

Montana Has the Room. Now It Has the Mandate.

Why Complete Aerospace Solutions has been supporting the Montana Spaceport & Test Range for the past year and a half, as America moves to build a "super range" for next-generation defense technology

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On October 14, 2026, at a rally in Kalispell, Montana, President Donald J. Trump announced that the Department of War will establish a new "super range" in Montana to test advanced weapons and technologies. He said the range could support autonomous systems, space and electronic warfare, and supersonic and hypersonic systems. "Montana will help ensure the American military always reigns supreme," the President told the crowd.

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The next morning, Senator Tim Sheehy said the 2027 National Defense Authorization Act includes \$10 million for a feasibility study of an advanced range in Montana. The bill had not yet reached a full Senate vote. No site, cost or timeline has been announced.

At Complete Aerospace Solutions, Inc. ("CAEROS"), we read this as a clear signal. The country needs more places to test what it is being built, and Montana is ready to be one of them. That is why CAEROS is proud to be listed among the investors and supporting corporations of the Montana Spaceport & Test Range (MSTR).

The bottleneck is range time

America's legacy test ranges are crowded. Most sit on the coasts, surrounded by population and boxed in by congested airspace. Programs wait in line for slots, and every month in the queue is a month an adversary gets to iterate.

The FAA's own map makes the gap plain. Of 19 licensed and federal launch and reentry sites, none sits in the northern Rocky Mountain region. Montana is open country on that map, and open country is exactly what high-speed, high-risk testing needs.

What Montana already brings

MSTR is not starting from a blank page. It is a distributed, hub-and-spoke test range linking Helena, Billings and Townsend, built around assets that already exist.

- **Approved military airspace.** Restricted airspace and COAs at Townsend and Clancy, accessed through the Limestone Hills Innovation & Test Campus, which already supports UAS, counter-UAS and electronic warfare work with the Montana National Guard.

- **Room for the safety case.** Sparse population and light air traffic mean safety buffers sized to the mission, plus inland recovery of test articles that coastal ranges struggle to offer.
- **A path to polar orbit.** At 45 to 48 degrees north, Montana offers a continental corridor to polar and sun-synchronous orbits.
- **A flight-proven vehicle partner.** EXOS Aerospace brings FAA-licensed reusable suborbital vehicles carrying 135 kg to above 100 km, with an operations tempo supporting flights as often as every three days.
- **Data as the product.** MSTR is building a mission data pipeline targeting a quick-look package at one hour, full mission data at 24 hours, and an AI-assisted engineering annex at 72 hours.
- **Compliance designed in.** ITAR-aware data handling on U.S.-sovereign infrastructure, security architecture built to NIST SP 800-171, and a roadmap to CMMC certification.

Behind it stands a coalition of 24 organizations, more than 12 letters of intent including one from a major defense prime, and direct engagement with the FAA Office of Spaceports, the Office of Space Commerce, NASA and Montana's full congressional delegation.

Why this matters for Golden Dome

President Trump's Golden Dome initiative asks the nation to defend against hypersonic, ballistic and emerging aerial threats. Every interceptor, sensor and space-based layer in that architecture must be tested before it can be trusted. Hypersonics, space systems and counter-UAS are exactly the categories the President named for the super range, and exactly the work MSTR was designed to host.

Test capacity is not a footnote to missile defense. It is a gate. The faster a program can fly, collect data and fix what it learns, the faster it reaches the warfighter.

Where CAEROS fits

CAEROS has been supporting the Montana Spaceport & Test Range for the past year and a half, as America moves to build a "super range" for next-generation defense technology. Our Ai Arsenal partnership focused on standing up sovereign secure AI data centers throughout the U.S., private U.S. defense manufacturing, bridging innovative dual-use and defense technologies from lab to fleet, and accelerating promising technologies in power, advanced cyber and quantum security, and chain of custody realms that will be required to critical National Security missions in the future.

The CAEROS business plan is to acquire established lower-tier aerospace suppliers, companies targeted for acquisition typically have \$50 million or more in existing or contracted revenue that make the components Golden Dome depends on. Through our strategic partnership with Space Innovation Unit, Inc. (SpaceIU.com), early-stage aerospace companies are incubated and prepared for defense contracts, with a path to acquisition as they mature.

Both ends of that pipeline need the same thing: a place to test. A range with open schedules, approved airspace and fast data turns a promising design into a qualified product. Supporting MSTR is how we help build that place in America's heartland.

Doing it the right way

Open questions remain, and they deserve straight answers. Where will the super range sit? What will it cost? How will it affect the people and public lands around it? MSTR has said that federal spaceport licensing requires environmental review with formal public participation, and that noise and safety will be assessed through that process rather than asserted. We agree with that approach.

Montana's economy has long rested on agriculture and natural resources. Aerospace and defense testing adds a second engine: year-round technical careers, a statewide supplier base, and partnerships with Montana State, the University of Montana, Montana Tech, Rocky Mountain College, Helena College and Embry-Riddle.

The President has put Montana on the map for next-generation defense testing. The Montana Spaceport & Test Range is already building the infrastructure to answer that call. CAEROS is proud to stand behind it.

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