



Press Release

Greenbrier Valley Airport Statement on Skywest/United 90 Day Notice

Skywest Files to Exit 29 Markets

March 14, 2022, Lewisburg, WV: The Greenbrier County Airport Authority along with 28 other small communities across America have received a 90-Day Notice of Intent to Terminate Passenger Service from Skywest/United. . (Attached)

After Skywest Airlines Inc. filed this notice, the United States Department of Transportation wrote an order prohibiting Skywest from terminating passenger service at any of the 29 cities. (Attached)

Skywest must stay in these markets until the D.O.T. goes through the process of bidding each market to other air carriers. Each community must have another airline in place to start air service, or until their Essential Air Service contract runs out.

“While we are very disappointed in Skywest’s/United’s decision to leave our market, they have been a good partner and provided superior air service to the Greenbrier region,” stated Brian Belcher, C.M., Airport Director. “To keep our region connected to the

global marketplace, we had already been in discussions with other airlines to serve this market prior to this announcement,” added Belcher.

“We understand the pilot shortage situation in today’s airline industry, but we feel all options should have been explored before Skywest/United took this drastic measure of leaving 29 small communities, and putting them in a difficult position of finding another carrier;” stated Deborah Phillips, Greenbrier County Airport Authority Board Chair. *“we will work with our U.S. Senators and Congressional Delegation in looking at all our options to solve this problem;”* continued Phillips.

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