multipurpose facility would provide services and help for fledgling and smaller businesses not quite ready to have their own stores.



Near the top of Hay's Hill on the north end of Illinois Valley coming into Selma, a sign directs visitors to the I.V. Visitor Center in Cave Junction. In photo on next page, it's obvious that kayakers find portions of Illinois Valley challenging and worthy of a trip. This kayaker was part of a group from Portland, which put in some 15 miles out Illinois River Road, which is off Hwy. 199 (the 'Redwood Hwy.') in Selma. Further information about kayaking and other such sporting activities is available from the U.S. Forest Service office in Cave Junction. Or phone 592-4000.



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