

## **For Immediate Release**

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## **VAIL VALLEY JET CENTER PREPARES TO TAKE OFF FOR SEASON**

- New Solar Powered Hangar
- FBO Remodel
- Looking forward to a record-breaking airport traffic 2016

Eagle County, Colo. – December 6, 2015 - The Vail Valley Jet Center, which is the main aviation service provider at the Eagle County Regional Airport (KEGE) recently announced major improvements to its facilities and capabilities that are sure to keep the Jet Center ranked among the top general aviation service companies in the country.

### **First Solar Powered Hangar**

The Vail Valley Jet Center opened a beautiful new 28,000 s.f. corporate style hangar with 2,000 s.f. of office space and illuminated throughout with LED lighting. This fall, with the help of Eagle County, the FAA and Active Energies, the Vail Valley Jet Center was able to add solar panels to the hangar which generate close to 100% of the electricity needed for the hangar. “This is the first, hopefully of many, ‘green’ construction projects for the Jet Center, and the synergies of LED lighting and solar electricity production have thus far demonstrated fantastic energy savings.” said Debra Geddes, CFO of the Vail Valley Jet Center.

### **Passenger Terminal Remodel**

Also this year, the Jet Center completely remodeled its passenger lobby and restrooms. In addition to new marble counter tops, furniture, paintings, carpeting and paint, the Jet Center has a state of the art cappuccino machine, complimentary snack bar and vintage popcorn machine. Also included in the remodel was an expansion of the Jet Center’s Gift Shop which provides pilot supplies, Go Pro digital cameras and skiing supplies for guests and more.

### Record Ski Season Traffic

The mountains are already off to a great start with the Colorado River Basin's snow pack exceeding 104% of average. "Beaver Creek opened up record amounts of terrain over Thanksgiving and we are busier than ever at the airport" said Allissa Hollis, Customer Relations Manager at the Vail Valley Jet Center. Last ski season, the Eagle County Airport experienced record traffic with 323 aircraft operations in a single day. This year, the airport is poised for even greater record traffic. "With the Holiday's falling on Fridays, this ski season we are anticipating a huge influx of airport traffic the weekend after Christmas and the weekend after New Year's. We could easily have over 900 aircraft operations over a two day period on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and that will culminate in the biggest record travel days that the airport has ever experienced. We are certainly looking forward to our best ski season ever" said Paul Gordon President of the Vail Valley Jet Center.