

**Grand Canyon Working Group  
Scope of Work and Time Line  
As presented at the GCWG Meeting  
July 13-14, 2005**

**2005**

**July 13-14**

**Working Group Meeting**

- Establish working relationships
- Agree on Working Group protocols
- Review draft scope of work and timeline
- Review history and status of overflights
- Presentation on noise analysis work

**Aug.-Oct.**

**Data compiled for noise analysis of current condition.**

- GCNP ambient data collection
- NPS selection of peak day based on FAA reports from air tour operators
- All aviation data compiled for peak day

**Oct. TBD**

**Working Group Meeting**

- Joint session with NPOAG for ½ day
- Field trip(s) within GCNP
- Collaborative team building
- Discuss interests of concern (park, tribal, environmental, aviation, recreation)
- Review ambient and aviation data with NPS and FAA technical staff

**Nov./Dec.**

**Noise analysis of current condition provided to Working Group.**

**2006**

**Jan. TBD**

**Working Group Meeting**

- Review noise analysis with FAA and NPS technical staff
- Recommend alternatives for noise and safety analysis
- Identify special issues needing agency or Working Group attention

**March**

**Noise and safety analysis of alternatives provided to Working Group.**

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**Note:** This scope of work is focused on Working Group activity and does not delineate all processes that will be occurring simultaneously, such as ongoing FAA and NPS coordination, government-to-government consultation with Tribes, public review. This is a “living” document that is subject to change at the direction of the Working Group or as circumstances warrant.

<b>April TBD</b>	<p><b>Working Group Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review analysis of alternatives with NPS and FAA technical staff</li> <li>• Review special issues</li> <li>• Request more analysis, as necessary, to address special issues and to provide a sound basis for recommendations for proposed final overflights plan, including reasonable alternatives</li> <li>• Identify most promising alternatives to date</li> <li>• Review mechanism for adopting/implementing potential alternatives (FAA rulemaking is assumed for purposes of draft scope of work)</li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<b>Additional analysis/review provided to Working Group.</b>
<b>July TBD</b>	<p><b>Working Group Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review all analysis and safety reviews</li> <li>• Make recommendations for proposed final overflights plan and reasonable alternatives to evaluate</li> <li>• Confirm need for FAA rulemaking and discuss Working Group's engagement in rule development and NEPA review</li> <li>• Review other implementation mechanisms, as appropriate</li> <li>• Discuss monitoring and compliance aspects of overflights plan</li> </ul>
<b>Aug.</b>	<b>Formal DOI/NPS recommendations forwarded to FAA.</b>
<b>Aug.-Sept.</b>	<p><b>NEPA review formally initiated. FAA and NPS are joint lead agencies; affected Tribes are cooperating agencies.</b></p> <p><b>Drafting of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) begins.</b></p>
<b>Sept. TBD</b>	<p><b>Working Group Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in NEPA scoping</li> <li>• Review initial NPRM work and discuss any issues raised to date</li> <li>• Make recommendations on monitoring and compliance aspects of overflights plan</li> </ul>
<b>Oct.-Dec.</b>	<p><b>Preparation of NPRM and NEPA document continues. Drafts circulated to Working Group members electronically for review and comment.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed Final Draft of NPRM provided to Working Group.</b></p>
 <b><u>2007</u></b>	
<b>Jan. TBD</b>	<p><b>Working Group Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review draft NPRM</li> <li>• Concur in NPRM (with any final changes)</li> </ul>

<b>Jan.-June</b>	<b>Completion of process to issue NPRM.</b> <b>Continued preparation of NEPA document.</b>
<b>April/May TBD</b>	<b>Working Group Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review draft NEPA document</li> <li>• Review any issues raised during completion of NPRM review</li> <li>• Review proposed monitoring and compliance</li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<b>NPRM and NEPA document issued for public review and comment.</b>
<b>Aug.</b>	<b>Close of 60-day comment period.</b> <b>NPRM comments and NEPA comments provided to Working Group.</b>
<b>Sept. TBD</b>	<b>Working Group Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review comments</li> <li>• Discuss issues raised</li> <li>• Recommend changes (if any) to NEPA document and final rule</li> </ul>
<b>Oct./Nov.</b>	<b>Draft of final rule and NEPA document provided to Working Group</b>
<b>Nov./Dec. TBD</b>	<b>Working Group Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review NEPA document</li> <li>• Concur in final rule</li> <li>• Review monitoring and compliance</li> </ul>
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>FAA and NPS approve NEPA document.</b>
<b><u>2008</u></b>	
<b>Jan.-April</b>	<b>Completion of process to issue final rule.</b>
<b>March TBD</b>	<b>Working Group Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review any issues raised during completion of process to issue final rule</li> <li>• Review implementation of rule, monitoring, and compliance</li> </ul>
<b>By April 22</b>	<b>Substantial restoration of natural quiet required by the Overflights Act is completed.</b>