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### Subaru Of America'S South Central Region Posts January Sales

#### *Increased Sales Maintains Momentum of 2008 National Sales Results*

Cherry Hill, N.J., Feb 5, 2009 - Subaru of America, Inc.'s South Central sales region today announced a 12-percent sales increase, year-over-year, for the month of January. This jump mirrors Subaru of America's national year-to-date sales, which are up 8-percent over January 2008. January's increased sales continue a trend started by the company in 2008, when Subaru was the only full-line manufacturer to end the year with positive sales.

South Central regional sales for Subaru, like sales across the nation, were driven by strong results for the 2009 Subaru Forester. For the region, the Forester achieved a record January with sales of 541 units versus 234 units in January 2008.

Accolades for Subaru continue to accrue; with the Subaru Forester being named 2009 *Motor Trend Sport/Utility of the Year* and winning the R.L. Polk award for consumer loyalty in the Compact SUV category. In a nod to the company's national marketing efforts, Subaru of America was awarded the title *Automotive Marketer of the Year* by [Mediapost.com](http://mediapost.com).

"Despite tough economic times, Subaru posted strong sales results in the South Central region and we anticipate continuing our momentum throughout 2009," notes Rick Blanken, South Central regional vice president for Subaru of America, Inc. "Our products really resonate with the consumer, and our great leases, favorable crash test results and an exceptional dealer experience combine to give buyers the confidence that Subaru is the right choice for their transportation needs."

#### **About Subaru of America, Inc.**

Subaru of America, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd. of Japan. Headquartered in Cherry Hill, N.J., the company markets and distributes Subaru Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive vehicles, parts and accessories through a network of nearly 600 dealers across the United States. Subaru makes the best-selling All-Wheel Drive car sold in America based on R.L. Polk & Co. new vehicle retail registration statistics calendar year-end 2007. In addition, Subaru boasts the most fuel efficient line-up of all-wheel drive products sold in the market today based on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) fuel economy standards. All Subaru products are manufactured in zero-landfill production plants and Subaru of Indiana Automotive Inc. is the only U.S. automobile production plant to be designated a backyard wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. For additional information visit [www.subaru.com](http://www.subaru.com).