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UP, UP AND FINALLY AWAY – FLIGHTS TO KELOWNA RELAUNCHED APRIL 20

March 12, 2012 (Red Deer, AB) – A weekend away to golf in the beautiful Okanagan Valley or a quick and convenient commute to and from the region on business will become a whole lot easier and convenient for residents of Central Alberta. Northwestern Air Lease Ltd will re-launch non-stop service between Red Deer (YQF) and Kelowna (YLW) **April 20, 2012.**

The new service will operate on Fridays and Sundays at the following times using a Jetstream 32:

Friday

Flt 705	Red Deer	8:00 AM (MT)	Kelowna	8:15AM (PT)
Flt 706	Kelowna	8:45AM (PT)	Red Deer	11:00AM (MT)

Sunday

Flt 705	Red Deer	4:00PM (MT)	Kelowna	4:15PM (PT)
Flt 706	Kelowna	4:45PM (PT)	Red Deer	7:00PM (MT)

“I am pleased that we are now able to re-launch the direct service to Kelowna after a 4 month delay. We look forward to serving the communities of Central Alberta and Okanagan Valley well into the future,” says Gordon Bush, General Manager, Northwestern Air Lease.

As demand grows, the airline plans to add more frequency and destinations to the schedule, to further serve the communities of the both regions.

“We congratulate Northwestern Air for seizing this great opportunity to provide air service to the people that live in our great area,” says RJ Steenstra, Red Deer Airport’s CEO. “This service gives everyone a convenient and hassle-free flying choice right in their own back yard. With no charge parking at the terminal and fast check-in customers will be on their plane and in Kelowna quickly and efficiently,” Steenstra added.

The service is another example of Red Deer Airport’s commitment to the people of Central Alberta and the stewardship of the Airport. The service will operate out of the Airport terminal building at both Red Deer Airport and Kelowna Airport.

To book a flight with Northwestern Air call free **1 877 872-2216** or visit **www.nwal.ca**.

Northwestern Air Lease Ltd.

Headquartered in Fort Smith, NWT Canada, Northwestern Air is a scheduled and charter airline operating with a fleet of turbo-prop aircraft. Scheduled flight service offered to and from Edmonton, Fort McMurray, Fort Smith, Hay River, Fort Chip, Kelowna, Red Deer and Yellowknife.



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Red Deer Airport

The Red Deer Airport Authority is a not-for-profit, non-share Capital Corporation incorporated under the Alberta Regional Airports Authorities Act. Since 1992, it has been responsible for the management, maintenance and development of Red Deer Airport. In 2011, Red Deer Airport served 7,000 charter or business aviation passengers and experienced 44,000 aircraft movements making it the 2nd busiest Regional Airport in Canada and a vital and vibrant transportation link for Central Alberta.

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