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SKYWEST AIRLINES REPORTS DECEMBER TRAFFIC

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- (NASDAQ: SKYW) SkyWest Airlines, Inc. reported a 28.1 percent increase in revenue passenger miles (RPMs) for December, while available seat miles (ASMs) increased 28.0 percent compared to the same period last year. The airline generated 513.0 million RPMs for the month, while ASMs increased to 704.0 million. Load factor increased 0.1 percentage points to 72.9 percent compared to 72.8 percent for the same period last year. Passenger boardings for December totaled 1,202,880, a 18.8 percent increase over December 2003.

SkyWest Airlines was named the number one on-time airline in the United States by the Department of Transportation for 2003, a year in which it carried 10.7 million passengers. SkyWest operates as United Express, Delta Connection and Continental Connection carriers under contractual agreements with United Airlines and Delta Air Lines, and under a marketing agreement with Continental Airlines. System-wide, SkyWest serves a total of 119 cities in 31 states and three Canadian provinces with over 1,400 daily departures. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest can be accessed at www.skywest.com.

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FLIGHT STATISTICS

SkyWest Airlines December Traffic

	2004	2003	% Change
Passengers	1,202,880	1,012,382	18.8
Revenue Passenger Miles	512,980,593	400,551,374	28.1
Available Seat Miles	704,018,540	550,053,250	28.0
Load Factor	72.9	72.8	0.1 pts

Calendar Year-To-Date

	2004	2003	% Change
Passengers	13,424,520	10,738,691	25.0
Revenue Passenger Miles	5,546,068,776	4,222,669,339	31.3
Available Seat Miles	7,546,318,326	5,875,028,610	28.4
Load Factor	73.5%	71.9	1.6 pts

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