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**THE NATION'S BRAVEST PILOTS ARE BACK AS *FLYING WILD ALASKA* RETURNS FOR A THIRD SEASON
FRIDAY, JUNE 8 ON DISCOVERY CHANNEL**

- Providing a Lifeline to America's Last Frontier, the Twetos Battle the Worst Winter in Decades –

(Los Angeles, CA) – For the small, isolated communities of Northern Alaska, the only way in (and the only way out) is by bush plane. Here, the Tweto family – husband and wife Jim and Ferno and their daughters Ariel and Ayla – provide the only lifeline to America's last frontier via their regional airline, Era Alaska. For season 3 of **FLYING WILD ALASKA**, which begins Friday, June 8 at 10PM ET/PT, the Twetos and Era Alaska's skilled pilots operate in the worst weather Alaska has seen in decades.

Among the Season 3 highlights:

- Ariel Tweto continues her quest to get her pilot's license and faces the biggest obstacle of her career
- Massive solar flares wreak havoc on airplane equipment across the state
- Pilot Sarah Fraher has a sudden mid-air breach at 3,000 feet -- in -40 degree F temperatures
- Ariel joins a search and rescue team to help find a missing friend
- Pilot John Ponts is once again the rookie as he is transferred to Era's most unforgiving hub: Barrow, Alaska
- Pilot Erik Snuggerud's moose hunt turns into a fight for survival
- Pilot Doug Stewart attempts to land on a treacherous runway to fly schoolkids out for their first visit ever to the mainland
- John Kapsner and his co-pilot race to find stranded snow machiners who have been out overnight in the deadly cold
- Pilot Ben Pedersen attempts to retrieve a priest in 40 mph winds so he can deliver Easter mass in the villages
- Jim Tweto hopes to build a new cabin and gold mine, but must get 15,000 lbs of equipment across a thawing river to make his dream a reality

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Interviews are available with Ariel Tweto.

VIDEO: Meet Ariel: <http://vimeo.com/42011218> [Password: ariel]

Season 3 Promo: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1LXY-DXj70>

PHOTOS: <http://press.discovery.com/us/dsc/programs/Flying-Wild-Alaska/photos/>

FAN SITE: <http://discovery.com/flyingwildalaska>