

I strongly request the FAA maintain or increase the current minimum altitude, eliminate exemptions from the altitude rule, and give the state and National Park Service the ability to restrict tour overflights from state and national parks and wilderness areas. Noise from air tours is not only an annoyance for hikers and campers seeking a wilderness experience, but it can be fatal for Hawaii's forest birds. Repeated disruptions interrupt courtship and mating activities, nest-building, and searching for food, leading to higher mortality rates or abandonment of habitat.