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Yellowstone Airport Marks 75th Anniversary with "Wings Into West" Exhibit Opening June 11 at Yellowstone Historic Center in West Yellowstone

West Yellowstone, MT—A new exhibit will be dedicated on June 11 to honor 75 years of flight service to Yellowstone National Park and nearby locations. The Yellowstone Historic Center (YHC) in the historic Union Pacific Depot, 104 Yellowstone Avenue, West Yellowstone, MT is hosting the exhibit and the event.

The "Wings Into West" display tells the story of air service into West Yellowstone and the history of the airport, which is officially designated as "Yellowstone Airport". The exhibit includes captivating photos, biographies, stories, and first-hand accounts of the local characters, pilots and airlines involved in the airport's early days.

The display includes eight historically accurate 1:32 scale hand-crafted and hand-painted model airplanes designed especially for the Yellowstone Historic Center by Airborne Replicas and original artifacts such as historical advertisements, timetables, china, uniforms, and more. Visitors will also enjoy various interactive elements, such as listening to airplane sounds and old commercials.

Yellowstone Airport is a large, commercial service airport that offers the closest access to Yellowstone National Park, Big Sky, the Gallatin River Corridor, Ennis and Virginia City, and Island Park. SkyWest Airlines serves the region with up to three daily commercial flights via Salt Lake City. The airport, which is located at West Yellowstone, also offers rental car companies, a full-service Fixed Base of Operation (FBO) with both general aviation and jet fueling services, and food service. The facility is owned and operated by the Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division and is open from approximately May 1 through Nov. 1. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) code for the airport is WYS.

The Yellowstone Historic Center (YHC) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that was founded in 1998 to restore and preserve the Oregon Short Line Terminus Historic District in West Yellowstone and to establish a Museum that interprets the heritage of travel to Yellowstone. The Museum opened in 2001 with a variety of exhibits that illustrate the history of travel to Yellowstone National Park. It features stagecoaches, trains, buses, planes, and snow

machines that have transported tourists into and around the Park since 1872. More than 20,000 guests visit the Museum each year.

For additional information about the "Wings Into West" exhibit or the Yellowstone Historic Center, contact Jen Cantu, 406.646.1100. For Yellowstone Airport information contact Tony Bean, 406.646.7631 or log onto w.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/airports/yellowstone/.
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