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Bismarck Sets New Boarding Records

(Bismarck, ND)- Passenger boarding numbers for calendar year 2011 surpassed the previous record set just one year ago. 196,414 passengers boarded commercial airline flights at the Bismarck Airport this year. Passenger numbers for the month of December 2011 were also the highest on record, with 19,351, representing a 13.3% increase over December of 2010.

Airport Manager, Greg Haug was pleased to see the year-end numbers come in and attributes these record boarding's to North Dakota's strong economy, especially the energy sector. "It's great to see so many people traveling; we had great weather and minimal delays throughout the holiday season. We had to scramble a bit to get people parked, but we made accommodations for everyone so their travel got off without a hitch" said Haug.

Demand for air service has been on the rise for several years and the Bismarck Airport has taken notice and worked hard to stay ahead of the growth. Haug said, "We just added our fourth passenger boarding bridge to handle more flights and we've expanded the parking lot several times. We will continue to upgrade our facilities to accommodate the needs of our growing customer base." As the demand for air travel continues to rise, the Bismarck Airport will be able to attract more air service options for its customers.

Bismarck Airport currently has non-stop service to five destinations nationwide (Minneapolis, Denver, Chicago, Phoenix/Mesa, and Las Vegas) with connections domestically and internationally. Go to <http://www.bismarckairport.com> for additional information.