



## **MSO ANNOUNCES RECORD BREAKING YEAR**

**2017 Passenger totals reflect a 2% increase over 2016 traffic.**

Missoula, MT. (January 18, 2018).

Passenger numbers set an all-time record at the Missoula International Airport (MSO) for the fourth year in a row. In calendar year 2017, MSO handled 772,625 passengers, an increase of 14,294 or 2% over 2016. Since 2000, MSO has experienced a 68% increase in passenger traffic (from 459,664,160 in 2000, to the above reported 2017 total of 772,625).

“The continued growth of passengers into and out of the Missoula International Airport is a reflection of the positive economic health and growth of tourism in the Greater Missoula area,” said Cris Jensen, Airport Director. “Looking forward we have been successful in adding new air carriers and destinations for increased competition, we anticipate continued robust growth as we move into 2018.”

Seasonal services are continuing to operate for longer periods of time as demand continues to grow. Frontier Airlines service to Denver will restart May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Allegiant Airlines will restart Los Angeles May 17<sup>th</sup> and Oakland May 18<sup>th</sup>. June 7<sup>th</sup> American Airlines will enter Missoula with both Chicago and Dallas service. Also on June 7<sup>th</sup> United Airlines will start Los Angeles and restart San Francisco service. United will up gauge two daily departures to mainline aircraft to Denver this summer as well. Delta Air Lines seasonal service to Atlanta will restart on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Missoula International Airport is self-supported; no local tax revenues are used for the administration, promotion, operation, or maintenance of the airport. Effective June 7, 2018 six airline brands will operate out of Missoula: Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier and United. Nonstop flights will be offered to thirteen destinations: Atlanta\*, Chicago\*, Dallas, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles\*, Minneapolis, Oakland\*, Phoenix-Mesa, Portland, Salt Lake City, San Francisco\*, Seattle. (\*seasonal) For more information on flights into and out of Missoula, as well as information about our new terminal facility, visit the Airport website at [www.flymissoula.com](http://www.flymissoula.com), or you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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