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I am opposed to decreasing the availability of air tours of the Grand Canyon. A few people want to turn the entire world into a museum for their own personal pleasure, at the same time cutting out the pleasure of other people. This business of complaining about the noise of airplanes over national parks is a good example. Some people want it totally quiet; other people want to be able to see the geologic phenomenon and can best do so from the air, seeing the totality of it, the mesas and canyons, the size of it. Those who want quiet should not be allowed to prevent others from the pleasures that viewing by air affords. Their wish for quiet is not more important than others' wish to view from the air. My experience of the Grand Canyon is that during tourist season there is very little true quiet there anyhow, except deep in the canyon. In the depths there is enough quiet, as airplanes are not that frequent. Air tours provide an extra measure of safety for travelers in the depths who experience difficulties, as they fly low enough to see signals of distress. Those who want quiet should go to some other place for it. There is more to experience at the Grand Canyon than just a quasi-religious meditation with nature, a visual wonder that can only be experienced at the site, and is not interfered with by airplane sound.. Quiet can be experienced in so many other places. Vicki Riley, PO Box 389, Douglas City, CA 96024

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