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I am writing in response to the Dec. 31, 1996 final rule regarding aircraft over Grand Canyon.

I think the proposed guidelines are far too lenient and stricter control measures are needed to substantially restore natural quiet in the Park.

Some of these measures include: ① Tour Operators should be required to convert to the quietest technology available.
② The cap on the total number of aircraft over Grand Canyon should be firm and permanent.
③ Specifications for determining an aircraft's noise efficiency should be more stringent than those proposed. And lastly,
④ No aircraft should be allowed to fly in or through a flight-free zone.

I am pleased that the Dec 31 rule protects National Canyon and I hope that this ruling remains.

Please consider my concerns that the Dec. 31, 1996 ruling is NOT strict enough to insure natural quiet for visitors on foot or boat in Grand Canyon

Thank you

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