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LWS Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport Completes Runway Reconstruction

Lewiston, ID – The Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport Authority announced that construction of the runway reconstruction project which began in late March, is now complete. LWS plans to reopen this runway tomorrow, Friday, July 17, 2020.

“I am proud to announce the re-opening of our secondary runway at LWS,” said Airport Director Mike Isaacs. “The runway reconstruction project underscores our commitment to providing the highest quality of services for our general and corporate aviation customers. This accomplishment was made possible by the outstanding collaboration between T-O Engineering, Airport staff, The Airport Authority, the FAA, and our construction partners Knife River Construction.”

This \$7 million project included a new lighting system and navigational aids. The existing runway was 34 years old and continues to provide a valuable service to the Airport, allowing for segregation of traffic which improves airport safety and serves as a backup runway to the primary runway (8-26). The project is funded through a combination of 93.75% federal aviation administration entitlement. The 6.25% local expense was paid for by LWS airport passenger fees.

This completed reconstruction project offers many safety enhancements, including:

- Replacing runway base, drainage asphalt eliminating large cracks, holes and foreign object debris
- Re-aligning taxiway access to the runway and installing new runway and taxiway lighting
- Enhance runway safety areas

Through all of the phases, the airport operations continued to be open.

LWS opens its completed runway with a private ribbon cutting ceremony at the airport at noon, Friday, July 17, 2020.

The Airport Authority Board and staff, along with the team from Knife River Construction and T-O Engineering will be present.

LWS is pleased to also have local resident Johnny Stewart, a retired captain and pilot from the U.S. Army and Vietnam Veteran, joining the ribbon cutting ceremony. Johnny and his wife, Elisabeth, who have been married for 59 years, have two grown children; son Robbin and daughter Manuela; and three grandchildren. With nearly 19,000 hours of flying time, Johnny received the FAA’s Master Pilot Award in 2018. Johnny, age 81, will have the inaugural flight on the newly completed runway. This runway is used primarily by general aviation (GA) and will maintain the ability for LWS to offer a robust GA operation.

About LWS: Since its creation in 1944, the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport has been instrumental in the growth and prosperity of the Lewis-Clark Valley. We are committed to providing our customers with superior services in a safe, secure and professional environment. For more information, please visit www.goLWS.com. Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Lewiston-Regional-Airport-102050671529010/>.

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