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### **NEW NONSTOP FLIGHTS AT THE ASPEN/PITKIN COUNTY AIRPORT**

(ASPEN, CO) Last winter's nonstop flights from both Chicago and Los Angeles were so successful, United officials have announced the airline will increase the frequency of the daily nonstop flights offered from both cities to Aspen this winter. Beginning December 15<sup>th</sup>, United Express will offer three daily nonstops between Chicago/O'hare and Aspen/Snowmass, up from two daily nonstops offered last winter.

"This is good news for skiers," said Airport Director, Jim Elwood. "With the added early morning flight, they can depart Chicago at 8:15 am, arrive in Aspen by 10:13 am and be on the slopes by lunchtime," Elwood said.

A 4:30 pm departure has also been added, offering connections to cities all across the East Coast according to airlines officials.

Also beginning December 15<sup>th</sup>, United Express will offer twice daily nonstops between Los Angeles and Aspen, up from only one nonstop last winter.

### **IN OTHER NEWS FROM THE ASPEN/PITKIN COUNTY AIRPORT**

Statistics just released from SkyWest Airlines for its July Landing Report show that 267 of SkyWest's 273 scheduled United Express flights were operated as scheduled, for an overall completion rate of 97.8%. This exceeded its prior reliability record by just a fraction set last month in June, when 208 of 213 scheduled flights were operated, for an overall completion rate of 97.7%.

"This is further proof of the superior reliability of the CRJ-700 aircraft in Aspen," said Airport Director, Jim Elwood. "After the barometric pressure computer glitch on that aircraft was resolved, it has performed as sensationally as we predicted it could. It's the best commuter jet for the job of flying safely and efficiently in and out of our mountainous airport," Elwood said.

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