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## **SkyWest Airlines to Host Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Colorado Springs Hangar**

### **For Immediate Release**

**St. George, UT, July 17, 2007** – SkyWest Airlines, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW), and the Colorado Springs Airport, are pleased to host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the new SkyWest Hangar Facility in Colorado Springs. The press and community are welcome to attend the ceremony at the hangar, 1697 Aviation Way, on Thursday, July 19 at 4:30 p.m. SkyWest president and COO Chip Childs, as well as Colorado Springs Mayor Lionel Rivera will be in attendance.

"We are pleased to partner with the city of Colorado Springs and the airport authority to build this state-of-the-art maintenance facility," said Chip Childs, SkyWest Airlines president and COO. "We look forward to many years of service in Colorado Springs and our continuing relationship with the community."

SkyWest's 100,948-square foot hangar facility can accommodate nine Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ) aircraft at one time. More than 80 aircraft maintenance professionals currently work at the facility and will service the CRJ200, 700 and 900 for SkyWest's Delta, United and Midwest operations. On average, SkyWest's Colorado Springs hangar team will service ten aircraft each night.

"The larger maintenance facility in Colorado Springs is essential to accommodate our maintenance operation here," continued Mike Gibson, vice president – maintenance. "As our fleet continues to increase, the new hangar will allow our mechanics to accommodate our surrounding hub operations."

SkyWest Airlines proudly serves Colorado Springs under the United Express, Delta Connection and Midwest Connect banners with 28 daily flights. The airline employs approximately 280 aviation professionals in Colorado Springs and first established its maintenance base and crew domicile in 2004. SkyWest Airlines is celebrating its 35-Year Anniversary in 2007. System-wide, SkyWest employs more than 11,000 aviation professionals and serves a total of 148 cities in 40 states, five Canadian provinces and Mexico, with more than 1,800 daily departures.

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