

Air Tour Management Plans – Frequently Asked Questions

- When will the ATMP be effective?
 - When the operations specifications (OpSpecs) are updated, which will occur on or before 90 days from when the ATMP is signed.
- What happens to an operators Interim Operating Authority (IOA)?
 - An operator's IOA will be terminated, as of the effective date of the ATMP. The ATMP provides that the FAA, through the Flight Standards District Office with jurisdiction, will update the operators' OpSpecs to incorporate the terms of the ATMP within 90 days of the date on which the ATMP is fully signed (meaning 90 days from the date on which the ATMP and this ROD have been signed by all required signatories).
- What about other aircraft that fly over the park?
 - In accordance with the provisions of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act, the air tour management plan is only applicable to commercial air tours conducted over national parks (and adjacent tribal lands within ½ mile of the park boundary). It does not include flights conducted for other purposes (e.g. commercial jets or military overflights) nor does it apply to air tours conducted over lands that are greater than ½ mile from the park boundary or public lands managed by agencies other than the National Park Service.
- How many commercial air tours will be authorized?
 - See the park's ATMP Section 3.1 – Commercial Air Tours Authorized.
- How will the number of commercial air tours be monitored?
 - The operator will submit to the FAA and the NPS semi-annual reports regarding the number of commercial air tours over the Park or within ½ mile of its boundary that are conducted by the operator. These reports will also include the required flight monitoring data and such other information as the FAA and the NPS may request.
 - See ATMP Section 3 - Conditions for the Management of Commercial Air Tour Operations, ATMP Section 4.0 – Compliance.
- What incentives will there be to use quiet technology?
 - Operators that have converted to quiet technology aircraft, or are considering converting to quiet technology aircraft, may request to be allowed to conduct air tours during expanded operating times. If implementation of this incentive results in unanticipated effects on Park resources or visitor experience, further agency action may be required to ensure the protection of Park resources and visitor experience.
- How were the operating conditions determined?
 - The provisions and conditions in ATMPs were designed to protect Park resources and visitor experience, and to support NPS management objectives for the Park. See ATMP Section 5.0 – Justification for Measures Taken, Record of Decision – Basis and Justification.

- How did the NPS and FAA determine the number of flights authorized?
 - FOR CE parks: The number of flights authorized is based on the current conditions as indicated by flight data reported by the operators from 2017-2019. See the Record of Decision – The Planning Process and Public Engagement.
 - FOR EA parks: TBD

- How did NPS and FAA comply with applicable laws?
 - The NPS and FAA complied with all applicable laws including the National Parks Air Tour Management Act, the National Environmental Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. The ATMP was also reviewed by the FAA’s Flight Standards District Office to ensure compliance with safety protocols. See the Record of Decision – Consultation and Compliance.

- 24 parks that have or will have Air Tour Management Plans:
 1. Arches National Park (ARCH)
 2. Badlands National Park (BADL)
 3. Bandelier National Monument (BAND)
 4. Bryce Canyon National Park (BRCA)
 5. Canyon de Chelly National Monument (CACH)
 6. Canyonlands National Park (CANY)
 7. Death Valley National Park (DEVA)
 8. Everglades National Park (EVER)
 9. Glacier National Park (GLAC)
 10. Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (GLCA)
 11. Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GOGA)
 12. Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GRSM)
 13. Haleakalā National Park (HALE)
 14. Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park (HAVO)
 15. Lake Mead National Recreation Area (LAKE)
 16. Mount Rainier National Park (MORA)
 17. Mount Rushmore National Memorial (MORU)
 18. Muir Woods National Monument (MUWO)
 19. Natural Bridges National Monument (NABR)
 20. National Parks of New York Harbor Management Unit (NPNH)
 21. Olympic National Park (OLYM)
 22. Point Reyes National Seashore (PORE)
 23. Rainbow Bridge National Monument (RABR)
 24. San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (SAFR)