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RE: Docket No. FAA-99-5926; Notice No. 99-1 1

I have recently visited the South Rim area of Grand Canyon Park. I did not hear a single aircraft during my stay there. I paid extra attention to try to hear any aircraft noise because I am a pilot and know the tour operators are flying all the time.

I subsequently went for a Grand Canyon overflight onboard Grand Canyon Airlines and felt shortchanged because the current flight path dictated by you already robbed me of a prime view of the Canyon. This after you took away my rights as a private pilot to fly the same airspace in my own aircraft. You forced me to pay someone else to provide what I can fully do myself.

Any further restrictions to accommodate a handful of "tree hugger" type hikers down in the Canyon forces to much additional regulation and expense on the remainder of the U.S. citizens--the parks owner.

If you want to lower noise levels in the park, restrict the number of Japanese tour groups. At every popular lookout point in the park, when the Japanese tour groups showed up, the chatter totally destroyed the quiet.

A subsequent conversation with a Grand Canyon Park Ranger indicated that the current flight rules are more than adequate.

SUMMERY: there is no problem with flight noise that requires further restrictions based on my personal observations as a pilot at the park, and based on information from expert park staff.

Respectfully;



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