WECAN will take place in Boise, Idaho 22 July - 31 August 2018. The C-130 and associated crew for operations and instrument support will have 20-25 people from NCAR on site along with another 15-20 scientists, instrument operators, and forecasters from other institutions. The site survey team met with representatives from FBOs and hotels to identify spaces for aircraft operations, instrument support, operations center, and accommodations. An overview map of Boise with relevant locations in shown below.
C-130 and containers close together.
Ops center space is a large room that would hold the project participants easily.
Instrument work space is large. It’s in a hangar (Hangar 6) but the workspace is in offices that are on the far west side, so they are separate from the aircraft storage.
They have the DoD fuel contract for Boise and this is a very significant savings to the project.
They have a lot of equipment that we can borrow if needed such as engine stands.

GA badges would be required. This involves an in person application, a 2 hour class, $65 fee, and a test plus some extra training if the person wants to drive on the airfield. They take 3-7 days to process, so we would need to be escorted by the FBO staff in the meantime. Each badged person can escort 5 people at a time so not everyone has to do this.
- No wifi in Hangar 6 but we could supply mifis.
- The distance between Hangar 6 and the C-130 is about a third of a mile. With the chemistry payload and lots of traffic back and forth some shuttling would need to be done.

The potential ops center space on the 2nd floor of the building near the C-130 and containers.

Views of the work space available in Hangar 6.
Hotels

The site survey team stayed at the Residence Inn, Boise Downtown University, about a 10 minute walk from downtown. This hotel is where most of the NCAR personnel will be located. The airport is 10 minutes away, though Western Air is a slightly longer drive since it's on the other side of the airfield. It has large rooms with full kitchens, simple complimentary breakfast and wifi, laundry facilities on site, and is quiet. The Director of Sales, Angie Hroma (ahroma@innventures.com, 208.433.5123), offered us the government rate of $93 per night and would also make that available to any of the science team that wanted to take advantage of it. There is also a second floor room in the main building that may be available for an operations center or work space. We did not discuss a cost for that or reserve it for the project but it sounds like it is not used very much and could be available.

Across the parking lot from the Residence Inn is a Towneplace Suites that offers many of the same amenities. This hotel is where RAF was able to negotiate a block of rooms for the non-NCAR personnel for the same daily rate since the Residence Inn has run out of rooms in our block. The rooms are smaller (but still with full kitchens) and the breakfast has fewer options. There is also a conference room the use of which could be arranged, if required.

Pictures of the Residence Inn