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SKYWEST, INC., REPORTS COMBINED SEPTEMBER 2011 TRAFFIC FOR SKYWEST AIRLINES, ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST AIRLINES AND EXPRESSJET AIRLINES

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW) ("SkyWest") reported a 43.2 percent increase in departures to 112,446 for September compared to 78,500 for the same period last year. Passenger boardings for September increased 44.4 percent to 4,586,941 compared to 3,175,783 for the same period last year. SkyWest also reported a 51.8 percent increase in revenue passenger miles (RPMs) for September, while available seat miles (ASMs) increased 49.9 percent compared to September 2010. The combined airlines generated 2.39 billion RPMs for the month, while ASMs increased to 2.99 billion. Load factor was 79.9 percent compared to 78.9 percent, up 1.0 percentage points compared to September 2010. The substantial increases for each of the items are due primarily to the acquisition of ExpressJet Airlines on November 12, 2010.

About SkyWest

SkyWest is the holding company for three scheduled passenger airline operations and an aircraft leasing company and is headquartered in St. George, Utah. SkyWest's scheduled passenger airline operations include SkyWest Airlines also based in St. George, Utah, Atlantic Southeast based in Atlanta, Georgia and recently acquired ExpressJet Airlines based in Houston, Texas. SkyWest Airlines operates as United Express, and Delta Connection carriers under contractual agreements with United and Delta. Also, SkyWest Airlines operates flights for Alaska under a contractual agreement. Atlantic Southeast operates as United Express and Delta Connection carriers under contractual agreements with United and Delta. ExpressJet Airlines operates as Continental Express and United Express under contractual agreements with Continental Airlines, Inc. and United and is a subsidiary of Atlantic Southeast. System-wide, SkyWest serves markets in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean with approximately 4,000 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. September Traffic

	2011	2010	% Change
Passengers	4,586,941	3,175,783	44.4
Revenue Passenger Miles	2,387,642,734	1,572,811,495	51.8
Available Seat Miles	2,987,988,867	1,992,895,693	49.9
Load Factor	79.9%	78.9%	1.0 pts
Block Hours	180,120	119,154	51.2
Departures	112,446	78,500	43.2

Calendar Year-To-Date

	2011	2010	% Change
Passengers	42,051,420	28,680,837	46.6
Revenue Passenger Miles	21,879,875,847	14,255,267,216	53.5
Available Seat Miles	27,640,776,615	17,909,594,127	54.3
Load Factor	79.2%	79.6%	(0.4) pts
Block Hours	1,699,472	1,080,926	57.2
Departures	1,051,096	708,849	48.3