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Hi -

I want to comment on flightseeing over the Grand Canyon.

One of the irreplaceable joys of paddling is the sound of water flowing, waves beating on pebbled shores, birds calling, quaking aspen leaves rustling in the wind... and so forth.

Every summer when I go canoeing I pay something like \$2000 to enjoy a few weeks of listening to the sounds of nature.

All this is lost when an aircraft flies overhead. Not only do I lose what I paid a great deal of money to experience, but the noise could become so great that the members of my party can't even hear each other. Warnings about river hazards become lost in the noise.

I have reviewed the position of the Grand Canyon River Guides and I therefore support it without reservation.

I am particularly interested in requiring the operators of sightseeing aircraft to use the quietest aircraft available. Hot air balloons come to mind as a possible alternative.

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