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## Statement

### **Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers Start of Commercial Flights from Paine Field Airport**

**EVERETT, Wash., March 4, 2019** – “This is an exciting time for Snohomish County and the entire Puget Sound region! Today, we begin a new era. Through our innovative partnership with Propeller Airports, we have finally realized our dream and the vision of those who built Paine Field 83 years ago. Snohomish County has a new gateway to the world.”

“Paine Field was named after Lieutenant Toppliff Olin Paine. He was a Washington Husky and a park ranger. He served our country in the Army Air Corps during World War 1, and he loved to fly. I can’t think of a better summary of the spirit of Snohomish County and this airport than Lieutenant Paine.”

“Snohomish County’s Paine Field is already the economic engine of the county, and adding commercial air service will make us much more attractive for businesses looking to invest and for tourists wanting to visit the Pacific Northwest.”

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**Snohomish County** owns Paine Field Airport and operates it for the people of Snohomish County. In an innovative public/private partnership, Propeller Airports, a private company, built and will manage the new commercial air terminal at Paine Field Airport.

