SKYWEST, INC.

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SKYWEST, INC. REPORTS COMBINED AUGUST 2012 TRAFFIC FOR SKYWEST AIRLINES AND EXPRESSJET AIRLINES

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) ("SkyWest") passenger boardings for August increased 6.5 percent to 5,442,243 compared to 5,109,862 for the same period last year. SkyWest also reported a 3.7 percent increase in revenue passenger miles (RPMs) for August, while available seat miles (ASMs) increased 1.3 percent compared to August 2011. The combined airlines generated 2.7 billion RPMs for the month, while ASMs increased to 3.36 billion. Load factor increased to 82.7 compared to 80.8 in August 2011. SkyWest also reported an increase in departures to 130,628 for August compared to 125,196 for the same period last year.

About SkyWest

SkyWest is the holding company for two scheduled passenger airline operations and an aircraft leasing company and is headquartered in St. George, Utah. SkyWest's scheduled passenger airline operations consist of SkyWest Airlines also based in St. George, Utah and ExpressJet Airlines based in Atlanta, Georgia. SkyWest Airlines operates as United Express and Delta Connection carriers under contractual agreements with United Airlines, Inc. ("United") and Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta"). SkyWest Airlines also operates as US Airways Express under a contractual agreement with US Airways, Inc., and operates flights for Alaska Airlines under a contractual agreement. ExpressJet Airlines operates as United Express and Delta Connection carriers under contractual agreements with United and Delta. System-wide, SkyWest serves markets in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean with approximately 4,200 daily departures and a fleet of approximately 725 regional aircraft. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest can be accessed at www.skywest.com

FLIGHT STATISTICS
SkyWest, Inc. August Traffic

	2012	2011	% Change
Passengers	5,442,243	5,109,862	6.5
Revenue Passenger Miles	2,781,203,016	2,681,927,326	3.7
Available Seat Miles	3,361,420,419	3,318,753,417	1.3
Load Factor	82.7	80.8	1.9 pts
Block Hours	206,761	200,235	3.3
Departures	130,628	125,196	4.3

Calendar Year-To-Date

	2012	2011	% Change
Passengers	39,236,277	37,464,479	4.7
Revenue Passenger Miles	20,186,756,181	19,492,233,113	3.6
Available Seat Miles	25,037,040,803	24,652,787,748	1.6
Load Factor	80.6	79.1	1.5 pts
Block Hours	1,543,333	1,519,353	1.6
Departures	961,701	938,650	2.5