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**Summit Aviation and Chief Instructor Recognized for Flight Training
Excellence by National Association**

Belgrade, MT— Summit Aviation is honored to have both our Flight School and our Chief Instructor, Missy Harlow, recognized by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) for excellence in flight training. Both Summit Aviation and Harlow received a Flight Training Experience Award from AOPA's You Can Fly 2023 Flight Training Experience Survey. AOPA is the world's largest aviation association, representing over 300,000 pilots, and only gives these titles to high-scoring flight schools and instructors from their You Can Fly annual survey.

The Flight Training Experience Awards are highly respected in the aviation industry and were created to highlight the best flight training the industry offers. The fact that Harlow and Summit Aviation have been selected for these awards demonstrates the organization's commitment to providing high-quality flight instruction and exceptional customer service.

The Flight Training Experience Survey was created to highlight the best flight training the industry has to offer. "Successful flight training is about more than just learning to fly. Building a sense of community to support the people who are learning takes the experience to a much higher level where they can excel. This year's instructors and schools have clearly brought their customers into the pilot community," said AOPA Foundation Sr. Director Flight Training Education Chris Moser.

"Receiving a Distinguished Flight School Award from AOPA is a great honor and demonstrates Summit Aviation's commitment to excellence in aviation education. We've been very fortunate to receive several awards from AOPA over the years for both the flight school itself and our incredibly talented instructors. To receive this particular award for the fifth consecutive year is very exciting and we look forward to continuing to benefit students with our expertise and dedication well into the future." Owner and President Ben Walton said.

Summit Aviation's Chief Instructor, Missy Harlow, received AOPA's Distinguished Flight Instructor award for the second consecutive year. "I have so many amazing people around me,

and I am very lucky for that. A great joy of mine is watching people grow in their aviation careers and their personal lives. You don't do flight instruction for the money, you do it for the students," Harlow said.

"We've been very fortunate to have Missy as our Chief Instructor," says Walton. "She's done an amazing job in that role, not only with the students, but with her whole team of instructors as well. It's a big job and we're very excited to see her recognized on the national stage once again for her talent and hard work."

The aviation industry relies on the expertise and commitment of flight instructors like Harlow to ensure the safety and proficiency of pilots. Her recognition by AOPA is a significant achievement that reflects the quality of her training and Summit Aviation couldn't be prouder.

The 2023 awards were drawn from flight students and pilots who voluntarily reviewed their flight training experience this past fall through an AOPA online customer satisfaction survey. The process yielded an evaluation of 608 different flight schools and 1,153 individual flight instructors. Learn more: www.aopa.org/FTawards

Information about flight training with Summit Aviation is available at <https://flysummit.com/flight-training>.

About Summit Aviation

Summit Aviation, Inc. is a comprehensive aviation center specializing in aircraft sales, charter operations, aircraft management, and pilot training with retention. Two decades after the company's creation, Summit Aviation is proud to boast a fleet of modern flight school aircraft, one of the largest Phenom 300 fleets worldwide, as well as a large managed fleet and a staff of over 100 highly-qualified charter and corporate pilots, flight instructors, aircraft sales professionals, and industry specialists. A leader in the aviation safety community, Summit is one of the Northwest's premier charter operators and the official flight training provider for Gallatin College MSU's aviation program. Summit Aviation's company mission is simple: Deliver an extraordinary aviation experience by providing exceptional service, sharing our passion, and taking an active personal interest in everyone we meet enroute.

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