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A Cessna C-180 (Reg. N8814X) provided by Cloudstreet Flying Service will be utilized for this project. EDCON-PRJ has an eight year working history with Cloudstreet Flying Service, having jointly completed over 70 similar fixed-wing magnetometer projects throughout the western United States.



*Cloudstreet Flying Service Cessna 180 Survey Aircraft*

The aircraft has been extensively modified to increase its performance on draped aeromagnetic surveys. The engine is a high-performance Continental O-520 creating 308 horsepower. This engine is the typical engine used in the much bigger and heavier Cessna 206. The increased power to weight ratio of the aircraft results in a sustained climb rate of 1100 feet per minute at 70 mph.

The aircraft also has a STOL modification kit, which gives it better stability, climb and dive, and control characteristics while on survey operations. The carbon-fiber tail stinger, which measures 3.0 meters from aircraft tail to magnetometer sensor pod, isolates the sensor from vibration and noise sources.