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WESTERN AIRCRAFT IN BOISE PREPARES FOR VANCOUVER OLYMPICS AS GATEWAY CITY

Boise, Idaho -Western Aircraft, Greenwich AeroGroup – October 20, 2009 – Security procedures for aircraft flying into the Vancouver (YVR) area for the 2010 Winter Olympics and 2010 Winter Paralympics Games have been announced, which include select “Gateways” for aircraft to clear security before entering restricted Vancouver airspace. Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho (KBOI) has been identified as one of only three U.S. Gateway Airports. Western Aircraft is the largest FBO on the field, and has put a plan in place to assist corporate and private aircraft in making their stopover efficient.

The Winter Olympics run from February 12-28, and the Winter Paralympics run from March 12-21. Security procedures will run approximately from February 1 to March 3 for the Winter Olympics, but it is yet unclear what procedures will be required for the Winter Paralympics Games.

“We are trying to educate pilots and operators early and often on our website and via phone conversations about how the Olympic security screening process works, and how Western Aircraft can help so that their visit to and from Vancouver is pleasant,” said Ken Hawk, VP of Line Service. “Not only do we make their security reservation as required, but our fuel trucks and staff will be right at the Boise Security Coordination Center on the field helping customers as they wait for the security inspection.” Aircraft will not be able to reposition on the field after the security inspection is completed. “Time permitting, crews can choose to come to our ramp prior to their inspection. Passengers can deplane, get a cup of coffee, use our facilities and relax before they go to the inspection area. Or, if they don’t have time to do that, we can help them right at the inspection area. Should customers go direct to the inspection site, they should be forewarned that the TSA does not have restrooms or typical FBO amenities. But, we’ll have fuel, catering, oxygen, de-ice, nitrogen and other services at the inspection site. In addition, we are also a large MRO and have 100 technicians to assist crews in the event of AOG problems,” Hawk continued.

The time required for the TSA inspection process will vary with aircraft size, passenger and bag loading. To help educate crews and operators on the inspection process, Western Aircraft has put information on their website, www.westair.com/fbo/. Boise has good approaches with parallel 10,000’ runways in a broad high desert valley. Although winter will be in full swing, Boise rarely has snowstorms, making it a good option for operators.

Here are the basic arrival and security procedures for the Winter Olympics:

1. Crew makes an arrival reservation into Vancouver (YVR), Boundary Bay (ZBB) or Abbotsford (YXX) through www.2010airportreservations.ca.
2. Operators arriving at YVR or ZBB and opting for Boise as a Gateway airport to clear security should contact Western Aircraft (208-338-1833 or from their website www.westair.com/fbo/) to make arrangements for security screening and a departure time. It is important to note that only



the FBO can make the arrangements with TSA on behalf of the operator—the crew cannot make a security screening reservation through the TSA.

3. All aircraft being screened must have their crew and passenger manifests cleared through the FAA/TSA Airspace Waiver program. Based on current information, this process must be started 96 hours prior to TSA inspection. This can be done via <https://waiver.c3.faa.gov>
4. The TSA will notify the FAA prior to departure that the aircraft has completed security screening and is approved to enter the restricted zone.
5. Aircraft will also need to clear Customs upon their arrival in Canada.

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