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Gentlemen-

I am writing to express my concern for the increased flights and resulting noise levels in the Grand Canyon.

Our last experience in the Canyon was for 21 days, in 1988, the airplane noise in the lower section was almost continuous in certain sections at that time, especially Havasu Canyon area. In Havasu, I timed a plane ever 30 seconds!

I understand that the number of flights have increase something around ten fold since 1988. This is disturbing, the number of flights we heard in 1988 was distracting from a wilderness experience, I hate to think how it sounds now.

There are few places left to enjoy the solitude that the Grand Canyon used to experience. Our first river trip was in 1972. I recall only one or two planes that trip, probably from the Park Service.

The Grand Canyon is a special place, it deserves stringent protection from the greedy air tour outfits that are destroying the uniqueness it once held.

Thank you for any efforts to stop this noise pollution.

Sincerely,
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