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Yellowstone Regional Airport Commercial Airline Changes

Cody, WY (January 25, 2018) - The Yellowstone Regional Airport participates in the Essential Air Service (EAS) program administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). The EAS program provides airlines the opportunity to submit proposals to provide air service to the community every two years. The DOT reviews the proposals and selects the airline to provide subsidized service to the community. The DOT considers several factors in making this decision including community recommendations and cost of the airline service.

Proposals were received from two airlines; SkyWest / Delta Connection proposing service to Salt Lake City and United Airlines proposing service to Denver. SkyWest / Delta Connection is the current EAS provider at Yellowstone Regional Airport. Both the Cody Yellowstone Air Improvement Resources (CY AIR) board and the Yellowstone Regional Airport Joint Powers Board supported continued service by SkyWest / Delta Connection. However, the United Airlines proposal was substantially less financially so the DOT awarded the next two year bid to United Airlines effective March 1, 2018. United will provide two daily flights to Denver with additional service during the peak summer season.

SkyWest / Delta Connection will continue to offer service to the Yellowstone Regional Airport through September 10, 2018 with one daily flight departing Cody at 11:40 a.m. CY AIR will be working diligently with SkyWest in an effort to maintain service beyond September 10, 2018. We realize customers holding tickets on SkyWest / Delta Connection beyond March 1, 2018 have been impacted by this change. Customers holding tickets should be offered alternate travel arrangements on SkyWest / Delta Connection or a refund. For assistance with re-accommodations, contact Delta Airlines at 800-221-1212. It is the goal of both CY AIR and the Yellowstone Regional Airport to grow commercial airline service for the Cody community and Park County.

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