



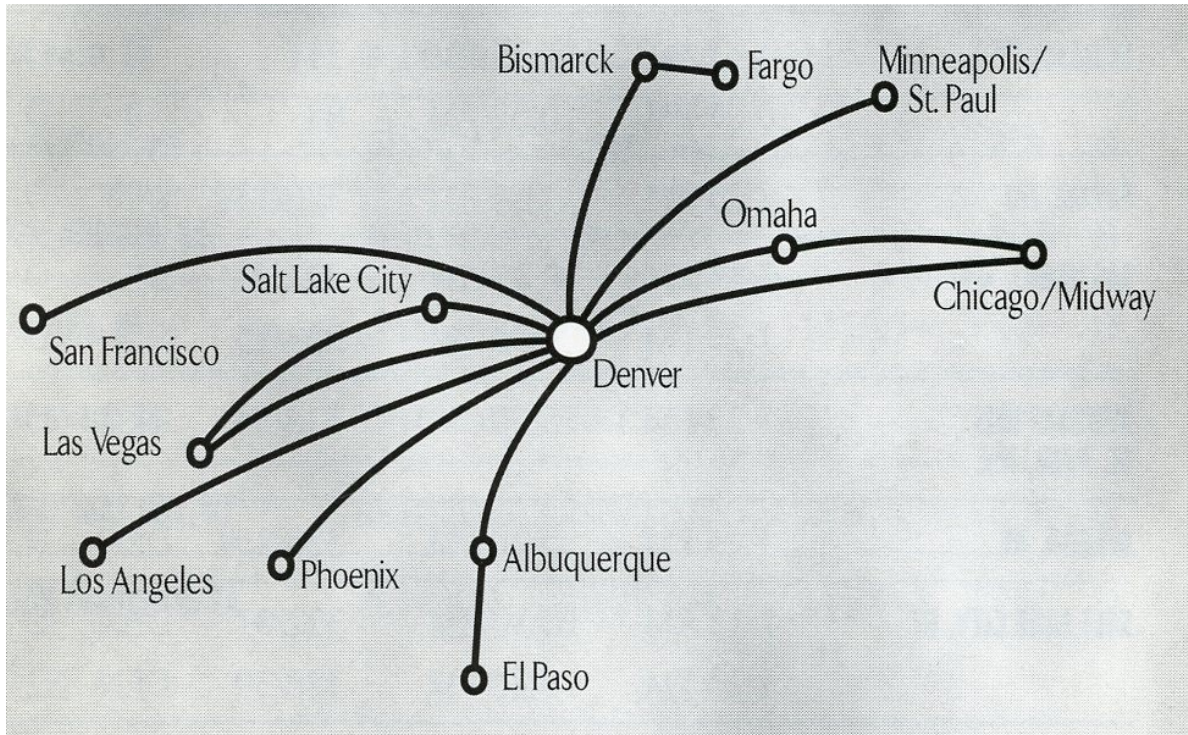
FRONTIER

Frontier Airlines 1994-

A new Frontier Airlines evolved in 1994 which was molded much like the former Frontier using Boeing 737-200 jets and with its headquarters and hub city at Denver, Colorado. The aircraft however carry a new wildlife theme with decals of animals, birds, and reptiles on the tails of each plane. The first fleet of Boeing 737 aircraft carried different wildlife on each side of the tail. This Frontier began service to Albuquerque on October 13, 1994 with flights to Denver and El Paso. Newer and more modern 737-300 aircraft were added in 1995 and the carrier completely changed over to Airbus family jets beginning in 2001 operating the A318, A319, and A320 versions. The El Paso flights were discontinued in 2004.



Frontier Boeing 737-200 featuring "Clover" the fawn at the Albuquerque Sunport.



Frontier route map from January, 1996.

In 2003 Frontier began contracting with regional carriers to supplement its service in an operation known as "Frontier JetExpress". These airlines also painted their aircraft like Frontier including having different wildlife on each tail. The first carrier was Mesa Airlines which flew on behalf of Frontier with 50-seat Canadair CRJ-200 regional jets followed by Horizon Airlines with 70-seat CRJ-700's from 2004 through 2007. Next came Republic Airlines with 70-seat Embraer-170 jets from 2007 through 2013 as well as Lynx Airlines which used 76-seat Dash-8-Q400 propjets from 2007 through 2011. Each of these carriers periodically provided flights from Albuquerque to Denver along with Frontier Airlines mainline jets and at times all service at Albuquerque was operated by Frontier Jet Express. Flights to Puerto Vallarta Mexico were briefly operated in 2008 by feeder carrier Republic Airlines. In 2010 Frontier merged with Midwest Airlines of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and 99-seat Embraer 190 jets were introduced to Albuquerque. All Frontier Jet Express flights ended at Albuquerque on March 1, 2013 at which time service reverted to all Frontier mainline Airbus jets.



Frontier Boeing 737-300 featuring a pronghorn antelope at the Albuquerque Sunport.



Frontier Airbus A319 featuring "Pete" the pelican and wearing a new billboard livery introduced in 2001 at the Albuquerque Sunport.



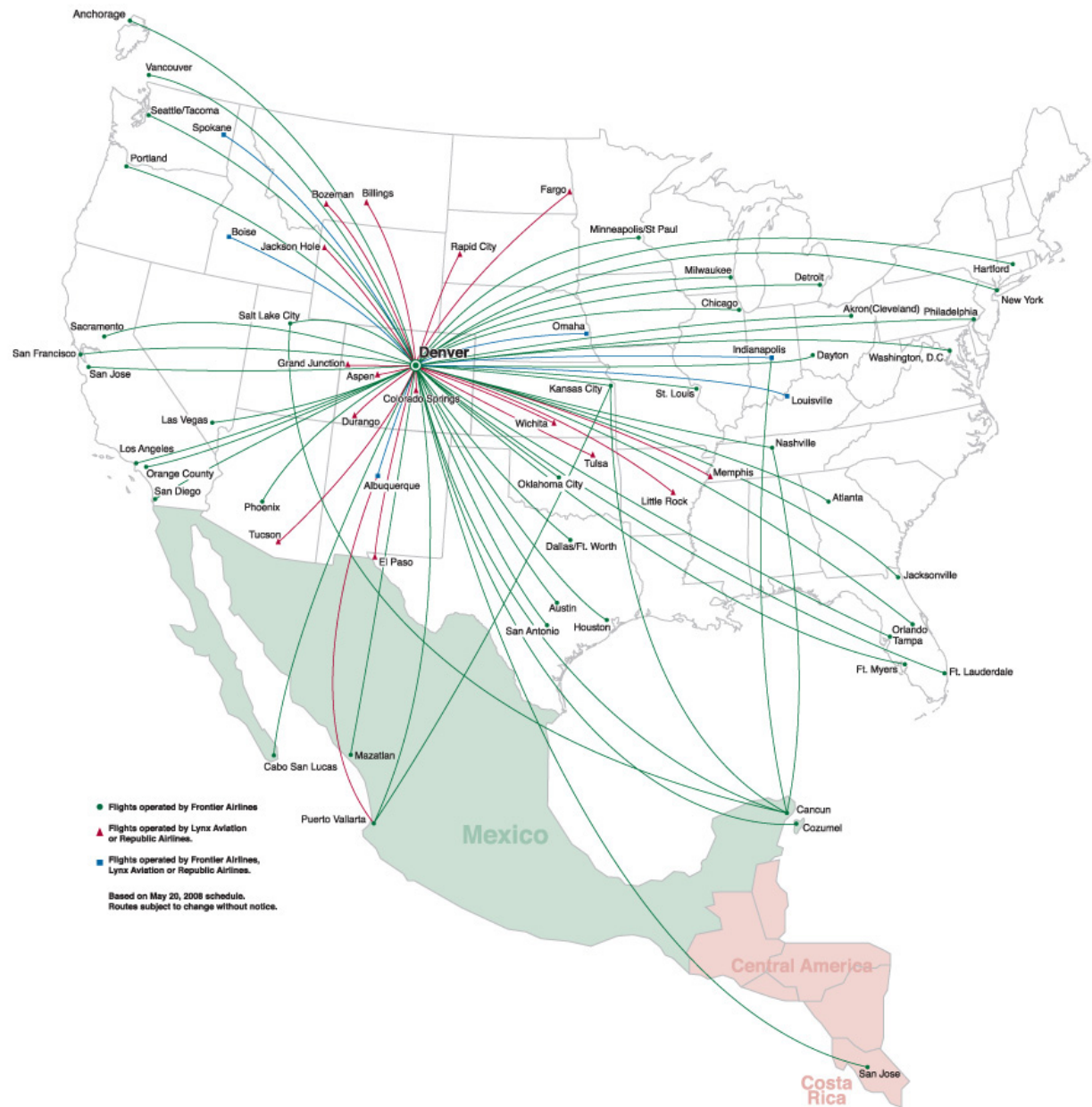
Frontier Embraer 190 featuring “Buddy” the badger at the Albuquerque Sunport.



Frontier JetExpress Canadair CRJ-700 featuring a raccoon motif at the Albuquerque Sunport.



Frontier DeHavilland Dash-8-Q400 featuring a mountain lion motif at the Albuquerque Sunport.



Frontier route map from May, 2008.

Frontier had always faced intense competition with United Airlines at Denver and by the early 2010's Southwest Airlines had re-entered the Denver market adding many new flights and creating a hub for themselves causing Frontier to begin retreating and find other niche markets. Frontier was then acquired by Indigo Partners, LLC and transformed into an ultra-low cost carrier while ending service to Albuquerque on January 6, 2014. In 2017 Frontier announced a renewed effort to rebuild its hub at Denver and would return to Albuquerque effective October 24, 2017. One daily flight began with an Airbus A319, A320, or A320Neo jet and a second flight to Denver was added for the 2017 Christmas

Holiday season in which an Airbus A321 was used for the first few days. On April 9, 2018 Frontier added new nonstop service from Albuquerque to Austin, Texas and Orlando, Florida, each operating on three days per week. From August 12 through October 3, 2018 the carrier added a nonstop flight to San Antonio, Texas on two days per week. The Denver flight was cutback to operating on only four days per week effective August 12 as well. The Austin and Denver flights were discontinued after November 14, 2018 and the Orlando flight was discontinued after April 29, 2019 at which time the Denver flight resumed on May 1, 2019 operating three days per week. All service was suspended during the slow winter season in January, 2020 and again with the corona virus outbreak beginning March 24, 2020. Service resumed on April 11 with only one flight per week to Denver but suspended again after October 25. The Denver flights resumed during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays of 2020 and remained operating at two to four times per week, mostly with A320Neo aircraft. In May, 2022, service from Albuquerque to Denver was discontinued and new service to Las Vegas, Nevada was introduced with two flights per week. After Spirit Airlines entered the Albuquerque-Las Vegas market later in 2022 as well as Southwest adding more flights, Frontier again ended its' Albuquerque service on January 1, 2023.

Frontier has also operated many charter flights from Albuquerque including those for the University of New Mexico football team. From mid-August through September of 2004 Frontier was contracted by Air Planning LLC to operate commercial charter air service from Roswell, New Mexico to Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas. These flights supported the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) at Artesia, New Mexico and were also available to other federal government employees on official travel.

The airlines that operated on behalf of Frontier as Frontier Jet Express are further evaluated under separate links for each carrier in the "Major carriers' regional partners" column.



Frontier Airbus A320Neo featuring "Al" the roadrunner and wearing another new livery adopted in 2014. Note how this latest livery includes an arrow underneath the windows and a stylized "F" symbolizing the original Frontier Airlines of 1950 through 1986.