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SkyWest Airlines Safety Update and Tips for Holiday Travelers

For Immediate Release

St. George, Utah, November 16, 2001 -- SkyWest Airlines, a subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (Nasdaq: SKYW) is pleased to announce that all cockpit door reinforcements will be completed today on the entire fleet of Embraer 120 Brasilia Turboprop Aircraft and Canadair Regional Jet Aircraft.

“As safety is our primary concern at SkyWest, our mechanics have been working hard to install the new reinforcements before the Holidays. This signifies one more step forward in making the airways safer for our passengers and employees,” said Ron Reber, SkyWest Airlines - Executive Vice President and COO. “Our vigilance has obviously been taken to a new level and we are operating in compliance with all FAA security directives.”

One of those new security measures is the limitation of one carry-on item per passenger and one personal item such as a purse, briefcase, diaper bag or laptop. With this new guideline, and numerous other changes in air travel, SkyWest provides the following Tips for Holiday Travelers:

When Packing — To reduce luggage while traveling, send packages and gifts ahead of time. If you plan to bring items on-board, do not wrap presents until after your flight—as they are subject to search. Remember the following items must be placed in checked baggage: knives or cutting instruments (any length, composition or description), metal nail files, metal scissors, corkscrews, baseball or softball bats, golf clubs, hockey sticks and pool cues. And a reminder for skiers – all ski poles must be checked as well!

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Airport Arrival and Check-in – Contact the airline about flight status, appropriate arrival time, availability of curbside check in and proper e-ticket documentation. Call 1-800-221-1212 for Delta/Delta Connection flight times and reservations. For United/ United Express flight times and reservations call 1-800-241-6522.

Security Screening – Be aware that electronic items (laptops, cell phones, etc.) are subject to additional X-ray/screening and remove all metal objects prior to passing through metal detectors. Be prepared to show a government-issued photo ID, along with a boarding document with flight departure for the current date to enter the secured area beyond the screening checkpoint. Passengers may use a receipt for an electronic ticket, an itinerary generated by an airline or travel agency confirming an e-ticket, a boarding pass or a paper ticket.

Prior to, During and After Take-off – Have your ticket and ID ready to show the customer service agent at the boarding gate. Adults escorting unaccompanied minors will be allowed to escort children to the gate provided they can show proof of guardianship and have a copy of the child's itinerary. Once on board, please be courteous during the safety briefings, follow all crew member instructions, and remember to be patient.

SkyWest operates as Delta Connection and United Express under marketing agreements with Delta and United respectively. The airline is the nation's largest independently operated regional carrier and is based in St. George, Utah. Additional information and press releases for SkyWest can be accessed at www.skywest.com.

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