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I am responding to the Federal Register notice pertaining to Commercial Air tour Limitations in the Grand Canyon National Park Special Flight Rules Area; Proposed Rule.

First I wish to request an extension of time to the comment period of 60 to 120 days. The present comment period does not give effected interests and interested parties time to properly respond.

Second I am very much against the further curtailment of the Air Tours. You have already dramatically curtailed the access of the Park by Air Tours and there is no need to continue further curtailing their access. This is a very discriminatory action because there is a large number of people who are not able to access and enjoy the Grand Canyon other than by air. The success of the Air Tour industry is the best argument for the continuation of the use of the Park by the Air Tours. Their success indicated there is a true need for this activity to allow the greatest number of people to enjoy this unique landmark.

I am very disappointed in the lack of concern for the majority of the people wishing to see the Grand Canyon. This proposed action indicates an elitist attitude that the many will be deprived for the benefit of a few. The Park Service was initiated to provide these unique experiences for the majority of people. From these kinds of actions it appears you are forsaking you responsibility for the benefit of a few individuals.

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