

National Parks Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) Program Update

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ATMP Update

- **Mount Rushmore National Memorial**

- Scoping held in April/May 2004
- Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) Version 2, submitted to FAA/NPS in Sept 2006
- Tiger Team efforts have been ongoing to finalize DEA
- Elevated meeting to discuss issues on terrorist threat analysis and climber speech interference were held in Feb 2007
- NPS determined that all alternatives over the park and buffer area would result in impairment in April 2007
- Largest air tour operator requests cancellation of operating certificate in May 2007, reducing IOA from 5,608 flights to 408.

- **Badlands National Park**

- Scoping held in April/May 2004
- EA schedule dependent on Mount Rushmore EA template and schedule
- Preliminary DEA submitted for FAA/NPS review in June 2007



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- **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (HAVO)**
 - EA Scoping held in Feb 2004
 - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Scoping, Aug 2 – Sep 15, 2005
 - Alternatives Development Meeting held May 21-22, 2007
 - Used iterative sensitivity noise analysis to conduct preliminary review of proposed alternatives
- **Haleakala National Park (HALE)**
 - EA Scoping held in Feb 2004
 - EIS Scoping, Nov 15, 2006 – Jan 16, 2007
 - Alternatives Development Meeting held May 23-24, 2007
 - Used iterative sensitivity noise analysis to conduct preliminary review of proposed alternatives
- **Next Steps**
 - Soundscape surveys for HALE and HAVO
 - Cultural Assessment for HALE
 - Alternatives Development Report for public review in Fall 2007
 - Targeting completion of Draft EIS's for mid 2008



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- **Kalaupapa National Historic Park**
 - No longer any air tour operator interest
 - IOA operating specifications have been removed
 - Federal Register Notice/letters to interested parties provided in Jan 2007 that ATMP is no longer being prepared
 - Clarified air tour route adjacent to park
 - Provided maps with location of park boundary to Maui operators
- **Lake Mead National Recreational Area (NRA)**
 - ATMP effort on hold
 - Pending completion of Grand Canyon Overflights EIS



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- **Lassen Volcanic National Park**
 - Was identified for expedited ATMP process
 - Sole air tour operator, Mt. Lassen Aviation, informed FAA/NPS that they are withdrawing their request for operating authority to fly over the park
 - Need to review potential park list for expedited ATMP process
- **Volpe Acoustic Monitoring/Analysis**
 - Acadia NP
 - Great Smokies NP

