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Yellowstone Airport will open for summer commercial air travel on June 1

WEST YELLOWSTONE, MT — Delta Connection will begin commercial air service for the 2011 summer tourist season at Yellowstone Airport beginning June 1. Daily flights to and from West Yellowstone, Montana will connect in Salt Lake City to a variety of airlines. Reservations can be booked at any time thru Delta at 800-221-1212 or www.delta.com.

"We encourage people to book their flights soon as last summer's flights were pretty much filled to capacity," says airport manager, Tony Bean. Bean says that several factors led to the high seat occupancies—including an increased flow of visitors into Yellowstone National Park.

Yellowstone Airport offers the closest access to the Park, Big Sky, the Gallatin and Madison River corridors, Ennis and Virginia City, and Island Park. "This service is ideal for the Yellowstone Park / Big Sky area travelers, including tourists coming into our area and local residents who need to go elsewhere or who have family coming to visit," says Bean.

The airport offers rental cars and ground transportation, a full-service Fixed Base of Operation (FBO) with both general aviation and jet fueling services, and food service. The facility is owned and operated by the Montana Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) code for the airport is WYS.

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