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Williams Gateway Airport Breaks All Time Fueling Record

MESA, Ariz.- January figures report another record-breaking month for fuel sales at Williams Gateway Airport. Airport staff pumped 531,000 gallons, representing a fifty one percent increase over January 2003. Craig Herget, Ramp Operations Manager at Gateway says, "so far in February sales are over 200,000 gallons. Should this pace continue, there is a possibility of fuel sales to be around 600,000 gallons for the month."

Aircraft operations (landings/take-offs) have increased at the Airport as well. In fact, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has recently posted air traffic control tower operation counts for 485 towers in the U.S., and Williams Gateway Airport is listed as one of the top 100 busiest airports in the country. Williams Gateway is currently ranked at 91 with 182,009 annual aircraft operations recorded for 2003. According to FAA's Air Traffic Activity Data System (ATADS) report, Williams Gateway has more aircraft operations than the airports in Oklahoma City, Sacramento, Reno, and Burbank, just to name a few.

Gateway's ATADS traffic ranking comes on the heels of a recent FAA Western-Pacific Region Airports Division award acknowledging the Airport's Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 139 compliance and contributions to certification and safety in excess of minimum standards. Williams Gateway Airport was one of four airports to receive high honors for safety from the FAA in January. According to FAA, from October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2003, Williams Gateway Airport had no discrepancies through five consecutive annual certification inspections.

The Williams Gateway Airport Air Traffic Control Tower is managed and staffed by Serco Air Traffic Control, which is a FAA contract tower management company. For more information, please contact airport marketing director, Marie Frank at, 480-988-7606.

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