



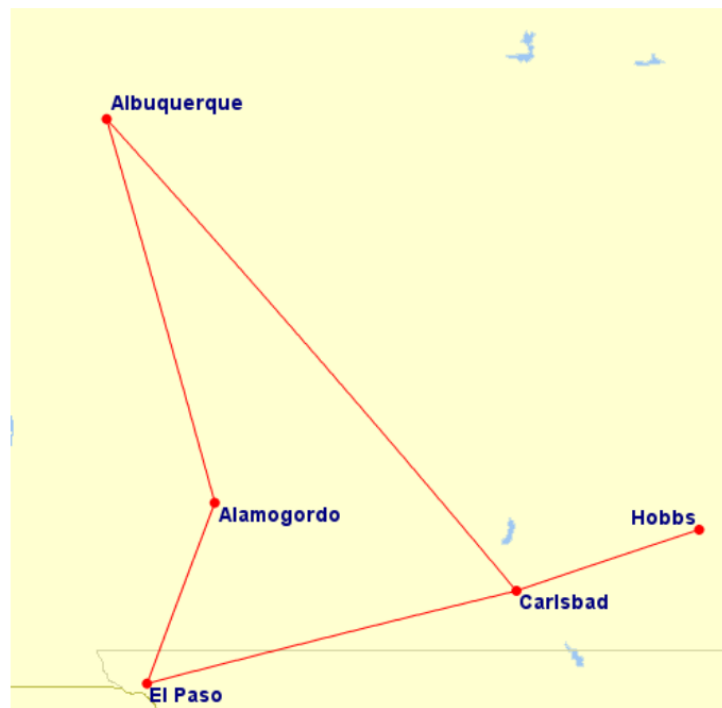
Pacific Wings/New Mexico Airlines

Pacific Wings, based in Kahului Maui, Hawaii, created several new operations on the U. S. mainland after receiving Essential Air Service (EAS) subsidies to serve smaller cities throughout the country. One division was called New Mexico Airlines after the carrier was awarded routes to serve Carlsbad and Hobbs from Albuquerque due to the withdrawal of service by Mesa Airlines. New Mexico Airlines service started on July 1, 2007 with two daily flights on a Santa Fe-Albuquerque-Carlsbad-Hobbs routing using 9-seat Cessna 208B Grand Caravan aircraft however the Santa Fe link was discontinued by the end of the year. After Mesa Airlines ended service to Alamogordo, New Mexico, the EAS contract for that city was awarded to New Mexico Airlines and flights began to both Albuquerque and El Paso on January 15, 2008. Service was also added to Ruidoso, New Mexico and Midland/Odessa, Texas for a brief time in 2008 with an Albuquerque-Ruidoso-Hobbs-Midland flight. Service from Carlsbad to El Paso was flown from early 2008 until January, 2010. All service to Hobbs ended in early 2011 when Continental Express began flying to that city with 50-seat regional jets direct to Houston. The Alamogordo flights ended on April 1, 2012 due to a lack of passenger traffic prompting the government to end EAS subsidy for that city. The carrier had proposed new service from Albuquerque to Clovis and Roswell, New Mexico to begin on May 1, 2011 but this service never started. An agreement was made with the city of Los Alamos for subsidized flights to Albuquerque which saw service begin on April 8, 2013. New Mexico Airlines also worked with the city of Farmington in 2013 to provide subsidized service to Albuquerque however that city rejected the proposal.

In December, 2014 New Mexico Airlines aircraft were grounded after an FAA inspection revealed maintenance issues needing immediate attention. Flights were restarted later that month but cancelled again in early January 2015. The contract with the city of Los Alamos was cancelled and flights to Carlsbad were later reinstated due to the carrier was required by the government to continue serving the city through May 31, 2015 with two daily flights. At least one flight was cancelled each day however and neither flight operated during the last 30 days of the EAS contract indicating that the carrier had quietly shut down.



New Mexico Airlines Cessna 208B Grand Caravan at the Albuquerque International Sunport.



New Mexico Airlines route map from November, 2008.