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TO: F-ARM-NPRM-COMMENTS at ARM

Subject: Air Tour ruling

Dear FAA:

I would like to express my outrage over the weak rules proposed on December 31, 1996 concerning regulation of the air tour industry over Grand Canyon National Park. What a disappointment it was to learn that the number of flights will not be capped and the Marble Canyon area will not be exempted.

As a frequent visitor to the Park, I would like to see the following changes implemented:

- . a firm and permanent cap on the number of aircraft and flights
- . all tour operators should be required to convert to the quietest technology
- . no aircraft should be granted a route through a so-called flight-free zone

Thank you for your consideration. This is an international tragedy, the way we are treating the jewel of our National Park System, just for the love of money. Please rectify this outrageous situation. Have you ever spent a few days within the Canyon, thinking you were escaping to quiet, away from your every day life, only to be bombarded by the droning noise of aircraft incessantly overhead? Maybe you should.

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