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**SKYWEST, INC. REPORTS COMBINED DECEMBER TRAFFIC
FOR SKYWEST AIRLINES AND ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST AIRLINES**

ST. GEORGE, UT, PRNewswire/ -- SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW) reported a 5.4 percent increase in revenue passenger miles (RPMs) for December, while available seat miles (ASMs) increased 6.5 percent compared to the same period last year. The combined airlines generated 1.42 billion RPMs for the month, while ASMs increased to 1.84 billion. Load factor was down 0.8 percentage points to 77.4 percent compared to 78.2 percent for the same period last year. Passenger boardings for December totaled 2,815,678 a 6.9 percent increase from December 2008.

SkyWest Airlines, based in St. George, Utah, and Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc. (“ASA”), based in Atlanta, Georgia are wholly owned subsidiaries of SkyWest, Inc. SkyWest Airlines operates as United Express, Delta Connection and Midwest Connect carriers under contractual agreements with United Airlines, Delta Air Lines and Midwest Airlines. The SkyWest Airlines contractual arrangement with Midwest Airlines expired on December 31, 2009. SkyWest Airlines also operates flights for AirTran Airways under a marketing agreement. ASA operates as a Delta Connection carrier under a contractual agreement with Delta Air Lines. System-wide, SkyWest, Inc. serves a total of approximately 217 cities in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean, with approximately 2,500 daily departures. This press release and additional information regarding SkyWest, Inc. can be accessed at www.skywest.com.

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

	2009	2008	% Change
Passengers	2,815,678	2,634,566	6.9
Revenue Passenger Miles	1,420,360,051	1,347,791,781	5.4
Available Seat Miles	1,835,037,294	1,722,814,938	6.5
Load Factor	77.4%	78.2%	(0.8)pts
Block Hours	114,477	111,109	3.0
Departures	71,607	67,973	5.3

Calendar Year-To-Date

	2009	2008	% Change
Passengers	34,544,772	33,461,819	3.2
Revenue Passenger Miles	17,448,958,077	17,101,909,734	2.0
Available Seat Miles	22,142,650,268	22,020,250,026	0.6
Load Factor	78.8%	77.7%	1.1pts
Block Hours	1,363,257	1,376,815	(1.0)
Departures	870,761	872,288	(0.2)