



To: Media

From: Nathan Cherpeski, City Manager 

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Re: PenAir Air Service Letter of Intent

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CRATER LAKE – KLAMATH REGIONAL AIRPORT WILL OFFER PASSENGER AIR SERVICE SOON

Klamath Falls, OR –PenAir, one of Alaska’s largest regional airlines, has announced the intent to provide daily air service between Klamath Falls, OR and Portland, OR beginning November of 2015. In a Letter of Intent dated July 27, 2015 PenAir made formal the decision to bring commercial air service back to Klamath Falls (LMT).

PenAir is partnered with Alaska Airlines in the Pacific Northwest and the proposed flight schedule will aid travelers in connecting with flights out of Portland to cities served by airlines like Alaska, Delta and American.

“The announcement of PenAir as our newest community member is fantastic on so many fronts and I couldn’t be more proud of the City Manager and all the good people who stepped up and helped with the effort.” said Klamath Falls Mayor Todd Kellstrom.

PenAir’s decision to operate in Klamath Falls is based on many discussions with the community and local offers of support from the City and numerous businesses. The letter of intent to serve LMT allows time for the airport to work with the the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to re-establish security procedures and processes at the Crater Lake – Klamath Regional Airport.

According to Danny Seybert, PenAir’s CEO, “We plan to begin scheduled service into Klamath Falls in late fall of 2015. We are excited for our start-up in the Northwest and to initiate scheduled service between Portland and Klamath Falls. We have been in operation for 60 years throughout Alaska and for the last three years on the East Coast of the U.S. We plan to provide Klamath Falls with daily service on our Saab 340 aircraft while providing our Alaskan brand of reliable customer service.”

The proposed schedule at this time is:

Monday thru Friday twice daily service:

LMT to PDX 06:45am departure, arriving PDX 08:00am
PDX to LMT 09:35am departure, arriving LMT 10:50am
LMT to PDX 11:20am departure, arriving PDX 12:35pm
PDX to LMT 04:45pm departure, arriving LMT 06:00pm

Saturday and Sunday one daily flight:

LMT to PDX 09:00am departure, arriving PDX 10:15am
PDX to LMT 06:30pm departure, arriving LMT 07:30pm

“Commercial air service is a vital component in economic development and transportation access across Southern and Eastern Oregon” said Chamber Executive Director, Charles Massie. He added, “This will help move our community forward in many ways.”

Klamath Falls was one of the West Coast communities considered for expansion by PenAir following the airline’s new contract for service in Crescent City, CA earlier this year.

“We met with key officials from each of the communities during the planning process,” said Dave Hall, PenAir’s COO. “The City of Klamath Falls was especially supportive of PenAir and our ability to operate in markets similar in size to some of those in our Alaska and East Coast markets. We are delighted to become a part of the community by providing service and promoting The Seven Wonders of Oregon to potential visitors near and far.”

“This is positive news for tourism in the region.” says Jim Chadderdon, Executive Director of Discover Klamath, “It provides more access to major attractions such as Crater Lake National Park and Lava Beds National Monument.”

PenAir is one of the largest regional airlines in Alaska and the Northeast U.S., and one of the largest operators of Saab 340 aircraft in the United States. The airline is a codeshare partner with Alaska Airlines and has electronic ticketing agreements with Alaska, Delta, United and several other carriers. For more information, including flight schedules and fares, visit www.penair.com.

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