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AIR TRAFFIC TO SHIFT TO ALTERNATE RUNWAY

(Spokane, WA) – Spokane International Airport (GEG) announced that effective 6:00 a.m. PDT, Tuesday, September 7, aircraft take-offs and landings will shift to their alternate east/west runway, 7/25, which is 8,199' in length. The closure is being done to accommodate the final work necessary to complete the 2,000' extension of Runway 3, which includes:

- Completion of asphalt paving connecting the extension of Taxiway "A" to the shoulders of the extended Runway 3/21
- Removal of the temporary threshold and restriping the runway
- Removal of the temporary construction fence
- Miscellaneous paving to the main runway
- Final commissioning flight check of the Category III Instrument Landing System (CAT III ILS) for Runway 21

The fully extended 11,002' main runway will re-open at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, September 23, 2010. Flight testing and other certification requirements are required before the Runway 3 approach is re-commissioned for CAT III ILS operations, which is scheduled for November 18, 2010.

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Landing considerations are directed by the Air Traffic Control Tower based on prevailing winds. However, on days when weather or other air traffic is not a factor, pilots can choose which runway they prefer. Because of the alternative runway's east/west alignment, residents on Spokane's South Hill may notice a change in the pattern of aircraft arrivals and departures during the next two weeks of construction.

Acme Concrete Paving, Inc. of Spokane was awarded the \$30,734,859 Runway Extension project at the April 15, 2009 meeting of the Spokane Airport Board. During last year's portion of the project, Acme installed utility infrastructure, relocated Electric Avenue, corrected an existing runway gradient challenge, graded 300,000 yards of soil, and installed new navigational aid buildings to enable the equipment installation in 2010.

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