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Rogue Valley International – Medford Airport Sets Record for 2015 Passenger Numbers

MEDFORD, OR – January 12, 2016 – The Rogue Valley International – Medford Airport blows past the ³/₄ million mark for total passengers in 2015! Year-end numbers came in at 757,971, a 14.08% increase over total passengers for 2014. "We were forecasting close to the ³/₄ million mark, but easily exceeded that estimation," commented Bern Case, Airport Director.

A month-to-month comparison of December 2014 to December 2015, showed a double digit gain of 11.6%. The airport has maintained a 16-month record streak, with month over month comparisons consistently reflecting double digit growth.

Airport staff believe the record numbers are due in part to lower fuel prices (leaving room in the travel budget for some), a healthier economy, and an increased population base in the southern Oregon region. In addition, clear weather during the winter months played a part in reducing the amount of cancellations and diversions.

"Bottom line is, we're thrilled with the final numbers and looking forward to the year ahead. If the numbers continue to grow, it could change the airport's category to that of a small-hub," Case stated.

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