



## **RAP Announces 2<sup>nd</sup> Record Breaking Year** **Airport Sees Record Number of Passengers**

**RAPID CITY, SD, 01/18/2019** - The Rapid City Regional Airport (RAP) is proud to announce a second record breaking year for 2018. Total passengers were 625,918, which is a 5% increase over our previous record year in 2017 of 595,936 passengers. Passenger enplanements (total number of passengers boarding the aircraft at RAP) also increased by 5.3%, going from 295,215 enplanements in 2017, to 310,810 in 2018. The addition of a new route to New York/Newark and expansion of the Charlotte route contributed to the historic year.

“Air Service to the Black Hills region is extremely important to our economy, tourism and economic development. We would like to thank all of our customers for helping to make this milestone happen, along with the hard working staff of the Rapid City Regional Airport, who works 24-7-365 to keep our airport safe and operational,” said Airport Executive Director Patrick Dame.

Rapid City Regional Airport (RAP) is the only full-service commercial airport for the Black Hills, serving several major cities throughout the United States. Our mission is to provide a safe, environmentally responsible and fiscally self-sustainable operation ensuring high quality services and facilities. Our vision is to provide world class transportation service enhancing economic growth.

RAP currently offers year round service to Dallas, Denver, Las Vegas, Minneapolis, Phoenix-Mesa and Salt Lake City; with seasonal service to Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Houston and New York/Newark.

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