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NORTHWEST TO ADD NONSTOPS BETWEEN MIDWEST AND LAS VEGAS *“Heartland” airline to offer new flights between Las Vegas and Des Moines, Iowa, Grand Rapids, Mich., Madison, Wis. and Sioux Falls, S.D.*

MINNEAPOLIS – (August 10, 2005) – Northwest Airlines today announced that it will add more nonstop flights between Las Vegas and four cities in America’s “Heartland.” Beginning Oct. 30, Northwest will offer nonstop service from Las Vegas to Des Moines, Grand Rapids, Madison and Sioux Falls.

“Northwest’s new flights will provide travelers in America’s Heartland with the convenience of nonstop service to one of the world’s top destinations,” said Tom Bach, vice president of network planning and revenue management. “The comprehensive level of service we offer in these important Midwestern markets further demonstrates Northwest’s commitment to maintaining and building upon its position as the leading choice of travelers in the Heartland.”

Currently, Northwest provides up to 14 nonstops per day between the Heartland and Las Vegas, including four flights from its Detroit hub, six flights from its Minneapolis/St. Paul hub and one flight from its Memphis hub. Northwest also offers daily service from Indianapolis (two flights) and Milwaukee to Las Vegas, and just last month announced that it would begin nonstop service from Flint, Mich. to Las Vegas on August 20.

Through its subsidiary, NWA WorldVacations, Northwest also offers affordable, customized vacation packages to Las Vegas that includes air fare, accommodations at more than 35 hotel properties, rental cars, and optional activities such as concert and event tickets, sightseeing tours, golfing and spa services.

“From world-class dining and nightlife to the year’s top concerts and events, there is something for everyone in Las Vegas,” said Jim Cron, vice president-passenger marketing and sales at Northwest and CEO of WorldVacations. “WorldVacations offers a wide selection of hotels and activities to enhance the Las Vegas experience.”

All of the new Northwest nonstops to Las Vegas will be operated with the airline's modern, quiet and fuel-efficient Airbus A319 aircraft, featuring the widest passenger cabin in its class, 16 seats in first class and 108 seats in coach class.

Customers holding tickets for travel Oct. 30 and beyond on connecting service from Des Moines, Grand Rapids, Madison and Sioux Falls to Las Vegas can change their itineraries to one day earlier or one day later than what they are currently holding and switch to Northwest's new nonstop service without paying an administrative change fee, provided they meet fare requirements and make all changes by Sept. 13.

Northwest currently offers up to 15 flights from Las Vegas McCarran International Airport to a total of six nonstop destinations. In addition to nonstop service to Detroit, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Memphis, Indianapolis and Milwaukee, the airline offers daily nonstop service to Los Angeles.

Northwest's new Las Vegas service will be available for sale through www.nwa.com, Northwest Airlines Reservations at 1-800-225-2525 or through travel agencies beginning Aug. 13.

DES MOINES

Northwest currently offers 15 flights to four cities per day from Des Moines International Airport, including service to its Detroit, Minneapolis/St. Paul and Memphis hubs and the only nonstop service to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

New Des Moines – Las Vegas Service

<i>Flight number:</i>	<i>Departs:</i>	<i>Arrives:</i>
NW 1983*	3:50 p.m.	5:05 p.m.

*Operates daily except Monday, Tuesday and Friday

New Las Vegas – Des Moines Service

<i>Flight number:</i>	<i>Departs:</i>	<i>Arrives:</i>
NW 1982*	10:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.

*Operates daily except Monday, Tuesday and Friday

GRAND RAPIDS

Northwest currently offers 15 flights to four cities per day from Grand Rapids' Gerald R. Ford International Airport, including service to its Detroit,

Minneapolis/St. Paul and Memphis hubs and the only nonstop service to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, as well as seasonal nonstop service to popular destinations to Florida.

New Grand Rapids – Las Vegas Service

<i>Flight number:</i>	<i>Departs:</i>	<i>Arrives:</i>
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NW 1991*	9:00 p.m.	10:05 p.m.
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*Operates daily except Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday

New Las Vegas – Grand Rapids Service

<i>Flight number:</i>	<i>Departs:</i>	<i>Arrives:</i>
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NW 1990*	11:10 p.m.	5:55 a.m.
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*Operates daily except Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday

MADISON

Northwest currently offers 14 flights to four cities per day from Madison's Dane County Regional Airport, including service to its Detroit, Minneapolis/St. Paul and Memphis hubs and the only nonstop service to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

New Madison – Las Vegas Service

<i>Flight number:</i>	<i>Departs:</i>	<i>Arrives:</i>
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NW 1999*	8:20 p.m.	10:05 p.m.
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*Operates daily except Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday

New Las Vegas – Madison Service

<i>Flight number:</i>	<i>Departs:</i>	<i>Arrives:</i>
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NW 1998*	11:55 p.m.	5:20 a.m.
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*Operates daily except Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday

SIOUX FALLS

Northwest currently offers 9 flights to per day from Sioux Falls Regional Airport to its Minneapolis/St. Paul hub.

New Sioux Falls – Las Vegas Service

<i>Flight number:</i>	<i>Departs:</i>	<i>Arrives:</i>
NW 1989*	4:10 p.m.	5:05 p.m.

*Operates Monday and Friday

New Las Vegas – Sioux Falls Service

<i>Flight number:</i>	<i>Departs:</i>	<i>Arrives:</i>
NW 1988*	10:00 a.m.	2:40 p.m.

*Operates Monday and Friday

Northwest Airlines is the world's fourth largest airline with hubs at Detroit, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Memphis, Tokyo and Amsterdam, and approximately 1,600 daily departures. Northwest is a member of SkyTeam, an airline alliance that offers customers one of the world's most extensive global networks. Northwest and its travel partners serve more than 900 cities in excess of 160 countries on six continents.

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