



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Grand Canyon
National Park

PO Box 129
Grand Canyon, Arizona
86023-0129 USA

928-638-7779 phone
928-638-7609 fax

Grand Canyon National Park News Release

DATE: January 25, 2006
For Immediate Release
NPS: Maureen Oltrogge 928-638-7779

Federal Aviation Administration and National Park Service Invite Public Participation Regarding Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Actions to Substantially Restore Natural Quiet to the Grand Canyon National Park.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Park Service (NPS), as co-leads in the environmental process, announce their intention to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended.

The EIS will address environmental and related impacts that may result from actions to be proposed and alternatives to be developed to achieve the statutory mandate of Public Law 100-91, (commonly known as the National Parks Overflights Act), to provide for the substantial restoration of the natural quiet and experience of Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP).

NEPA calls on Federal agencies to consider environmental issues as part of their decision making process. NEPA encourages federal agencies to involve interested parties through a process referred to as scoping. Scoping allows interested parties an opportunity to make suggestions early in the planning process.

As part of this process, a 90-day scoping comment period will commence on January 20, 2006. The scoping process for this EIS will include three public participation opportunities during the month of February 2006. Participants are encouraged to come at any time during the 4 hour "open house" to visit informational stations, speak to FAA and NPS representatives, to pick up written information and provide comment. The meetings will be held from 4 pm to 8 pm.

Phoenix, Arizona – 2/21/06 Glendale Community College 6000 W. Olive Avenue Glendale, AZ 85302	Flagstaff, Arizona – 2/22/06 Museum of Northern Arizona 3101 N. Ft. Valley Rd Flagstaff, AZ 86001	Las Vegas, Nevada – 2/23/06 Henderson Convention Center 200 Water Street Henderson, NV 89015
---	---	--

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

During this period the FAA and NPS are inviting the public, agencies, and other interested parties to provide comments, suggestions, and input regarding but not limited to:

- ✓ the scope, issues, and concerns related to the development of proposed and alternative actions at GCNP that provide for the substantial restoration of the natural quiet and experience of the park and protection of public health and safety from significant adverse effects associated with all aircraft overflights;
- ✓ past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions which, when considered with any alternatives , may result in significant cumulative impacts; and
- ✓ potential alternatives.

Interested parties can submit oral and/or written comments at the public meeting representing the concerns and issues they believe should be addressed. Written comments can also be mailed to:

Docket Management System
Doc No. FAA-2005-23402
U.S. Department of Transportation
Room Plaza 01, 400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Please submit any written comments within ninety-days from the beginning of the scoping period or no later than April 27, 2006.

Additional information can be found on the Grand Canyon Overflights joint FAA/NPS website: <http://overflights.faa.gov>

For further information on this planning process, please contact Barry Brayer, Manager Executive Resource Staff (AWP-4), Federal Aviation Administration at (310) 725-3800 or via email at Barry.Brayer@faa.gov or Mary Killeen, Chief, Office of Planning and Compliance, Grand Canyon National Park at (928) 638-7885 or via email at mary_killeen@nps.gov