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National Parks Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) Program

NPOAG-ARC Chairman's Report

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FAA ATMP PROGRAM UPDATE

- Keith Lusk replaced Steve May
- FAA and NPS working on second version of the ATMP Implementation Plan.
- Establishment of an Air Tour Operator Database
 - Central database for ATMP parks, air tour operator information and operating authority
 - Database being updated and information being verified
 - Web based system for air tour operators to report commercial tour flight data
- Congratulations to Elling Halvorson who was selected for another three-year term

NPOAG MEMBERSHIP

NPOAG Member	Employer or Interest Group	Representing	Start of Term	End of Term
Don Barger	National Parks Conservation Assoc.	Environmental Community	5/31/2005	5/30/2008
Mark Peterson	National Audubon Society - Audubon Minnesota	Environmental Community	5/31/2005	5/30/2008
Rory Majenty	Hualapai Nation	Native American Tribes	4/3/2006	4/2/2009
Richard Deertrack	Taos Pueblo	Native American Tribes	10/10/2006	10/9/2009
Alan Stephen	Fixed Wing Air Tour Operators	Air Tour Operators	10/10/2006	10/9/2009
Matthew Zuccaro	Helicopter Association International	Air Tour Operators	10/10/2006	10/9/2009
Gregory Miller	American Hiking Society	Environmental Community	10/10/2006	10/9/2009
Chip Dennerlein	Siskiyou Project	Environmental Community	10/10/2006	10/9/2009
Heidi Williams	AOPA	General Aviation	10/10/2006	10/9/2009
Elling Halvorson	Papillon Airways	Air Tour Operators	5/20/2007	5/19/2010

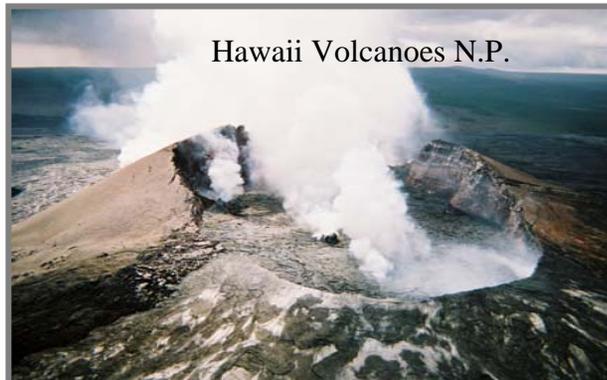
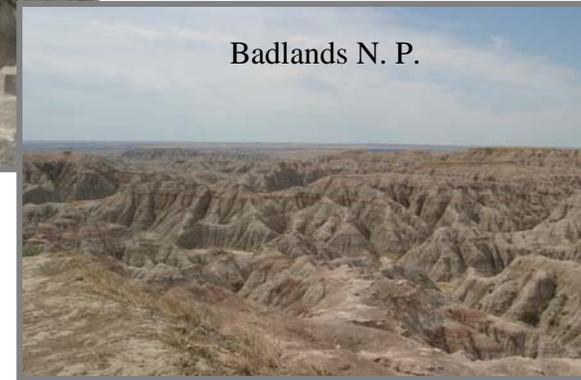
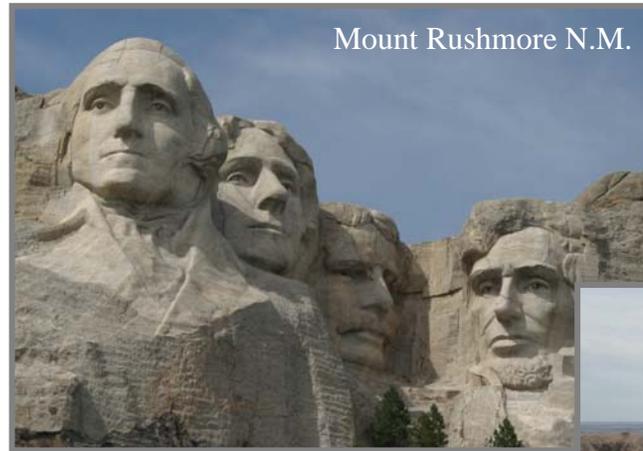


FAA FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- FAA and NPS Memorandum of Understanding calls for a 60% / 40% cost sharing between FAA and NPS for of all “third-party costs required to produce ATMPs and associated environmental documentation.”
- Agency staff costs and third-party governmental agency or private contractors hired independently by either agency are not part of the cost sharing.
- FAA has set aside \$32,615K to fund its 60% share and general Volpe program support.
- Of this, \$8,967K has been expended through Volpe.

ONGOING ATMP PROJECTS

- Mt. Rushmore National Monument
- Badlands National Park
- Hawaii Volcanoes National Park
- Haleakala National Park
- Lake Mead National Recreation Area (Currently On Hold)



NPOAG - SUBGROUPS

- **1) Tribal issues:** Provide recommendations that would assist the FAA and the NPS in proactively building effective Government-to-Government relationships with the affected tribes.
- **2) Prevention and mitigation of significant adverse environmental impacts:** Provide recommendations to how, and at what level(s), an environmental impact can be quantified as significant adverse.
- **3) Modifications to interim operating authority:** Propose a process by which the FAA can achieve the requirement of the Act to publish the IOA information in the Federal Register. This process should start at the receipt of an application for operating authority and end with the Federal Register publication of IOA, and shall include the possibility of modifications to IOA. Also, suggest a verification process/procedure.
- **4) New entrant operators and increased operations of existing operators:** Propose a recommended process that could be used by the NPS to determine if new entrant operations would create a noise problem. Propose a recommended process that could be used by the FAA and the NPS to agree that a request for increase in operations shall be granted.
- **5) Quiet technology:** Provide recommendations regarding the adoption of quiet aircraft technology, indicate how can it be measured, and indicate how these measurements should be treated in the formulation of NEPA alternatives.
- **6) Competitive Process:** Propose a competitive process and selection criteria that can be used whenever an air tour management plan limits the number of commercial air tour operations.