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AIR TRAVEL

Passenger numbers are slowly increasing after a long, one-year decline associated with the economic downturn. Starting in June 2009 the number of passenger boardings increased an average of 5% per month compared to the same period last year. We hope to continue this trend as we seek air service improvements.

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GENERAL AVIATION (GA) COMMITTEE - OPEN HOUSE

The GA Committee has committed itself to hosting an airport open house in June, 2010. We anticipate a small but fun event where members of the public can come see various aircraft, learn about the organizations and businesses at the airport, and perhaps even take a discovery flight for a small fee. Successful fundraising could lead to the inclusion of war birds, current military aircraft and more. If you want to be a part of the event planning committee please call airport management at 234-6154.

JAPANESE GARDEN

Phase II of the Japanese Garden is complete and the results are spectacular! Features include a gazebo, lanterns and water elements. More than 125 tons of material and over 100 different species of plants were used in the project. There are hundreds of feet of footpaths and various places to sit and contemplate the beauty of the garden and the world.



It is important for me to emphasize here that this is a Pocatello Arts Council project and was funded by them using grants for the arts; there are no stimulus funds, FAA or airport funds (except for nominal airport labor) used with this project.



A dedicated group of people worked for two years to make this project a reality. We want to recognize Jesse Robison, Bill Vaughn, Hugh Suenaga, Cindy Marshall and Kim Hirning

for the incredible amount of work they put into this project. They have vision, a love of art, and, if I may say, an almost disturbing love of rocks. The results are truly inspiring.

So what's next for the garden? There is another phase for a space dedicated to our sister city, Iwamizawa, Japan, and to conduct some minor improvements. In yet another phase we want to develop an interpretive kiosk inside the terminal so visitors can learn more about the symbolism associated with the garden layout (it is filled with symbolism!). So stay tuned, and be prepared for spring when the plants will flourish!



AIR TERMINAL EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT

The project is steadily moving along. As of this writing the contractor was pouring the footings for the new building, and we expect the building to take shape over the winter. The temporary gate facility is so much better than the old gate facility, both in functionality and appearance, and everyone is excited knowing how much better the new facility will be. Renovation of the main terminal building will begin at the start of 2010.

Normal operations are to continue throughout the construction and we hope to keep disruptions to a minimum.

The project includes a new building for the passenger screening checkpoint and gates. The new facility includes restrooms and other amenities and is more functional than the previous checkpoint. In the terminal the baggage screening facility will relocate behind the counters, allowing one-stop baggage check-in at the airline. The rest of the public spaces in the existing terminal will be given a much needed renovation as well.



OTHER ACTIVITIES. The airport staff (that's six of us!) is busy with winter preparations and planning some upcoming capital improvement projects. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable winter and that your next travel plans begin at Pocatello Regional Airport.



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