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NEWS RELEASE

United Airlines Adds Winter Saturday Service to Houston

Durango, CO: The Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO) is pleased to announce United Airlines will add winter seasonal nonstop service between Durango and George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) in Houston. The airline launched summer and fall seasonal service between Houston and Durango this year and, due to strong demand, added more dates this upcoming winter.

One round-trip flight will operate between Durango and Houston each Saturday beginning January 11, 2020 through March 28, 2020 on a 70-seat Embraer E-170 aircraft.

Tickets for the new Houston route can be purchased at United.com. The route will provide Durango passengers direct access to the greater Houston area, as well as connections throughout the Southeastern U.S. and many destinations in Latin America. In addition, visitors from Southeastern Texas may take advantage of nonstop access to Durango during the winter recreation season.

"Texas, and Houston in particular, represent a very important demographic for us," said Keith Guyett, CMO for Mountain Capital Partners, the ownership group of Purgatory Ski Resort. "We see heavy visitation from the Houston area throughout the winter months, and nonstop air service to DRO will be a game changer for Houston-area ski and snowboard enthusiasts looking for direct access to our resort. The economic impact from this visitation not only impacts Purgatory, but also the entire Durango region."

Seasonal nonstop service to Houston further enhances the diversity of flights available to more than 378,000 travelers who utilize the Durango-La Plata County Airport annually. Houston is the nation's 15th busiest airport and a large United Airlines hub. With DRO now serving six major hubs, Durango passengers will have unprecedented access to domestic and international connections.

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"Residents of the Four Corners region have long called for nonstop flights to Houston," said Director of Aviation Tony Vicari. "United Airlines has been a committed airline partner at DRO for many years, and we are excited to see them not only introduce this service during peak summer travel months but also respond to customer demand by expanding into the winter."

United Airlines' decision to add winter seasonal service to Houston in 2020 further highlights the growing demand for air service in Southwest Colorado. "DRO is on track for its busiest year of all time in 2019, and next year is already shaping up to be a strong one," said Vicari.

In addition to seasonal nonstop Houston service, United Airlines continues to operate daily flights between Durango and Denver International Airport (DEN) on a year-round basis, as well as seasonal service to Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD).

United Airlines flights through Chicago, Denver and Houston are available for booking at United.com.

About Durango-La Plata County Airport

Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO) is the primary regional airport for southwest Colorado, northwest New Mexico, and the entire Four Corners Region. DRO welcomed over 378,000 passengers in 2018 and contributes \$280 million annually to the regional economy. DRO is served by two of the four largest U.S. airlines (American and United), offering nonstop routes to Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW), Denver (DEN), Phoenix (PHX) and seasonally to Chicago (ORD), Houston, (IAH), and Los Angeles (LAX). For more information, please visit FlyDurango.com. Follow us on twitter.com/DROAirport and facebook.com/DROAirport.

DRO operates as an enterprise fund of the City of Durango, and generates self-sustaining revenue from airport tenants and users in the form of airline rent and landing fees, terminal concessions, ground leases, and parking fees. The airport does not receive any local tax funding.

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