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NEWS RELEASE

American Airlines Announces Return of Seasonal Los Angeles Service in 2017

Durango, CO: The Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO) is pleased to announce that American Airlines will offer a second consecutive year of seasonal nonstop service to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) in 2017. Flights will run every Saturday beginning June 3rd through August 19th, providing passengers with direct access to Southern California, as well as improved connections up and down the west coast and to Hawaii, Asia, and Australia.

American Airlines initiated seasonal service to Los Angeles in 2016, operating on Saturdays from June through August. This three-month period served as a trial for American Airlines as they evaluated the passenger demand for a third destination from Durango. Utilization of the DRO-LAX route increased steadily throughout the summer, proving that demand is present and that a viable long-term market may exist.

Key performance measures during year number two of seasonal Los Angeles service include improved awareness of the route in both Southwest Colorado and Southern California and increased load factors (the percentage of seats sold). The results of these measures will help to determine if a west coast hub fits into American Airlines' route network plans for DRO.

In addition to seasonal nonstop Los Angeles service, American Airlines continues to operate daily departures to both Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) and Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) on a year-round basis. Each of these destinations offer hundreds of connections both domestically and internationally.

American Airlines flights through Dallas-Fort Worth, Los Angeles, and Phoenix are currently available for booking at www.aa.com.

To learn more about the Durango-La Plata County Airport, please visit www.flydurango.com.

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