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ONE OF THE BUSIER AIRPORTS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST HAS NEARLY TRANSFORMED ITSELF INTO A VACATION DESTINATION.

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PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REOPENED ITS MAIN TERMINAL WEDNESDAY ... AND IT'S BASICALLY AN INDOOR VERSION OF OREGON'S OUTDOORS. THE RENOVATION FEATURES DOZENS OF TREES AND THOUSANDS OF PLANTS THROUGHOUT THE TERMINAL. THERE ARE ALSO 49 STRATEGICALLY-PLACED SKYLIGHTS PLACED IN A DOUGLAS FIR CEILING THAT WAS CUT FROM REGIONAL FORESTS THROUGH SUSTAINABLE HARVESTING METHODS. ON OCCASION, "THERAPY" LLAMAS AND ALPACAS WILL BE ON HAND FOR TRAVELERS AT P-D-X. THE PRICE TAG FOR THIS RE-MAKE? -- MORE THAN TWO-BILLION DOLLARS. A SECOND RENOVATION PHASE AT THE AIRPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE BY EARLY 20-26.