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### **SKYWEST, INC. REPORTS COMBINED SEPTEMBER 2012 TRAFFIC FOR SKYWEST AIRLINES AND EXPRESSJET AIRLINES**

**ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/** -- SkyWest, Inc., (NASDAQ: SKYW) (“SkyWest”) passenger boardings for September increased 5.3 percent to 4,831,914 compared to 4,586,941 for the same period last year. SkyWest also reported a 1.0 percent increase in revenue passenger miles (RPMs) for September, while available seat miles (ASMs) increased 0.6 percent compared to September 2011. The combined airlines generated 2.4 billion RPMs for the month, while ASMs increased to 3.0 billion. Load factor increased to 80.2 compared to 79.9 in September 2011. SkyWest also reported an increase in departures to 118,181 for September compared to 112,446 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 3,900 daily departures and a fleet of approximately 733 regional aircraft. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest can be accessed at [www.skywest.com](http://www.skywest.com)

**FLIGHT STATISTICS**  
**SkyWest, Inc. September Traffic**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Passengers	4,831,914	4,586,941	5.3
Revenue Passenger Miles	2,410,352,807	2,387,642,734	1.0
Available Seat Miles	3,005,853,892	2,987,988,867	0.6
Load Factor	80.2	79.9	0.3 pts
Block Hours	184,868	180,120	2.6
Departures	118,181	112,446	5.1

**Calendar Year-To-Date**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Passengers	44,068,191	42,051,420	4.8
Revenue Passenger Miles	22,597,108,988	21,879,875,847	3.3
Available Seat Miles	28,042,894,695	27,640,776,615	1.5
Load Factor	80.6	79.2	1.4 pts
Block Hours	1,728,201	1,699,472	1.7
Departures	1,079,882	1,051,096	2.7