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Summit Aviation Welcomes Shane Ellis as Executive VP of Aircraft Sales

Belgrade, MT— The Summit Aviation team would like to announce M. Shane Ellis as the Executive VP of Aircraft Sales. Ellis joined the Summit team in May of 2022. An Oklahoma native, Ellis is third generation in the aviation industry, in addition to over 20 years of experience in aircraft operations and sales. As Executive VP of Aircraft Sales, Ellis oversees and supports his team in both aircraft sales and acquisition processes from start to finish. The sales team works with every customer to provide the resources and information needed to guarantee they can accomplish their aviation endeavors with ease while focusing on good business practices and mitigating risk.

“We are thrilled that Shane has joined the Summit Aviation team,” says owner and President, Ben Walton. “In his short time with us, his knowledge and experience in the industry have already proven an invaluable asset. As aviation is an ever-changing industry and our fleet continues to grow, I am confident that Shane will be a vital part of our continued successes due in large part to his alignment with the Summit Core Values.”

Prior to joining Summit, Shane was involved in leading both domestic and international aviation organizations, including as VP of Sales for Hawker Beechcraft, Textron Aviation and has spent time with Piaggio Aero. Shane has completed over 300 aircraft transactions worth nearly one billion dollars and has led startups and turnarounds for aircraft dealers and a large aviation jet fuel provider.

“The past few months at Summit have been incredible,” says Ellis. “Summit has an amazing group of professionals that are leading the industry in world-wide aircraft sales, management, and charter; to be a team member of this exciting and dynamic company as we continue to expand is an amazing opportunity. Without a doubt, Summit prioritizes customer success in both sales and acquisitions, while also focusing on ethical and safe practices.”

Shane is married and the proud father of four children. He serves several roles in the Boy Scouts of America and is a lifetime member of the National Eagle Scout Association. Additionally, Shane is the sponsor of Aviation post 67 based out of Hicks Airfield in Fort Worth, Texas. He has a BS in Political Science from Georgia Southern University and an MBA from the University of Texas at Tyler, is an instrument rated pilot, and owns and operates his own aircraft.

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 80 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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