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Paine Field Named “Best Regional Airport” NW Travel & Life

SEATTLE – Seattle Paine Field (PAE) has been named “Best Regional Airport” in the 2026 Best of the Northwest Travel Awards presented by Northwest Travel & Life magazine. The annual awards recognize standout destinations, attractions, and travel experiences across the Pacific Northwest, with winners selected through reader nominations and voting.

“We are honored to be recognized as the Best Regional Airport in the Northwest,” said Brett Smith, CEO of Propeller Airports, which owns and operates the commercial passenger terminal at Seattle Paine Field. “This award reflects the incredible work of our team and partners who are committed to delivering a first-class experience for every passenger who travels through the terminal.”

Since launching commercial service in 2019, Seattle Paine Field has earned national recognition for redefining the airport experience through its modern design, lounge-like atmosphere, efficient processes, and exceptional customer service. The terminal continues to earn praise from travelers seeking a more convenient, relaxing and time-saving alternative to larger, more congested airports.

This award adds to a growing list of accolades for Seattle Paine Field, including being named one of America’s top five airports by the Washington Post and earning praise from national publications for its passenger experience and thoughtfully designed terminal.

About Propeller Airports

Based in Seattle, Washington, Propeller identifies untapped potential for commercial air travel by working with local communities and government to maximize airport assets. Propeller Airports is focused on opportunities to invest, develop, and manage both general aviation and commercial service airports throughout the U.S. Propeller, along with Global Infrastructure Partners, a part of Black Rock is focused on bringing best in class practices to Seattle Paine Field for the benefit of travelers throughout the Puget Sound Region. For more information, please visit www.flypaine.com, www.propellerairports.com, and www.global-infra.com.

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