

I am writing to strongly support through my comments that the FAA implement the National Parks Air Tour Management Act in order to help better protect natural quiet and a more pristine visitor experience in America's national parks. Specifically, I support this rule's definition of a "commercial air tour operation" including the 5,000 AGL minimum altitude for flights over national parks. Further, I ask that the FAA recognize the significant NPS expertise on natural quiet, baseline noise levels and impacts of air tours on natural resource values and visitor experience in national parks. Had this been done, for example, in Zion National Park conflict over a proposed relocation of the St. George replacement airport may well have been avoided. I urge the FAA to begin immediate enforcement of "no new entrants" prohibiting new air tour operators from disturbing already disturbed natural sounds in our country's parks. Please define a process for evaluating air tour management plans with natural resource values in mind. Finally, here on the Colorado Plateau exist our nation's greatest concentration of national parks, treasures for present and future generations. I encourage the FAA to assist in protecting the quiet, remoteness and solitude these national treasures were established for in the first place. Thank you.