

Alaska Airlines plans return to full schedule at Paine Field by summer

(Courtesy of Marissa Nall, Reporter, Puget Sound Business Journal)

Alaska Airlines launched 737 service from Everett's Paine Field in February. It plans to resume its full roster of flights out of the airport by June.

As Alaska Airlines (NYSE: ALK) builds up its route network in preparation for a busy spring and summer travel season, it will restore its full pre-pandemic schedule at Everett's Paine Field.

That'll bring it up to 18 daily departures out of the Snohomish County airport starting June 17, including the resumption of traffic to San Francisco in May, when it will offer four daily departures.

The SeaTac-based airline currently flies to nine destinations from Paine Field, including popular spots like Las Vegas, Phoenix, and Boise, Idaho. The company has signaled it expects to [add new capacity](#) in the latter half of the year to meet the growing demand for air travel as pandemic impacts ease.

"We have many Mileage Plan members and elite flyers who live north of Seattle," said [Brett Catlin](#), vice president of network and alliances for Alaska. "We want to offer destinations that appeal to them while also being a convenient alternative to possible congestion to the south."

The airport opened fully in 2019 with more than two dozen daily arrivals and departures by Alaska and United Airlines. It had reached 1 million passengers in its first 50 weeks of operations, but the pandemic's travel restrictions slowed that to around 50 travelers per day in mid-2020. United exited the airport in late 2021.

"The challenges of the last two years across the travel industry were not unique to Paine Field, but we've always had a great partner in our hometown carrier, and we knew they were committed to us and the travelers of this region," said [Brett Smith](#), CEO of Propeller Airports, which operates the site on behalf of the county. "We look forward to Alaska bringing their full schedule back and offering great options out of Paine Field."

The Alaska Airlines parent Alaska Air Group Inc. operates mainly Embraer 175 jets through its Horizon Air subsidiary, but [launched service](#) on two routes served by Boeing 737s in February.

Horizon pilots work under a different contract from those at Alaska, which has [made schedule cuts](#) due to a shortage of trained pilots. The Herald of Everett reports that the flights from Paine Field have not been affected by the cancellations.

As part of the relaunch of its full schedule, Alaska will also offer its Saver fare program, which provides cheaper ticket prices in return for limited seat selection and other benefit options.