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You must now make some appropriate choices. PROTECT THE ALREADY QUIET PLACES, NOT THE BUSINESSES THAT RUIN THOSE PLACES.

The FAA has allowed noise to get worse at the Canyon. The number of air tours has increased from 50,000 in 1987 to about 120,000 now. The FAA should both reduce and cap the number of air tours.

The FAA is failing to "substantially restore the natural quiet" as mandated in the 1987 law. The progress made to date is being eroded by more aircraft.

The current FAA proposal falls short of even their weak standard for substantial restoration of natural quiet.

The Grand Canyon is one of the naturally quietest places on Earth. It is a place where visitors expect to get in touch with nature, and enjoy peace and quiet. They expect to hear the sounds of the wind, trickling streams, or the call of native birds. They should not have to listen to aircraft while listening to the natural sounds.

The industry's claim that they do not affect the park ignores that noise is pollution. One of the worst that knows no boundaries.

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