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## Hawai'i Volcanoes News Release

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### **Share Your Views on Air Tours over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park**

Hawai'i Volcanoes will host a public meeting in Pahala to share information and ideas on the development of the park's Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP). The meeting, open to all Ka`u residents, will be held on Thursday, April 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Pahala Community Center.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in cooperation with the National Park Service, initiated the development of ATMPs as a way "to mitigate or prevent the significant adverse impacts, if any, of commercial air tour operations upon the natural and cultural resources, and visitor experiences of the park."

"We hope our neighbors in Ka`u will seize this opportunity to voice their views on commercial air tours over the park," said Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando. More than half the park lies within the district of Ka`u.

"We value your opinions and welcome your input," added Orlando. Statements received and recorded at the meeting will be submitted to the FAA.

Comments can also be sent through the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov> or mailed to Docket Management System, Doc No. FAA-2004-17174, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments are due no later than Monday, April 12, 2004. You must identify the docket number FAA-2004-17174 at the beginning of your correspondence.

For more information on the FAAs National Parks Air Tour Management program go to <http://www.atmp.faa.gov/default.htm>

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