

News Release

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Military Helicopters to Refuel at Yakima Airport for Mission

On Wednesday, June 17th, Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field (YKM) will see an increase in military activities in support of a small mission at the Yakima Training Center.

At approximately 5:00 pm tomorrow, Wednesday, a CH-47 Chinook from Joint Base Lewis-McChord will arrive at YKM and set up a Forward Arming and Refueling Point (FARP) adjacent to the airport Administration Office. After the FARP is established, eight Apache helicopters will arrive, refuel and depart for their respective missions.

The helicopters will return to YKM to refuel at 9:00 pm tomorrow, then depart the area.

"There should be no impacts to aircraft or airline operations," said Yakima Airport Director Rob Peterson. "The community will see a minor increase in helicopter activities as they arrive and depart the airport at approximately 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm tomorrow"

The public can view the helicopter operations from the vehicle parking lot adjacent to the airport's Administration Building, 2406 West Washington Avenue.

Click <u>https://flyykm.com/</u> for more about the Yakima Airport.