Grand Canyon National Park

Special Flight Rules Area in the Vicinity of Grand Canyon National Park



Public Involvement Process

Public Comment

The Draft EIS includes a 120-day comment period and three open house public meetings during which anyone may submit oral and/or written comments addressing their concerns. Comments will be accepted through **June 20, 2011**.

2011 Open House Dates and Locations

Phoenix, Arizona - April 6 Flagstaff, Arizona - April 7 Las Vegas, Nevada - April 14

NEPA promotes an interdisciplinary approach to Federal project planning and decision making through environmental impact assessment which calls for

- evaluation of reasonable Alternatives to a proposed Federal action
- input from organizations and individuals
- unbiased presentation of direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts

This information, presented in the Draft EIS, will be used by Federal managers to make an informed decision.

For more information, visit

- www.parkplanning.nps.gov/grca to download a copy of the Draft EIS and provide comments
- www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/planning.htm to see copies of documents relating to the Draft EIS
- http://ceq.hss.doe.gov for additional NEPA information

NEPA in Action

Draft
Environmental Impact
Statement
Released to Public
February 18, 2011

120-Day Public Comment Period (Ends June 20, 2011)

NPS Reviews and Addresses Substantive Public Comments and Prepares Final Environmental Impact Statement

Final Environmental Impact Statement Released to Public

30-Day No Action Period

Record of Decision (and Recommendation to FAA)

Action Implementation
Through FAA Rulemaking and
NPS Adaptive Management

What is NEPA?

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) established the policy to foster and promote the general welfare, create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations. Its primary effect is to require Federal agencies to fully consider the environmental costs and benefits of proposed actions before they make any decision to undertake those actions.

NEPA Requirements

NEPA does not advocate environmental preservation at all costs, but seeks to balance environmental concerns with social, economic, and other requirements. NEPA emphasizes the Federal Government's leading role in preserving and enhancing the environment. NEPA requires agencies to carefully study and report impacts of any proposal that has potential to affect the environment before any decisions are made. It also requires agencies be diligent in involving any interested or affected members of the public.

How to Submit Comments

► On the Internet at http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/grca

► At an Open House

► Mail to Superintendent, Attn: Office of Planning and Compliance, P.O. Box 129, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

Please include your name, email address, and mailing address with all comments