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Re: National Parks Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park  
NHPA Section 106, Continuing Consultation and Finding of No Adverse Effect  
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Aloha e Ms. Walker:

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is in receipt of your March 27, 2023, letter continuing National Historical Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation and providing a Finding of No Adverse Effect for the Haleakalā National Park (HALE) Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP). The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is preparing this ATMP in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS) for all commercial air tours flown at or below 5,000 feet above ground and within a half mile of the HALE park boundaries. Absent an ATMP, commercial air tour flights over HALE would continue virtually unrestricted under the FAA's Interim Operating Authority (IOA) with no limits on flight routes, altitudes, or times of day. Consultation was first initiated in March 2021 via a letter from the FAA, with various virtual meetings and updates occurring between October 2021 and present.

The current letter indicates that Alternative 3 has been selected as the preferred alternative and that there would be no adverse effect to historic properties from its implementation. This Alternative would include a single flight route that moves air tours away from the most sensitive cultural resources in the area of potential effect (APE) and avoids direct overflights of most resources, including Haleakalā. Set flight times would occur between 11AM to 2PM for non-quiet tech flights and 11AM to 4PM for quiet-tech (QT) flights. Sundays and Wednesdays would be designated as no-fly days. 6 no-fly days will also be observed during the Hawaiian moon calendar and Makahiki season. 2 additional fly no-fly days will be observed for Hawai'i State holidays of historical importance with prior notice to operators.



The FAA argues that implementation of Alternative 3 would reduce existing air traffic by at least 50%, minimizing flights from an annual average of 4,824 to 2,412. Further, the *Noise Technical Analysis* conducted by the FAA establishes specific noise level decibel thresholds that would interrupt the outdoor experience and interpretive programs. It is believed that the implementation of QT flights per the ATMP would keep noise within these thresholds and greatly reduce existing aircraft related noise. Soundscape monitoring would be conducted by NPS to ensure thresholds are met.

## **Background on OHA Section 106 Involvement**

Previously, OHA participated in NHPA Section 106 consultations for the ATMP and did submit formal comments on November 28, 2022. As noted in our letter, a member of the Kīpahulu and Lind ‘Ohana had indicated that the Kīpahulu Kupuna Council, originally formed in cooperation with NPS,<sup>1</sup> has adamantly been against helicopter tours in the area since 1998. The Kīpahulu Kupuna Council has argued that all of Haleakalā is sacred and that there are significant adverse effects caused by low flying commercial flights impacting the use and serenity of the vast cultural landscape of Kīpahulu. We further observed complaints from consulting parties alleging that flight operators were flying below minimum altitudes.

Our letter strongly recommended that a traditional cultural property (TCP) study be done to better understand cultural resources within the park and to ensure that adequate vertical buffers were implanted to protect cultural practitioners and the cultural landscape. Through follow up conversations between OHA and the Lind ‘Ohana, there was a concern over “poor consultation” conducted by NPS under current leadership. They generally felt as if they were not being listened to and that prior HALE Superintendents were more involved in NPS related consultation efforts. OHA believes that a proper TCP study with an extensive consultation component has the potential to help mend any fractured relationships with cultural practitioners and re-establish some level of trust with them.

## **OHA Comments on FAA Finding of No Adverse Effect**

### *1) Traditional Cultural Property Study*

OHA certainly acknowledges that the current preferred Alternative would indeed greatly reduce the number of flights occurring per year and likely reduce the amount of existing flight related noise. However, we believe, that the determination of no adverse effect is still premature, as it is solely based on improving current flight conditions without a full understanding of the cultural resources within HALE. Since our initial

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<sup>1</sup> The Kīpahulu Ohana has had a partnership agreement with Haleakalā NPS for the operation of Kapahu Living Farm and has helped coordinate Kupuna Council meetings.

comments, it has been our stance that such knowledge could be obtain through a TCP study. The FAA has opted not to do one and further fails to even acknowledge the utility of completing such a study. OHA maintains that a TCP study be done first prior to issuing an adverse effect determination and that appropriate vertical buffers be established given the abundance of cultural concerns presented during Section 106 consultations. It is simply not enough to make an adverse effect determination based on a reduction of the current number of flights without fully understanding the cultural needs of the Native Hawaiian people and cultural resources within HALE.

### *2) No-Fly Days*

As stated above, the current Alternative will include 6 no-fly days during the Hawaiian moon calendar and Makahiki. However, its unclear to OHA how this number was derived and who was consulted to obtain it. During the most recent consultation meeting on April 20, 2023, members of the Lind ‘Ohana had expressed a desire to increase the number of no-fly days during Makahiki to 12. In response, the FAA stated that this could be addressed through the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process that still needs to be initiated.

OHA points out that the amount of no-fly days during Makahiki was not initially included in the Alternative options when Section 106 consultations began. As it is based on cultural needs and something that changed during the consultations, OHA had assumed it came about through the Section 106 process. However, it seems the FAA was not able to answer where the idea to have 6 no-fly days came from. OHA believes the amount of no-fly days is directly related to the current Section 106 effort as it pertains to mitigating adverse effects to ongoing cultural practices. Thus, adjusting it should not have to be deferred to the NEPA process. As such, OHA asks that the FAA and NPS reconsider the amount of no-fly days as requested by the Lind ‘ohana as part of the Section 106 process and that an explanation be provided as to how the no-fly days during Makahiki was developed.

### *3) Possible Impacts to Lo‘alo‘a Heiau in Kaupō*

Its OHA’s understanding that following comments that the FAA and NPS received from consulting parties in November 2022, the APE was expanded to include the entire Kaupō area south of the “Kaupō Gap” to the Denman Parcel near the shoreline. During the April 20, 2023, consultation meeting, residents of Kaupō had noted that the Lo‘alo‘a heiau is in this area and that helicopter noise has been disturbing cultural practices. OHA notes that this heiau is in fact recognized as being on the National Register of Historic Places (NHRP) by NPS and also the Noholoku archaeological sites.<sup>2</sup> Yet, it would appear that these sites were not included in the FAA’s list of historic properties within the APE.

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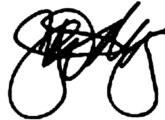
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.nps.gov/places/loaloa-heiau.htm>

The FAA claims that the current flight route for Alternative 3 was chosen to move air tours away from the most sensitive areas. However, this decision appears to have been prematurely made as it does not account for Lo‘alo‘a heiau within the expanded APE area. OHA requests that Lo‘alo‘a heiau and Naholoku archaeological sites be included as part of the list of historic properties in the APE and a re-evaluation of the current flight route in light of this information.

### Closing Remarks

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment. OHA looks forward to continuing consultation and seeing that the FAA fully consider our recommendations. Should you have any questions, please contact OHA’s Lead Compliance Specialist, Kamakana C. Ferreira at (808) 594-0227 or by email at [kamakanaf@oha.org](mailto:kamakanaf@oha.org).

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To Judith Walker and the larger ATMP Team,

***Haleakalā Conservancy does not concur with the finding of no impact, as presented within the Section 106 Consulting Party Meeting for the Haleakalā National Park Air Tour Management Plan on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.***

Haleakalā Conservancy is the philanthropic partner to Haleakalā National Park, with our philanthropy focused on ways to improve the Park for our community and support projects that protect and provide access to the varied resources of the Park. We believe that we share a common goal of preserving and protecting our natural resources and cultural heritage for future generations. It is for this reason that we support a full ban on commercial air tour flights over the Park's air space, as the proposed plan still includes an allowance of 2,412 flights annually, for the following reasons:

1. The vast majority of Haleakalā National Park is formally designated as Wilderness Area wherein there are strict prohibitions against any kind of motorized activity - ranging from vehicles to battery-powered hand tools. While this designation, when originally created, did not contemplate commercial air tours, it should be understood in the context of its fundamental intent to protect our most fragile ecosystems in the face of evolving impacts.
2. Commercial air tour overflights profoundly compromise one of the documented and cherished hallmarks of Haleakalā National Park - its silence.



3. Allowing commercial overflights of Haleakalā National Park will demonstrate a complete dismissal of and disregard for the concerns expressed by the community and Kānaka Maoli about the disastrous impacts of overflights to sacred lands and disrupt cultural practices that are integral to the vitality of Hawaiian culture.

Two additional moments from the call show the lack of adequate review during the assessment period, leading to our belief that this proposal needs to be revisited from the beginning and the proposal for a no-fly zone over all of Haleakalā National Park reconsidered. The two instances were:

1. The Area of Potential Effect was not appropriately expanded to include sacred cultural sites like the Loaloa Heiau, which had been brought up in prior stakeholder calls as an area of impact but was summarily forgotten, leading to a general mistrust of the nature of the entire assessment.
2. A request for information by a Kanaka Maoli cultural practitioner as to how to add other dates to the no-fly calendar was dismissed by the FAA representative. The questioner and the rest of the participants were told they should hold on submitting any such requests for the future NEPA review. This directive from the FAA is incorrect, as clearly, this review was the most appropriate time to submit this type of request. The unavoidable conclusion from this unfortunate exchange was that the Kānaka Maoli were, once again, asked not to comment.

Thank you for your time and review of our comments. We appreciate your commitment to formalizing the plan for air tours above Haleakalā National Park and want to ensure that due diligence has been given to the comments of its stakeholders.

Mahalo,

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**Re: Comments on Proposed Finding of No Adverse Effect for  
Haleakala National Park Air Tour Management Plan**

Dear Ms. Walker,

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (“National Trust”) appreciates this opportunity to comment on the Haleakala National Park Air Tour Management Plan (“ATMP”) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (“NHPA”) and 36 C.F.R. §§ 800.2(c)(5) and 800.3(f)(3). We support the comments and concerns that have previously been raised by the Historic Hawai‘i Foundation in/ their November 18, 2022 letter, and by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in their letter dated November 28, 2022. Many of these comments remain unaddressed. We encourage the FAA to more directly address these concerns, as well as those raised by the Native Hawaiian organizations and individuals who have participated in this consultation.

This letter responds to the proposed finding of no adverse effect by the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) for this undertaking, and to the discussion at the April 20, 2023 consultation meeting. The National Trust disagrees with the FAA’s proposed finding of no adverse effect, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.5(c)(2)(i). In our view, this undertaking will indeed have adverse effects upon historic properties, and the majority of the other consulting parties obviously agree that adverse effects will occur. We believe the FAA’s proposed finding is based on an erroneous interpretation of relevant law.

During the April 20, 2023 consultation meeting, the FAA’s representative stated that the proposed finding of no adverse effect was based on a comparison of future air tour operations under the new ATMP versus current air tour operations. The FAA’s representative stated that, since the undertaking does not propose to increase existing adverse effects to historic properties, the undertaking merits a finding of no adverse effect. This represents a fundamental misstatement of the scope of this undertaking and of the FAA’s statutory responsibility to evaluate adverse effects under Section 106 of the NHPA.

This undertaking is being developed pursuant to the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-181) and its implement is appropriate in regulations contained in 14 C.F.R. Part 136. Nowhere in either the statute or the regulations are ATMPs required to permit existing adverse effects. The development of this ATMP is instead a *de novo* evaluation of appropriate air tour uses within Haleakala National Park. It is an exercise of federal jurisdiction and management authority. There is thus no baseline that is required to be accepted in the Section 106 process, and *all* adverse effects resulting from this undertaking must be taken into account.

Indeed, the FAA has the authority to prohibit air tours within Haleakala National Park. The National Trust supports Alternative 2, as it would truly avoid or minimize adverse effects.<sup>1</sup> If the FAA instead adopts an ATMP that allows air tours, a finding of adverse effects is appropriate in connection with the Section 106 review of this undertaking.

The National Trust specifically asserts that the permitting of air tours within Haleakala National Park would cause adverse effects by diminishing the “setting ... feeling, or association” of the park’s historic resources per 36 C.F.R. § 800.5(a)(1). Air tours within the park also result in an “[I]ntroduction of visual, atmospheric or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the property’s significant historic features;” per 36 C.F.R. § 800.5(a)(2)(v).

During the April 20, 2023 consultation meeting, the FAA did not explicitly dispute that air tours cause adverse effects to historic properties within the Haleakala National Park. Rather, the FAA’s position that this undertaking will have no adverse effects seemed primarily based on the argument that it would not result in an overall increase to existing adverse effects, and under some metrics, existing adverse effects would be reduced. As we stated during the consultation meeting, this represents a failure to consider *cumulative* impacts. The Section 106 regulations explicitly require the consideration of “reasonably foreseeable effects caused by the undertaking that may occur later in time, be farther removed in distance or be *cumulative*.” 36 C.F.R. § 800.5(a)(1) (emphasis added). And cumulative effects are defined to include “past” effects:

Cumulative effects . . . result from the incremental effects of the action when added to the effects of other *past*, present, and reasonably foreseeable actions regardless of what agency (Federal or non-Federal) or person undertakes such other actions. Cumulative effects can result from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time.

40 C.F.R. § 1508.1(g)(3) (emphasis added).

The National Trust remains concerned about the potential precedent that an agency management plan or decision explicitly authorizing adverse effects could be deemed allegedly *not* adverse, simply because the authorized adverse effects are not as severe as

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<sup>1</sup> Comments submitted digitally on April 1, 2022.

they used to be, when the agency has the authority to prohibit the adverse effects. Accordingly, we urge the FAA to revise its proposed finding of effect to reflect the reality that the undertaking as currently proposed would result in cumulative adverse effects to historic properties. In the absence of a revised finding, it will be necessary for the FAA to refer this disagreement to the ACHP, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.5(c)(2)-(3), given the widespread opposition to the finding among the consulting parties.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments, and we look forward to continuing to participate in this Section 106 consultation.

Sincerely,



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To Judith Walker and the larger ATMP Team,

The Friends of Haleakalā does not concur with the finding of no impact of the proposed ATMP for Haleakala National Park as described in your letter of March 27, 2023.

Instead, we find that by your (FAA) own analysis, the provisions of the proposed ATMP for Haleakalā National Park allow both audible and visual impact on visitors to historic sites in the management area. Many of these sites are renowned for their silence and/or for their wilderness character. Introduced noise and visual disruption at these sites clearly will have an impact and an adverse impact on the visitor experience at these sites.

While we acknowledge that the proposed ATMP will likely result in a reduction of the adverse impact on these sites from commercial air tours as compared to what is currently allowed or practiced, a plan that allows flights within the management area, (that is within 1/2 mile outside the Park boundaries) still has an adverse effect on historic sites in the management area.

Hence, we do not concur with a finding of no adverse effect.

Regards,

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Matt Wordeman, President, Friends of Haleakalā National Park

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FAA:

This email letter follows up on our discussion on Friday July 7, 2023, where the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) expressed our objection to the proposed Finding of No Adverse Effect for both Haleakala and Hawaii Volcanoes National Parks. Per your prompt inquiring if NPCA would be submitting an objection in writing, we write here to do that.

Despite consultation with Native Hawaiian Organizations, Kupuna, and others highlighting that allowing even a reduced level of air tours, as proposed in the undertaking, would not sufficiently mitigate the impacts to traditional, ceremonial, cultural, and religious use and connection to the Park, the FAA decided to find No Adverse Effects for both parks. This finding is factually incorrect. NPCA agrees with commentors, for the reasons they have outlined and which are referenced in the proposed Finding, that adverse effects will be present under the proposed undertaking. NPCA's NEPA comment letter, which speaks to acoustical data and analyses found within the proposed Findings for both parks and is attached here, also explains why there would be adverse effects in both parks under the proposed undertakings.

Thank you,  
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**Subject:** FAA/NPS Section 106 Meeting for Haleakalā National Park and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Greetings,

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Park Service (NPS) are scheduling a meeting to report back to the objecting parties on next steps in the Section 106 process for the development of Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Park and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The meeting is scheduled for 10 am HT on Tuesday, July 11, 2023. A calendar file is attached for your use.

Connection information for the meeting is included below. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 267-4185 or at [judith.walker@faa.gov](mailto:judith.walker@faa.gov), copying [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov). If you have any logistical issues accessing the meeting, please reach out to [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov) or 857-998-3008.

Best regards,  
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Re: Opposition to the preferred alternatives (Alternative 3) in the Air Tour Management Plans  
for Hawai'i Volcanoes and Haleakala National Parks

Dear NPS Director Chuck Sams and FAA Administrator Billy Nolen:

On behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and our nearly 2.6 million members and supporters nationwide, we submit these comments on the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) for Hawai'i Volcanoes and Haleakala National Parks.

Since 1919, National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) has been the leading voice of the American people in protecting and enhancing our National Park System. The National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States is a private nonprofit organization chartered by Congress in 1949 to "facilitate public participation" in the preservation of our nation's heritage, and to further the historic preservation policy of the United States.

We believe the National Park Service (NPS) and Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) should have prohibited air tours in both parks in order to protect natural sounds, visitor experiences, Indigenous sacred sites and ceremonial areas, natural and cultural resources, wildlife, and wilderness resources and values. We assert the preferred alternatives allowing commercial air tours 1) result in unacceptable impacts to the aforementioned resources and people and 2) do not support the management objectives of the parks.

The agencies incorrectly applied the National Air Tour Management Act (49 U.S.C. 40128) and National Park Service laws (54 U.S.C.) in the ATMPs for both parks. These laws are intended to protect national parks, not promote commercial air tours.

The NPS Organic Act and the Redwoods Amendment Act together create a clear conservation mandate, and that use of national parks cannot derogate from the values and purposes for which those protected areas were established. The NPS's 2006 Management Policies create a binding interpretation of the

Organic Act (*Greater Yellowstone Coal. v. Kempthorne*, 577 F. Supp. 2d 183, 196). The NPS Management Policies explain that the Organic Act creates two independent mandates: a conservation mandate and a prohibition on impairment. Those mandates require NPS to “seek ways to avoid, or to minimize to the greatest extent practicable, adverse impacts on park resources and values” but also “allow impacts to park resources and values when necessary and appropriate to fulfill the purposes of the park, so long as the impact does not constitute impairment of the affected resources and values.” § 1.4.3. Further, where there is conflict between conserving resources and values and providing for enjoyment of them, conservation is to be predominant.

In Hawai’i Volcanoes and Haleakala National Parks, the NPS has identified the protection of natural sounds as a primary purpose for each park. The NPS 2006 Management Policies define the natural soundscape as a park resource. § 1.4.6. The policies also define “unacceptable impacts” as “impacts that, individually or cumulatively, would... unreasonably interfere with... the natural soundscape maintained in wilderness and natural, historic, or commemorative locations within the park.” § 1.4.7. There is no doubt natural sound is a resource protected under the NPS Organic Act.

Furthermore, NPS 2006 Management Policies’ section on “soundscape management” states, in part, that “The National Park Service will preserve, to the greatest extent possible, the natural soundscapes of parks” (§ 4.9) and a section on “cultural soundscape management” provides that “The Service will preserve soundscape resources and values of the parks to the greatest extent possible to protect opportunities for appropriate transmission of cultural and historic sounds that are fundamental components of the purposes and values for which the parks were established” (§ 5.3.1.7).

Air tours are and will continue under the preferred alternatives to cause unacceptable impacts to park resources including natural sounds, visitors and Indigenous communities that utilize the parks. Existing air tours are already impairing park resources and conditions per the NPS Organic Act.

Furthermore, when implementing the Wilderness Act (16 U.S. C. 1131-1136), NPS is obligated to choose Alternative 2 which offers the “greatest protection” for the designated, eligible and proposed wilderness for both parks. In a case involving snowmobile noise near wilderness, *Izaak Walton League of America, Inc. v. Kimbell*, 516 F. Supp.2d 982 (D. Minn. 2007). Conservation organizations sued U.S. Forest Service challenging the decision to construct a snowmobile trail connecting lakes adjacent to Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. The plaintiffs claimed that the trail at issue would project the sights and sounds of snowmobiles into the wilderness area in violation of § 4(b) of the Wilderness Act.

The court held, *inter alia* on cross motions for summary judgment: (1) fact issues existed as to whether the agency's actions degraded the wilderness character of designated wilderness area; (2) the Environmental Assessment (EA) failed to properly analyze noise impact resulting from snowmobile use on the trail; and (3) the EA did not conduct any quantitative measurements of the sound impact in the wilderness. The court concluded:

“[T]he analysis of sound impact contained in the EA is inadequate to support the [Finding of No Significant Impact]. The EA provides no quantitative evidence or analysis of decibel levels projected by the South Fowl Trail into the adjoining wilderness... As discussed above, agency activity that results in sound that is louder, more constant, more frequent, or of a different quality, than the sound that presently exists within the wilderness, is more likely to degrade the wilderness character from its present condition and thus result in a violation of § 4(b) of the Wilderness Act.

*Id.* at 995-96. (Emphasis added.). Notably, the court also observed that “an agency's duty to preserve the wilderness character under § 4(b) of the Wilderness Act may apply to agency activity that occurs outside of the boundaries of the wilderness area.”<sup>1</sup> *Id.* at @989. We raise this specific issue because both parks are considering commercial air tour management within and near federally designated wilderness.

For both parks units, we believe the National Environmental Policy Act (42 United States Code (U.S.C.), 4321 et seq.) has not been correctly applied. The starting point of the analysis should be the natural ambient sounds of each park unit, and the impact analysis must judge the noise impacts of commercial air tours while they are taking place in each park—specifically which areas will be impacted by noise from air tours in each park. We encourage the agencies to apply this approach to every ATMP.

### **Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park**

NPS created foundational documents for every park unit. They are grounded by each park's enabling legislation and provide guidance for planning and management decisions. Foundation documents speak to the purpose, significance, fundamental resources and values, and interpretive themes for each park.

NPS describes fundamental resources in the following way:

*The fundamental resources and values are those features, systems, processes, experiences, stories, scenes, sounds, smells, or other attributes determined to warrant primary consideration during planning and management processes because they are essential to achieving the purpose of the park and maintaining its significance. Fundamental resources and values are closely related to a park's legislative purpose and are more specific than significance statements.*

*Fundamental resources and values help focus planning and management efforts on what is truly significant about the park. One of the most important responsibilities of NPS managers is to ensure the conservation and public enjoyment of those qualities that are essential (fundamental) to achieving the purpose of the park and maintaining its significance. If fundamental resources and values are allowed to deteriorate, the park purpose and/or significance could be jeopardized.*

The following fundamental resources and values have been identified for [Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park](#):

- **Volcanoes and Associated Volcanic Features and Processes.** Two active hot-spot shield volcanoes, dynamic geologic processes, and volcanic features demonstrate the effects of the forces of nature and record the geologic history.
- **Body of Scientific Knowledge and Investigations.** Documents, collections, and observations contribute to scientific discovery and range from early first-hand accounts of eruptive events to current scientific research and museum collections.

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<sup>1</sup> But note: The court also stated that: “In other words, where the agency activity does not increase or exacerbate the existing sound impact on the wilderness area, such activity would not degrade the wilderness character of the area. On the other hand, agency activity that results in noise that is louder, more constant, more frequent, or of a different quality, is more likely to degrade the wilderness character from its present condition and thus violate § 4(b).” *Id.* at 989-990.

- **Opportunities for Scientific Research and Monitoring.** The park serves as a world-class living laboratory for geologic research, conservation biology, ecosystem development, island biogeography, and evolution that continues to build on the existing body of scientific knowledge for resource protection, public safety, and environmental understanding.
- **Biological Diversity.** The park contains an extraordinary assemblage of native plants and animals—more than 90% of which are endemic to the Hawaiian Islands and many of which are rare, endangered, and threatened with extinction.
- **Ecological Integrity.** The park perpetuates native ecosystems and communities, many of which are unique to the park, and provides a refuge for endemic plants and animals that span seven ecological zones ranging from seacoast to alpine. The park also supports the continuation of natural processes and interactions among species and between the biotic and abiotic environments.
- **Natural Sounds.** Park soundscapes are protected from many human-caused sounds and are dominated by the sounds of wind, ocean, volcanic activity, and native species.

**Night Sky and Scenic Vistas.** The unobscured night sky is characterized by an absence of artificial light and scenic vistas are unobstructed by development and human-caused air pollution.

- **Remote and Challenging Experiences.** The park promotes opportunities for visitors to experience solitude, primitive conditions, and challenge.
- **Natural Landscape Character.** From mauka (toward the mountain) to makai (toward the ocean), vast expanses of the park's wilderness have been affected primarily by the forces of nature—retaining their primeval character.
- **First-hand Volcanic Experiences.** The park provides opportunities for visitors to approach and experience active volcanic eruptions including fountains, fissures, and flows.
- **Pelehonuamea.** Volcanic landscapes and all active flows and products of eruptive events are the representation of Pelehonuamea, deity of Hawaiian volcanoes.
- **Wahi Kapu (Sacred Places) and Wahi Pana (Celebrated Places).** The entire park landscape and all of its inhabitants and features, including the sky as a layered extension of the landscape, are sacred to Native Hawaiians, particularly Halema'uma'u Crater (home of Pelehonuamea), Mauna Loa's Moku'āweoweo caldera (a focal point for the greater Hawaiian relationship to the universe-stars, sun, moon), and mauka forested areas.
- **Opportunity for Traditional Cultural Use.** Native Hawaiian traditional uses in the park perpetuate traditional practices, knowledge, and the cultural importance of this area. These practices, including chants and dances, depend upon natural sounds, unobstructed views of mountain summits, and an environment that has not been greatly altered by human-caused changes.
- **Cultural Resources.** The park's rich and varied cultural resources, including objects, archeological sites, cultural landscapes, historic structures, and ethnographic resources are preserved and contribute to interpreting and understanding the greater Hawaiian culture and the more recent human history within the park.

As described above, Hawaii Volcanoes is national park with many unique resources and attributes. From active volcanoes to rare, endemic species, this wilderness is enjoyed by over a million visitors a year. The park is sacred to many Native Hawaiians and part of their centuries-old culture. Commercial air tours are not a fundamental resource or value and create unacceptable impacts to those resources and values.

In the Environmental Assessment, the agencies conclude that Alternative 2 prohibiting commercial air tours will best protect the fundamental resources identified by the NPS in its foundational document. It states:

*Noise:* "Alternative 2 would provide 365 days per year without noise from air tours within the ATMP planning area and would reduce noise in the most noise sensitive regions of the Park resulting in direct beneficial effects compared to the No Action Alternative and Alternative 3." (page 39)

*Biological Resources:* "Under Alternative 2, commercial air tour aircraft would not fly within the ATMP planning area which would eliminate this source of noise from the planning area. Therefore, there would be a direct beneficial effect on biological resources since the intensity and likely presence of noise from commercial air tours would be less than under the No Action Alternative." (page 73).

*Cultural Resources:* "Under Alternative 2, commercial air tour aircraft would not fly within the ATMP planning area. The elimination of commercial air tours from the ATMP planning area would reduce the noise and visual intrusions from directly impacting the feeling and setting of cultural resources within the APE and result in beneficial impacts to ethnographic resources and sacred sites, TCPs, archeological resources, cultural landscapes, historic districts, and prehistoric and historic buildings and structures compared to current conditions." (page 93).

*Wilderness:* "Under Alternative 2, commercial air tour aircraft would not fly within the ATMP planning area, which would offer the greatest protection to Wilderness. Compared to current conditions, this would enhance Wilderness character by reducing the intensity of noise and number of noise events over Wilderness areas. There would be direct beneficial impacts to the natural quality of Wilderness and the opportunities for solitude under Alternative 2." (page 105)

*Visitor Use and Experience:* "Under Alternative 2, commercial air tours would not fly within the ATMP planning area which would eliminate this source of noise from the ATMP planning area. Therefore, there would be a direct beneficial impact to Park visitor use and experience since the intensity and presence of noise from commercial air tours would be less than under the No Action Alternative. Alternative 2 offers the greatest protection of visitor use and experience." (page 115).

It is obvious the ATMP should have recommended eliminating commercial air tours as it provides the "greatest protection" and "direct beneficial impact" for the park. Both the ATMP and Environmental Assessment provide evidence that the current commercial air tours as well as Alternative 3 that would continue to allow air tours, will harm visitors, natural and cultural resources, wilderness, and wildlife. The agencies found that, "The Park has the highest visitor use among the nine NPS units in Hawai'i. Noise from low flying air tours can have notable impacts on visitor experience. A 2007 survey conducted at the Park found that the majority of people who reported hearing aircraft considered it either unacceptable or annoying and reported negative emotions or feelings associated with aircraft sound." (ATMP at page 11). These broad statements about noise impacts to visitor experience have been ignored for decades by NPS and FAA. Now that the agencies have an opportunity to address this direct conflict by prohibiting commercial air tours, this ATMP recommends continuing this conflict in areas of the park.



Knowing several species could be harmed by noise, the agencies propose mitigation measures that will not guarantee the best possible conditions for them. The ATMP states, “Helicopter noise detrimentally affects physiology, pairing and breeding success, and territory size of birds by limiting communication between individuals. These effects could have a greater impact on critically endangered Hawaiian endemics, which already face a number of additional stressors.” (page 11). This careless approach to ensuring the survival of many species violates NPS laws and policies.

We continue to be baffled by the ATMP’s recommendations allowing helicopters to hover over the park. On one hand the ATMP states, “Hovering, loitering and/or circling on the Kahuku Route and the Coastal Route are prohibited because they could negatively impact visitor experience and cultural and natural resources, including sensitive sites.” (page 12). As a general matter, we agree that hovering over an area is hugely disruptive for visitors and resources. Yet, the ATMP allows hovering where it states, “Hovering, loitering, and/or circling for up to five minutes is permitted on the Pu ‘u ‘o ‘o Route and in the Pu ‘u ‘o ‘o QT Zone. Circling aircraft must turn away from the advancing blade as much as possible minimize noise.” (at page 7). The flight path where hovering is allowed is directly adjacent to a state protected area, Kahauale’a Natural Area Reserve and close to the East Rift Designated Wilderness in the park. As we mentioned earlier, the Wilderness Act’s protections apply to activities inside and outside of a wilderness area. Allowing commercial air tours is already problematic in the park, adding up to five minutes of hovering and loitering only adds to the violation of laws and policies.

## **Haleakala National Park**

The following fundamental resources and values have been identified for [Haleakalā National Park](#):

- **Natural Sounds, Viewsheds, and Dark Night Skies** – Natural sounds, panoramic views, and dark night skies greatly contribute to Haleakalā’s unique sense of place. Ambient sound levels in the Haleakalā Crater are so low that they approach the threshold of human hearing, and the crater and summit offer world-renowned stargazing opportunities. Visitors flock to the summit to witness spectacular sunrises over the park’s natural landscape—this and other views in the park are supported by its excellent air quality. In addition to being highly desired values for visitors, dark night skies and natural soundscapes are vital components of a healthy, intact, biological community. Each plays an important role in wildlife communication and behavior. The preservation of natural sounds, viewsheds, and dark night skies is also critical to effective wilderness management.
- **Kīpahulu Moku District (including ‘Ohe’o Gulch and Palikea Stream)** – Handed down over the centuries through oral tradition and practice, the ‘Aha Moku system is the traditional Hawaiian system of natural resource division and management for ocean and land resources. The undiverted free-flowing Palikea stream and ‘Ohe’o Gulch are part of an intact East Maui watershed that begins at the piko, or navel, of the island. The park is fortunate to protect nearly all of the Kīpahulu moku, including intact ahupua’a (smaller land divisions) within it. The Kīpahulu Biological Reserve is discussed and analyzed as part of the Native Hawaiian Biological Diversity fundamental resource and value.
- **Wilderness** – Approximately 24,000 acres of Haleakalā National Park is federally designated wilderness. The wilderness area includes the majority of the Haleakalā Crater and the Kīpahulu Biological Reserve, which protects one of the most intact rainforest ecosystems in the Hawaiian

Islands. The wilderness area also has cultural and spiritual significance to Native Hawaiians, who have used these lands since ancient times, and continue to visit sites and features within the wilderness for traditional practices. Visitors have opportunities to participate in wilderness experiences—from expansive views across undeveloped lands to primitive recreation and solitude.

- **Ongoing Connections to Living Hawaiian Culture** – Haleakalā National Park has cultural and spiritual value for Native Hawaiians who have used particular places, sites, and resources in the park for a broad range of activities from ancient times to the present. Among these traditional cultural activities are ritual ceremonies, spiritual training, and practices related to birth and burial. For Native Hawaiians, traditional uses and connections between people and all things spiritual and physical are incorporated in the ancient, sacred tradition of the *Kumulipo* that has been passed down orally for generations in the form of a *mele koʻihonua* or chant of more than 2,000 lines. The *Kumulipo* recounts the origin of the universe and the beginnings of the Hawaiian world; it inventories and explains the existence of all resources so that proper care and respect is applied through *kuleana* (responsibility). Sustaining the connections and interrelationships between Native Hawaiians and culturally significant park resources and places is an important objective of park managers.
- **Outstanding Geological Resources, Including the Haleakalā Volcano and Crater** – Rising to 10,023 feet in elevation, the Haleakalā volcano—also known as the East Maui volcano—is the primary geological feature of the park, and preserves a record of Maui’s volcanic history. At the volcano’s summit is the enormous depression known as Haleakalā Crater—described by Congress in the 1916 enabling legislation as the “largest and most spectacular crater in the world.” In truth, the label “crater” is somewhat of a misnomer, as this impressive depression was not shaped solely by volcanic activity, but also by water and erosion. Northeasterly tradewinds collided with the great volcano, producing rainfall, and over time streams cut channels down the slopes of the mountain. Eventually, two streams that eroded their way up the mountain joined, ultimately creating the long and deep depression that survives today. Later, volcanic vents in this area formed richly colored cinder cones and young lava flows—major scenic features of the park. Lava at Haleakalā National Park includes lower viscosity “ropy flows” (also called *pāhoehoe*) and the higher viscosity “rough and jagged flows” (also called *ʻaʻā*). There are at least 24 known lava tube caves in the park.
- **Archeological and Historic Resources Associated with Native Hawaiian Culture** – Haleakalā National Park preserves a high density and variety of precontact and historic archeological resources. These resources exist in many locations and include Native Hawaiian temples (*heiaus*), trails, altars, fishing shrines, house platforms, and other features. Historic resources such as historic agricultural sites and astrological shelters are also preserved by the park. Some of these resources are still used today as part of the vibrant Hawaiian culture. The upper Kīpahulu Valley, on the park’s windward side, exemplifies this rich biodiversity – With its wet rainforests and bogs, the upper Kīpahulu Valley is a key refuge for native Hawaiian plant and animal species that are disappearing elsewhere. The park manages this area as the Kīpahulu Biological Reserve. Within the reserve, no trails or roads are planned in order to prevent nonnative species, which are capable of rapidly spreading and outcompeting native rainforest plants, from penetrating the valley. Entry to the reserve is allowed only to resource managers and scientists who are conducting research and management essential to understanding and protecting this rare relict ecosystem.
- **Native Hawaiian Biological Diversity** – Haleakalā, rising from sea to summit, and exposed to both the windward moist tradewinds and leeward drying air, features a striking variety of ecosystems that support a tremendous range of native biological diversity. The park protects endemic and iconic species including the nēnē (Hawaiian goose), ‘ahinahina (Haleakalā silversword), ‘akohekohe (the

critically endangered crested honeycreeper), and many other threatened and endangered species. The park's remarkable ecological diversity is recognized by its designation as a United Nations International Biosphere Reserve. Haleakalā serves as a scientific laboratory for studies in climate history and change, classification of species, and taxonomy.

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- **Kuleana** – The Native Hawaiian concept of kuleana is generally recognized as the responsibility passed down from the kūpuna (ancestors) to present and future generations for stewardship and respect for all things spiritual and physical. Under the traditional 'Aha Moku system of regional boundary management based on observational knowledge and sense of place, certain people had kuleana for site specific management and families had certain roles within their moku (land division). The Pōhaku Pālaha (the place where the moku boundaries converge) marks the beginning of the interconnected system linking the heavens to the depths of the ocean. How kuleana is managed affects other moku outside park boundaries as well as ocean resources. The National Park Service has accepted kuleana for the management of Haleakalā National Park. The National Park Service and the individuals who serve as konohiki (managers and stewards) represent the kia'i, or guardians of this sacred place for Hawaiian people.

There is no doubt Haleakala is a celebrated national park because of its spectacular natural resources from the volcano, rainforest, desert to its rich biodiversity. The cultural traditions and resources are abundant, park managers embrace stewardship concepts handed down by generations of Native Hawaiians. The ATMP should have chosen the most protective management for such a special place. The Environmental Assessment validates the best, most protective management for the park is Alternative 2 which would prohibit commercial air tours, it states:

*Noise:* "Alternative 2 would provide 365 days per year that are free of noise from air tours within the ATMP planning area and would reduce noise in the most noise sensitive regions of the Park resulting in direct beneficial effects compared to the No Action Alternative and Alternative 3." (page 39).

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*Visitor Use and Experience:* “Under Alternative 2, commercial air tours would not fly within the ATMP planning area which would eliminate this source of noise from the ATMP planning area for up to 1.05 million Park visitors each year. Therefore, there would be a direct beneficial impact to Park visitor use and experience since the intensity and presence of noise from commercial air tours would be less than under the No Action Alternative. Alternative 2 offers the greatest protection of visitor use and experience.” (page 102).

NPS and FAA should be choosing the alternative that had a “direct beneficial impact” and offers the “greatest protection” for Haleakala.

According to the ATMP’s “justification for measures taken,” “The number of flights authorized per year was selected to reduce impacts to noise sensitive areas in the Park including those with Wilderness values, cultural resources, natural acoustic environment, wildlife, and visitor experience while also providing expansive views of the coastal areas to commercial air tour customers. These are noise sensitive areas of the Park where a quiet setting is a generally recognized feature or attribute.” (page 14). This is a subjective goal determined by the agencies in the ATMP, but this does not comport with the National Park Air Tour Management Act (NPATMA), the law that governs this process. The National Park Air Tour Management Act does not guarantee “customers” anything, in fact, allowing commercial activity in a park is a privilege and not a goal under NPATMA or any other the law. The law states:

*Objective.--The objective of any air tour management plan shall be to develop acceptable and effective measures to mitigate or prevent the significant adverse impacts, if any, of commercial air tour operations upon the natural and cultural resources, visitor experiences, and tribal lands.*

The agencies continuously admit in the ATMP that natural and cultural resources, visitor experiences and Native Hawaiian cultural sites and interactions will be negatively impacted by commercial air tours. The current noisy conditions in the park are violating laws and policies, slight management changes will not protect the park. The ATMP seeks to minimize flights to one path, but this is guidance and likely won’t be strictly enforced. This is just a shell game rather than a true comparison of the ideal protection for the park. The “reduction” noted above is not significant enough to justify continuing commercial air tours. In fact, on page 13 of the ATMP, the agencies pick winners and losers where they identify some areas that will have less noise than others. More specifically, in the Environment Assessment appendices (at Table 8. Location point results for Alternative 3), there are a total of 44 locations surveyed for noise, of those, 21 locations report some level of noise above 35 decibels during the day.

We disagree with the NPS and FAA approach comparing noise impacts among the alternatives studied by the agencies. Instead of using the ambient natural sounds (a fundamental resource) as a baseline for judging noise impacts, it compares the alternatives with the current conditions that include thousands of noisy air tours. The ATMP chooses Alternative 3 as its preferred alternative for future air tour management. Using this approach, the Environmental Assessment states, “Time Audible Natural

Ambient: Compared to the No Action Alternative, the overall time audible noise footprint for Alternative 3 potentially is only 1% smaller than the No Action Alternative..." (page 42). This means noise will continue to permeate the park under the agencies' chosen alternative.

The Environmental Assessment states, "Native Hawaiians have consistently noted that the persistent air tours over the Park unreasonably interfere with the silence needed to perform ceremonies conducted by Native Hawaiian practitioners at these sacred sites, some of which rely on hearing natural sounds. Under the No Action Alternative, these impacts to ethnographic resources would continue to occur." (page 80). There is no mention of Native Hawaiian views of continued commercial air tours under Alternative 3, the ATMP chosen management direction.

The forest birds in Haleakala require proactive protection to ensure their survival. The ATMP states, "At least two federally endangered forest bird species within the Park, the kiwikiu and 'akohekohe, are at imminent risk of extinction, with fewer than 200 and 1800 individuals, respectively, left in the wild. In addition to impacts to the birds themselves, aircraft noise adversely impacts the NPS's ability to monitor federally protected Hawaiian forest birds, which is done primarily by acoustic-based surveys to detect birdsongs." (at page 13). If the NPS cannot conduct the studies, the agency could be violating several laws from those governing the NPS to the Endangered Species Act. We would urge the agencies to use the precautionary principle, do not put the forest birds at risk in order to allow commercial air tours.

The ATMP has a prohibition on hovering or circling. The Environment Assessment provides the following reason for this restriction where it states, "This alternative would prohibit hovering and circling because it could negatively impact visitors, cultural, and natural resources, including sensitive sites." (page 22). We appreciate the consideration of visitors and resources, but we find it baffling air tours are allowed at all when the agencies know they have a negative impact.

### **General concerns that apply to both parks**

As described above, only Alternative 2 meets the Park management objective to protect natural sounds. Alternative 3 does not achieve this objective. Similarly, only Alternative 2 meets management objectives to protect wilderness character. Alternative 3 does not achieve this objective. Had the ATMPs taken as the starting point of the analysis the natural ambient sounds of each park unit, this would have been obvious.

Moreover, the ATMPs EAs for both parks failed to account for the indirect and cumulative impacts of air tour noise in their assessment of the Alternative 3s. In particular, there are a number of entirely foreseeable adaptations to the Alternative 3s that operators will make that will significantly impact park resources, but that were not analyzed, including flights outside the ½ mile ATMP buffer around national parks, the use of larger, noisier equipment, and the use of slower flights that extend the time and noise exposure over the park. Also, the policies to implement the Quiet Technology incentives are too weak and ill-defined to actually mitigate impacts. Each of these is further described below. By not properly analyzing each of these, the assessment of Alternative 3 understates the actual impacts that will result.

#### Flights outside the ½ mile buffer

As the EA notes in several places, with fewer permitted operations within the ATMP planning areas, some operations will be displaced outside the ½ mile boundary. This could be particularly problematic when the noise of the ATMP routes is added to the noise from the non-ATMP flights. Consequently, the

EA understated the noise impact on the park of the ATMP flights because it did not address the cumulative impact of the non-ATMP flights. There are numerous locations where the Park Objectives concerning wilderness character and natural sounds are not met by Alternative 3, and additional noise will further degrade those resources. The Hawaii Volcanoes Coastal Route provides one example, where the ATMP route is only 640 feet from the ATMP planning boundary.<sup>2</sup> The noise of aircraft flying 640 feet further from the Wilderness Area was not analyzed.

The noise from non ATMP tours should have been modeled by the EA where such occurrences are predictable. In the case of the Coastal Route, it is likely that two flights outside the ATMP planning area would have similar noise impacts to one flight on the ATMP Coastal Route. Moreover, it is likely that not only will operations be displaced, but in order to meet Quiet Technology incentives, it is likely that operators will use Quieter Technology flights within the park and noisier technology outside the park. The noisier equipment on the “half mile” coastal route could have a greater impact than the actual ATMP Coastal Route. The expected cumulative adverse effects of the “half-mile” coastal route, coupled with the lack of analysis in the EA, make the ATMP Coastal Route severely deficient.

Even without considering the cumulative impacts, the Coastal Route is extremely problematic. It should be noted that the ATMP Coastal Route does not provide an adequate buffer for the adjacent Wilderness Area. The Coastal Route is 2000 feet off shore but extends ¼ mile (1,320 feet) on either side, leaving only a 680 foot buffer to the wilderness area. According to the EA, “The Coastal Route runs bi-directionally offshore along the edge of the Park boundary, but within ½-mile of the Park boundary. Air tours on the Coastal Route would maintain 2,000 ft. lateral distance from shore and a minimum altitude of 2,000 ft. AGL” (EA, 21). But the EA for both parks also notes that “Air tour routes within the ATMP planning area are represented by a line with a ¼-mile buffer on either side of the route that indicates the acceptable range of deviation that would not trigger enforcement action” (EA, 20).

Flights 680 lateral feet from a wilderness area provide negligible additional buffer than what is provided by the 2,000 foot minimum height. The noise path following the hypotenuse of a triangle with legs of 2,000 feet (height) and 680 feet (lateral distance) is only 112 feet longer than a direct overflight path. The lateral distance to the Wilderness Area is not sufficient.

**The cumulative impacts of non-ATMP and ATMP routes, including the Coastal Route and other routes where displaced flights may impact the parks, and particularly wilderness areas, must be quantified and analyzed.**

#### Larger, noisier aircraft

Larger, and likely noisier, aircraft are another possible indirect impact not considered. Given that operations are allocated, and not the number of passengers, it is entirely foreseeable that operators will seek to maximize the number of passengers with possibly noisier aircraft to increase the number of paying passengers. This outcome will change the mix of aircraft modeled by the EA. The only protection is the unspecified (by the EA and AMTP) Quiet Technology and replacement requirements (see below for a further discussion concerning the insufficient Quiet Technology policy). **The replacement and Quiet Technology policy must be updated as described below.**

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<sup>2</sup> The Coastal Route is 2000 lateral feet from the wilderness area, while the half mile ATMP planning area is 2640 feet from the wilderness area, a difference of only 640 lateral feet.

### Longer time in the ATMP area

It is almost certain that the EAs' noise modeling has understated the time aircraft will spend in the ATMP planning areas. Given that only operations are allocated, and not time in the ATMP planning airspace, it is entirely foreseeable that operators will seek to lengthen flights or increase revenue generating hours of flights, by flying at a slower rate, increasing noise exposure in the Park.<sup>3</sup> This scenario, which the ATMP allows for, would make the impacts analysis in the EAs inaccurate and inadequate. The ATMPs and EAs should have included time limits to routes in the form of an annual time budget for the year. The annual time over the ATMP planning areas that was modeled should have been disclosed. That time was the basis for the EAs' decision and should have been described in the EA as a condition of the operations granted. Instead, the time over the ATMP planning areas was not disclosed. It is not possible to know if the time assumptions were reasonable and what impact operations of greater time might have, as the ATMPs allow for aircrafts to spend greater time in the ATMP planning areas than the EAs analyzed. The lack of this information makes the ATMPs and EAs analysis of Alternative 3 inadequate.

The FAA and NPS relied on numerous time-above metrics<sup>4</sup> in assessing the impact of noise, and **more time in the ATMP planning area is directly related to more impacts**. To achieve the impacts shown in the Alternative 3 analysis, the time operators are over the ATMP areas must be limited to those times in the modeling.

Consequently, Alternative 3 needed to contain an annual noise budget as much as it needed to limit operations to the number modeled. The budget should be based on the assumptions in the EA noise modeling, and if the budget is exceeded before the permitted operations are used, no further operations shall occur that year or those operations shall deducted from the following year's allocation.<sup>5</sup>

It should be noted that the total time an operator is over the ATMP planning areas is currently required to be tracked and is part of the required reporting data, so determination of compliance with the operations would be no different than for the time.

Moreover, without a time limit within the ATMP planning areas, the ATMP's no hovering or circling rules are ineffective. Not only are these terms not defined, but operators could easily evade the no hovering rule by simply flying slower at specific locations, and possibly during the entire flight. Consequently, without adding a time limit, the EA modeling almost certainly understates the noise impacts.

**In addition to prescribing annual operations, the ATMPs Alternative 3 should have prescribed the annual time permitted in the ATMPs planning areas. Otherwise operators will just fly slower and**

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<sup>3</sup> It should be noted that we have heard concerns from helicopter operators who feel that the sharing of routes by fixed wing and helicopters, due to their different speeds, creates safety hazards. While we are not in a position to judge the level of hazard, there is no need to create multiple routes for each aircraft type. The aircraft can be segregated by simple time of day or day of week schedules for each aircraft type on a particular route.

<sup>4</sup> E.g. time audible, time above 35dba, time above 52dba

<sup>5</sup> An annual time budget, based on the cumulative time each operation was modeled in the ATMPs planning areas in the EA, would provide operators with flexibility due to weather, traffic, and other factors throughout the year, yet ensure that impacts are no greater than those modeled by the EA. If operators were to claim that the annual budget developed from the modeling assumptions is not sufficient due to safety or some other consideration, this would mean that the initial EA modeling assumptions were wrong and understated the noise impact of flights, and would need to be recalculated with operations further limited to limit impacts on park resources.

**increase impacts to resources beyond those described in the EA. The impact of operations is directly related to the time those operations are over the park.**

#### Quiet Technology Policy

Neither the EAs nor the ATMPs define or describe Quiet Technology. Consequently, the proposed Quiet Technology policy is insufficient to protect park resources from increasing impacts. The current plan treats quiet technology as a static condition and will not encourage further reductions in noise levels; it rewards quieter technology with more times to fly (extending hours during the day and on Wednesdays), but does not incentivize future gains. In fact, as more quiet technology aircraft are integrated into the fleet mix, the “quiet technology times” will only get louder as more aircraft take advantage of those times.

The proposed incentives for Quiet Technology are poorly designed and do not reflect a serious effort to reduce adverse impacts from operators. Had the agencies taken this aspect seriously, they would have proposed and analyzed incentives in the ATMPs and EAs that create a competitive marketplace for quiet, not incentives that expand operating times and days.

For example, a much more effective Quiet Technology incentive would be to reserve 25% to 50% of operations for the operators who fly the quietest technology. To implement such a policy, the FAA/NPS, based on the reporting data submitted by operators, would determine the rank of each operator in terms of their use of Quiet Technology equipment. In the first and second year of the ATMP, the distribution of operations would be the same as currently proposed in the ATMP, with the 25% -50% reward for Quiet Technology incentive being awarded as in the current ATMP. In the third year, the 25%-50% would be allocated to operators in proportion to their rank during the first year. In subsequent years, the 25% - 50% Quiet Technology incentive would be redistributed based on the next calculation year. Effectively, this would create a 1 year lag to allow the NPS/FAA time to collect and analyze the reporting data and allow operators to adjust their schedules based on the new allocation.

The AMTP does not define Quiet Technology, but the definition is critical to the minimization of impacts on park resources. We propose a very simple definition of Quiet Technology aircraft. Quiet Technology aircraft are those aircraft with the least noise impact on the park.

Before exploring this definition, however, it is important to recognize that previous work by the FAA published in Advisory Circular AC-93-2, is not helpful or appropriate for application in AMTPs. This document lists aircraft meeting a “noise efficiency standard” that reduces noise per seat.

The Advisory Circular is outdated and a “noise efficiency standard” is a poor definition of Quiet Technology because it may or may not correspond to a lesser impact of overflight noise on parks. The simple reason is because **noise efficiency** and **quiet technology** are not the same thing. Less noise per passenger seat does not equate to less noise and fewer impacts per operation on the park. Therefore, noise efficiency does not measure the effectiveness of quiet technology on parks.

It is actually impossible to determine which technology is quietest using AC-93-2 criteria, because the Advisory Circular employs five different equations (see below), three different metrics (EPNL, SEL, and L<sub>Amax</sub>), and 5 different methodologies.

$$EPNL(H) = 80 + 10\log(\# \text{ PAX seats}/2) \text{ dB}$$



$$\text{SEL(J)} = 77 + 10\log(\# \text{ PAX seats}/2) \text{ dB}$$

$$\text{LAmax(F)} = 69 + 10\log(\# \text{ PAX seats}/2) \text{ dB}$$

$$\text{LAmax(G)} = 74 + 10\log(\# \text{ PAX seats}/2) \text{ dB}$$

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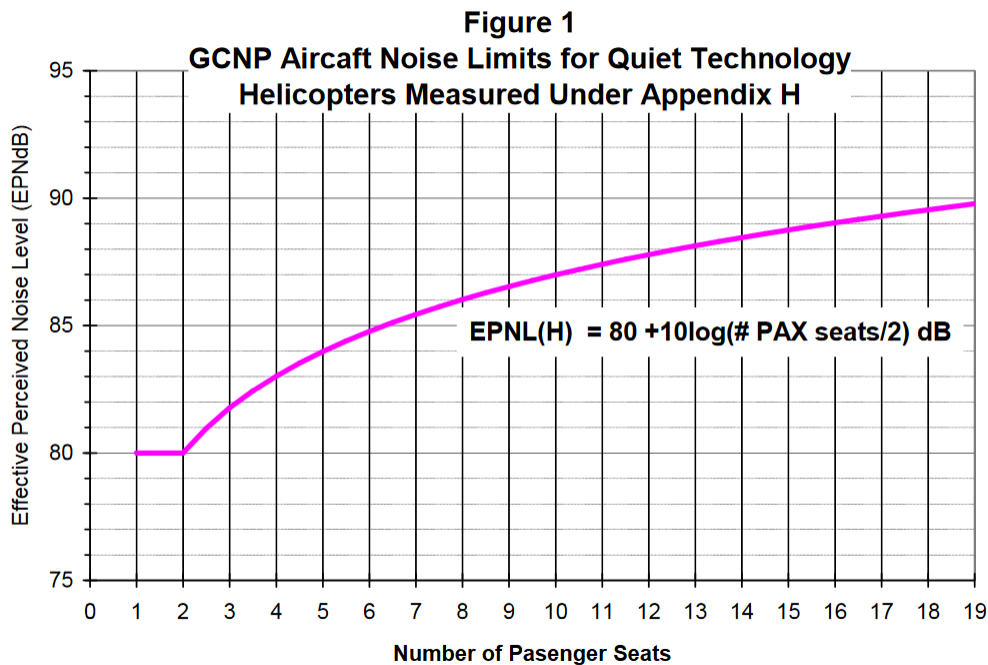
The FAA AC-93-2 noise efficiency or per passenger seat noise metric, as expressed by the equation

$$\text{Noise Threshold} = X \text{ dB} + 10\log(\# \text{ PAX seats}/2) \text{ dB}$$

is not a useful metric to identify technology that has the least impact on a national park. If it were used as the criteria, it would be very problematic and exacerbate the problem discussed above in the section entitled “Larger, noisier aircraft.” It is a metric suited for minimizing the noise per passenger, not the noise imposed on the park. **Only if the park were allocating passenger seats would it be a viable option.** But since parks allocate operations and not passenger seats, the metric has the perverse effect of *maximizing* aircraft noise impacts on the park per operation.<sup>6</sup>

Consider, for example, Figure 1 from AC-93-2

([https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory\\_Circular/AC\\_93-2.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory_Circular/AC_93-2.pdf)).



The vertical axis is the noise level; the horizontal axis is number of passengers. Aircraft that fall below the pink line qualify as quiet technology. The pink line defining quiet technology is actually a function of the number of passenger seats on the aircraft. In the equation, the independent variable is passenger

<sup>6</sup> It should be noted that it maximizes noise impacts within a given bound, the set of aircraft meeting the A-93-2 criteria. It encourages operators to use the largest/noisiest equipment the market can sustain, and therefore incentivizes those aircraft with the most noise.

seats while the dependent variable is the noise level experienced in the park. The greater the number of passenger seats, the greater the noise impact on the park that qualifies as quiet technology.

The curve of the pink line results from the logarithmic component of the equation (ten times the logarithm of the number of passenger seats divided by 2). The shape of the curve seems to be based on an equal energy hypothesis. The rationale for the initial threshold value (the initial starting value for 1 passenger in Figures 1-4 of AC-93-2) is not given.

The assumption underlying this equal energy hypothesis is that the combined impact of aircraft noise events on the park is related to the combined sound energy of those individual noise events on a per passenger seat basis. Consequently, each doubling of the number of passenger seats allows the addition of 3 dB to the permitted level, just as each doubling of the number of equal noise events (flights for example) adds 3 dB to the total noise level. For example, a helicopter with 4 passengers is permitted to be 83 dBA, a helicopter with 8 passengers is permitted to be 86 dB, and two operations of the 4 passenger helicopter have the same combined noise level as one operation of the 8 passenger helicopter.

The major problem with the AC-93-2 equal energy hypothesis is that it would be an effective metric **only if** the parks allocated passenger seats, not operations, to operators.<sup>7</sup> If parks allocated a limited number of passenger seats, then any distribution of those seats among aircraft would have the same noise impact on the park.<sup>8</sup> In this case, the impact on the park is dependent on the number of seats allocated, and independent of the number of operations used to meet the allocation.

The ATMPs, however, allocate operations instead of allocating passenger seats. In this real world condition, the noise in the park is dependent on the size of the aircraft conducting the allocated operations: the larger the aircraft, the more the impact on the park.

Instead of all configurations of seats among operations resulting in the same noise impact when allocating passenger seats, when operations are allocated using the A-93-2 equations, the incentive is to increase the noise effect on the park. For example, if the limit were four operations, that could be met with either four 4-passenger seat operations which combine to 89 dB, or four 8-passenger operations which combine to 92 dB, or four 16-passenger operations which combine to 95 dB. Clearly, the impact on the park in the above example is dependent on, and increases with, the number of seats per aircraft. With limited operations, the operator will have an incentive to use the largest aircraft the market can sustain, causing the largest noise impact on the park.

The reason for quiet technology incentives in the ATMPs is to promote the use of quieter equipment. But the currently proposed incentives, and particular, if they are combined with the AC definition of Quiet Technology, will instead, incentivize larger noisier aircraft. There are other incentives that more effectively promote the use of quiet technology, such as rewarding operators with operations for their

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<sup>7</sup> There are additional problems with the AC-93-2 quiet technology designation that should also be noted, including:

1. The use of multiple non-comparable noise metrics.
2. The use of a threshold for quiet technology designation.

The threshold actually is a disincentive for the development of future quiet technology and a disincentive for the use of the quietest technology currently since there is no reward for being quieter than the threshold.

<sup>8</sup> If for example, 16 passenger seats were allocated, then that allocation can be accomplished for the same approximately 89 dB with either one 89 dB 16 seat aircraft, or two 86 dB 8 seat aircraft, or perhaps a 83 dB 4 passenger aircraft and a 88 dB 12 passenger aircraft (or any other combination of aircraft with seats that add to 16).

use of quiet technology, that we outline but which were not studied and presented in the ATMPs and EAs.

Because quieter technology exists and is constantly being developed, and that today's quietest technology is tomorrow's noisy technology,<sup>9</sup> it is important to define quiet aircraft technology in terms of the quietest aircraft. Static definitions, such as those in AC-93-2 become outdated and disincentives that discourage future technology improvements beyond the minimum threshold. Once the threshold for quiet technology is met, there is no incentive to develop even quieter equipment and no differentiation between aircraft meeting the threshold.<sup>10</sup>

A better alternative to the AC method of identifying quiet technology equipment is to use the AEDT model to determine which operators used the quietest equipment, but such a process is very time and labor intensive, and ultimately unnecessary.

The simplest and most relevant measure of Quiet Technology for national parks is the Sound Exposure Level (SEL) of an aircraft in level flight at 2,000 feet, and it can easily be employed to determine which operators used the quietest equipment. The SEL<sup>11</sup> metric provides a good comparison of noise between aircraft. The other possible metric, the L<sub>Amax</sub><sup>12</sup> provides the highest decibel level and measures the impact when it is most intrusive, but it lacks a measure of the duration of the event. The SEL metric combines both magnitude and duration in one metric. The 2,000 foot height is the most common operation permitted by the ATMP.<sup>13</sup>

The SEL noise level can be measured from overflights or derived from the FAA's AEDT noise model, either through modeling or the so called "Noise Power Distance" curves. Once the SEL of each aircraft used in overflights is known, the aircraft can be ranked from quietest to noisiest. From that, a simple weighted average of the "noise rankings" based on the number of operations of each operator will allow comparison between operators to determine their relative rank. For example if there were two operators, and one flew 75 operations with the quietest aircraft and 25 with the second quietest aircraft, and the other operator flew 50 operations with the quietest aircraft and 30 operations with the second quietest aircraft, their weighted average noise ranking would be:

Operator 1:  $[(75 \text{ ops} \times 1 \text{ rank}) + (25 \text{ ops} \times 2 \text{ rank})]/100 \text{ Total ops} = 1.25$

Operator 2:  $[(50 \text{ ops} \times 1 \text{ rank}) + (30 \text{ ops} \times 2 \text{ rank})]/80 \text{ Total ops} = 1.375$

The operator with the lowest weighted average ranking is the operator with the least impact on the park, and the one entitled to the greatest reward or incentive for quiet technology.

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<sup>9</sup> For example, Stage II commercial aircraft are now considered noisy but, were once considered quiet technology.

<sup>10</sup> Moreover, it should be noted that "quiet technology" is really a misnomer, since these "quiet technology" aircraft are still very loud. Quietest available technology is a better term.

<sup>11</sup> "The Sound Exposure Level (SEL) metric represents all the acoustic energy (a.k.a. sound pressure) of an individual noise event as if that event had occurred within a one-second time period. SEL captures both the level (magnitude) and the duration of a sound event in a single numerical quantity, by "squeezing" all the noise energy from an event into one second. This provides a uniform way to make comparisons among noise events of various durations." (FAA, Fundamentals of Noise and Sound, [https://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/policy\\_guidance/noise/basics/](https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/policy_guidance/noise/basics/))

<sup>12</sup> L<sub>Amax</sub> is the maximum A-weighted sound level of an event such as an overflight.

<sup>13</sup> The FAA and NPS should develop criteria beyond just the A-weighted SEL to account for other acoustic characteristics such as frequency and sound quality that also determine the intrusiveness of the noise.

After the Quiet Technology rankings of each operator are calculated, and each operator is ranked, the 25% - 50% of operations reserved for operators with the quiet technology can be distributed using a formula such as:

Rank of Operator in Use of Quiet Technology	Incentive (Percentage of Quiet Technology Operations Awarded)
1	30%
2	25%
3	20%
4	15%
5	10%

**The ATMPs and EAs analysis of Alternative 3s failed to adequately define Quiet Technology and provide meaningful incentives for use of Quiet Technology.**

## **Conclusion**

In order to protect and preserve Haleakala and Hawaii Volcanoes, the agencies should adopt Alternative 2 (prohibition on air tours).

The ATMPs and EAs for these parks do not propose a serious attempt to address the significant adverse impacts from air tours to the natural and cultural resources and the visitor experiences. A serious attempt would have studied and presented alternatives that include features such as no new entrants, elimination of the Coastal Route at Hawaii, the consideration of cumulative impacts of non-ATMP air tours, the establishment of time in ATMP airspace allocations, and the establishment of an effective Quiet Technologies incentives program.

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## NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

July 11, 2023

Re: Continuing Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the development of an Air Tour Management Plan at Haleakalā National Park and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

Dear Kamakana Ferreira:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Park Service (NPS) appreciate your participation in ongoing consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMPs) at Haleakalā National Park and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (Parks). The FAA, as lead federal agency for Section 106, is following up on the meeting of July 6, 2023, which was held to discuss the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' (OHA's) letters from April 20 and April 27, 2023, objecting to the findings of no adverse effect for the ATMPs at the Parks. The FAA is providing confirmation of the commitments agreed to at this meeting and the resolution of OHA's objections.

### 1) *Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) Studies*

OHA provided comments strongly recommending a TCP study be done at each of the Parks to better understand cultural resources within the Parks and to ensure that adequate vertical buffers are implemented. The development of the ATMPs is under court supervision and the agencies must complete the ATMPs by December 31, 2023. While a TCP study is underway at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, it will not be completed in 2023. Haleakalā National Park has an eligibility determination for the park as a TCP, but a complete study has not been conducted. While the agencies acknowledge the value of TCP studies, due to the time needed to complete a TCP study in good faith, the agencies have instead opted to take a conservative approach in treating properties without a formal designation to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and considering the entirety of each Park as a TCP. The agencies based their assessment on information from existing sources, including comments received from cultural practitioners and consulting parties and ethnographic studies/archaeological overviews, including an Ethnographic Study of the Cultural Impacts of Commercial Air Tours over Haleakalā National Park. Based on these sources and cultural concerns presented during Section 106 consultations, the FAA extended the APE to 10,000 ft above MSL at Haleakalā National Park and has no vertical limit at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park to ensure effects to historic resources extending above the ATMP planning area were taken into consideration.

The agencies also emphasize that the ATMPs are living documents and allow for an amendment process. The effectiveness of the ATMPs will be monitored following their implementation and annual meetings will be held to discuss any amendments or other changes needed to the ATMPs

(Sections 3 and 4). The ATMPs allow for amendments if new or unanticipated effects are identified, new information is received, including information received through Native Hawaiian input and/or consultation, or circumstances have changed. These provisions are more fully explained in the ATMPs, including Section 8 for Adaptive Management and Section 9 Amendment.

While a TCP study for each park would be helpful in understanding historic properties within each park, the studies would not be completed in time to assist in evaluating historic properties for the undertakings at each park. Based on this understanding by the parties, the FAA considers this objection resolved.

## 2) *No-Fly Days*

OHA requested an explanation on how the current no-fly days were determined at Haleakalā National Park and that the agencies reconsider the number of no-fly days in response to comments received as part of Section 106 consultation. The ATMP at Haleakalā National Park currently includes 6 no-fly days generated by following the Hawaiian Moon Calendar and Makahiki Season. The park added two Hawai'i State Holidays that are historically significant to Native Hawaiians, bringing the number of culturally and/or historically significant no-fly days related to 8. Additionally, every Sunday and Wednesday are no-fly days bringing the total number of no-fly days up to 112.<sup>1</sup> The ATMP also includes provisions for NPS to establish additional temporary no fly periods for other special events.

The no-fly days were determined through joint Kīpahulu and Summit Kūpuna Group meeting held in 2014 to discuss commercial free days for the Park's Commercial Services Plan. These days were identified with the intention to provide opportunities for Native Hawaiians to conduct cultural practices without interruption from commercial tours. The Park asked for input from Hawaiian staff and community members, as requested through Kūpuna Group consultation. The input included Kamehameha Day, days honoring the passing of Hawaiian park staff and astrologically significant days.

During the April 20, 2023, Section 106 information meeting to explain and respond to questions about the agency's proposed finding and assessment of effects, a consulting party requested the agencies increase the number of no-fly days associated with days of significance to Native Hawaiians. The matter was deferred to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, as changes to the ATMP are being considered through the public comment process on the Draft EA and ATMP and increasing the number of no-fly days would not change the agency's proposed finding of no adverse effect. The comments received through the Section 106 consultation process requesting additional no-fly days have been sent to the NPS's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) site on behalf of the commenters. The NPS is considering these requests.

The FAA understands this objection is resolved as the matter is being considered through the NEPA process and identification of any additional no-fly days would be determined through ongoing consultation outside of Section 106.

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<sup>1</sup> This number is assuming that the eight culturally and/or historically significant no fly days do not fall on a Sunday or Wednesday.

3) *Possible Impacts to the Lo'alo'a Heiau in Kaupō*

Following comments that the FAA and NPS received from consulting parties in November 2022, the APE at Haleakalā National Park was expanded to include the Kaupō area bounded to the south by the southern limits of the ½ mile buffer around the Kaupō Denman parcel. During the April 20, 2023, information meeting, residents of Kaupō had noted that the Lo'alo'a Heiau is in this area and that helicopter noise has been disturbing cultural practices. OHA noted and the agencies recognize that this heiau is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. OHA requested that Lo'alo'a Heiau and Naholoku archaeological sites be included as part of the list of historic properties in the APE and a re-evaluation of the current flight route in light of this information.

The Naholoku archaeological sites are within the APE and listed as a historic property in the Finding of Effects Letter. The FAA received boundary information from the SHPD for the Lo'alo'a Heiau and determined it is outside the APE. Mapping was screen shared at the July 6, 2023, meeting and a map showing the location of the heiau in relation to the APE is attached to this letter to confirm. The OHA requested that the location of the heiau is depicted on a map showing the APE and is shared with the consulting parties. The concerns noted in the April information meeting were regarding current noise, and the agencies do not believe it is reasonably foreseeable that impacts from the ATMP would extend outside the APE.

The agencies are providing the attached map to show the location of the Lo'alo'a Heiau, which is close to but outside the APE, and will be including this in future correspondence to all consulting parties. Based on this information and the commitment by the agencies, the FAA understands this objection is resolved.

4) *Improved pilot training accountability and aircraft maintenance*

OHA has made additional recommendations regarding improved pilot training accountability and aircraft maintenance that are outside the scope of Section 106 considerations. These comments have been sent to PEPC in full on behalf of OHA for consideration in the continued development of the ATMP. Due to the nature of these recommendations, the FAA does not consider them to be objections under Section 106.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 267-4185 or [Judith.Walker@faa.gov](mailto:Judith.Walker@faa.gov), copying [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure:

APE map showing Lo'alo'a Heiau (Not for public release)



*APE map showing Lo'alo'a Heiau*

*(Figure redacted)*



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## **NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

July 26, 2023

Re: Continuing Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the development of an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park (HICRIS Project 2022PR00396)

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Dear Dr. Alan Downer:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in coordination with the National Park Service (NPS), seeks to continue consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the development of an air tour management plan (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Park (Park). The FAA is continuing consultation on the ATMP at this time due to a minor scope change.

Consistent with the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (Act), the proposed ATMP for the Park would regulate commercial air tours within the ATMP planning area. Following consultation, the FAA sent a letter with the proposed finding of no adverse effect on historic properties on March 27, 2023. This finding of effect letter provided an overview of the undertaking – the reduction of air tours, which is the preferred alternative under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); a description of the Area of Potential Effects (APE); a list of historic properties that have been identified to date; and proposed a finding of no adverse effect.

The Park has recently acquired new parcels that expand the Park boundary, and the ATMP planning area (the Park and a ½-mile buffer around the Park) was consequently expanded. When reviewing the changes needed for new parcels, the NPS also found other small parcels that needed to be added to the maps, and consequently expanded the ATMP planning area. Therefore, the agencies are adjusting the APE to include the areas of expanded buffer, as depicted in the purple shaded areas on the APE map provided in **Attachment A**. The APE description remains the same as what was provided in the March 2023 letter; the description of the undertaking also remains the same. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the expanded APE and request any comments you may have regarding the identification of historic properties and potential effects within the new areas of the APE.

## Review Request

The FAA requests that you provide any information you may have regarding the identification of historic properties and potential effects within the new areas of the APE by August 11, 2023. Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Judith Walker at 202-267-4185 or [Judith.Walker@faa.gov](mailto:Judith.Walker@faa.gov) and copy the ATMP team at [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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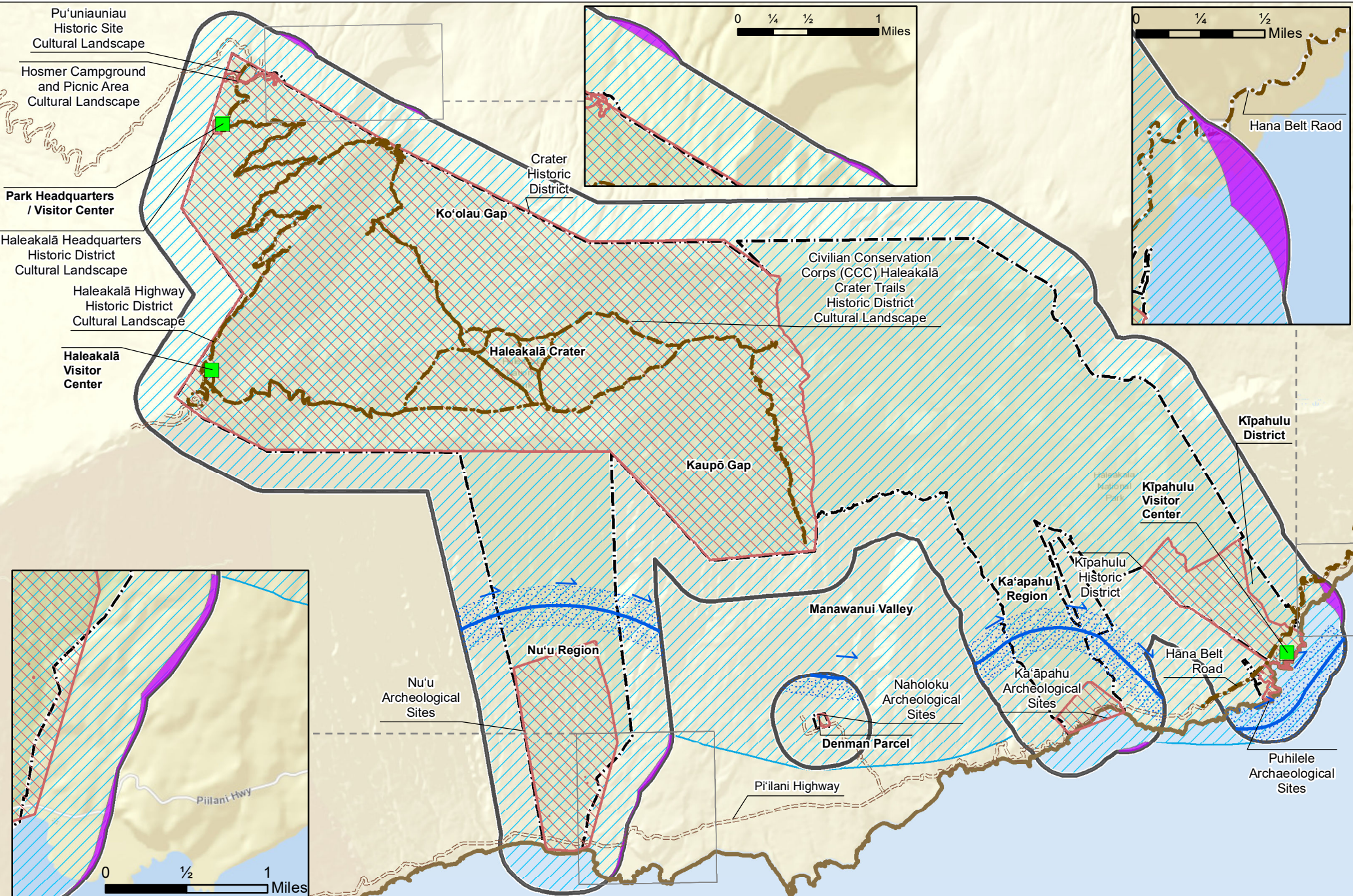
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## Attachments

- A. Area of Potential Effects Map

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS MAP**





Visitor Center

Historic Districts

Historic Roads/Trails

Proposed Route

Primary Road

Area of Potential Effects

Park Unit Boundary

ATMP Planning Area

Area of Potential Effects Addition

**Notes**

1. Arrows on routes indicate direction of flight. Stippled area surrounding route represents a ¼ mile buffer from the route.
2. If pilots are entering or on the route in the ATMP planning area and weather conditions do not allow them to follow the route at the prescribed altitude they must not proceed further on the route. Pilots must safely exit the route and leave the ATMP planning area.





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## **NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

August 14, 2023

Re: Continuing Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the development of an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park (HICRIS Project 2022PR00396)

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Dear Dr. Alan Downer:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in coordination with the National Park Service (NPS), seeks to continue consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the development of an air tour management plan (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Park (Park). The FAA is continuing consultation on the ATMP at this time due to a minor scope change that resulted in the expansion of the area of potential effects (APE).

### **Historic Property Identification**

The agencies shared a map showing the expanded APE with the Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and 60<sup>1</sup> consulting parties (listed in **Attachment A**) in a letter dated July 26, 2023, which included a request for consulting parties to provide comments regarding historic properties and potential effects on historic properties within the new areas of the APE. On July 26, 2023, the agencies also requested historic property data within these areas from the SHPD. The SHPD noted that the Nu'u-Waiu Complex and contributing features to the Hāna Belt Road extend into the new areas of the APE, however, both properties were included on the historic property identification list and effects analysis in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter. No new historic properties were identified through consultation.

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<sup>1</sup> Three newly identified consulting parties were invited to consult, in addition to the SHPD and 57 consulting parties that were included in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter.

## **Consulting Party Comments**

The agencies received responses to the July 26, 2023, APE letter from three consulting parties. In a July 26, 2023, email, the George K. Cypher 'Ohana noted that they have no comments at this time but requested that the agencies also confer with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC). The AHCC is a consulting party for the undertaking, and the agencies sent the APE letter to the AHCC for their review and comment on July 26, 2023, but did not receive a response from the organization. Hōkūlani Holt responded on July 27, 2023, that she assumes the flight pattern does not affect residents of the area. The Section 106 process focuses on the undertaking's potential to affect historic properties. The agencies have delineated the APE to include any areas where the undertaking would result in reasonably foreseeable direct or indirect effects on historic properties. As further explained in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter, the undertaking (implementation of the ATMP) is expected to reduce visual and noise effects from air tours on historic properties and reduce the likelihood that an air tour would interrupt cultural practices within the APE.

In a July 30, 2023, email, Ki'ope Raymond noted that he does not believe the ATMP sufficiently protects the visitor experience, Wilderness character of the Park, or historic and culturally sensitive properties in or near the Park from the visual and noise disturbance from air tours. Mr. Raymond requested that air tours not be allowed to fly over or near historic trails that are part of or extensions of the Park's wilderness trail system. Comments regarding Wilderness areas are beyond the scope of Section 106; however, the agencies have received similar comments regarding Wilderness areas during the public comment period for the draft ATMP and Environmental Assessment (EA) and have addressed them through that process. The ATMP flight path has been delineated to reduce air tour impacts to natural and cultural resources, areas of historic and spiritual significance to Native Hawaiians, wilderness character, and visitor experience. The ATMP also removes direct overflights of historic trails within the Park that are part of the wilderness trail system. As further detailed in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter, the ATMP would reduce visual and noise effects from air tours on historic properties compared to existing conditions, and the duration of air tour noise would decrease throughout the entire Park. The restrictions under the ATMP would also reduce the likelihood that an air tour would interrupt Native Hawaiian traditional practices.

The agencies did not receive any comments with new information regarding unidentified historic properties or potential effects within the new areas of the APE.

## **Effects Assessment**

The APE description remains the same as what was provided in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter. The parcels that have been acquired by the Park and added to the maps were already within the APE; the agencies simply adjusted the APE to include the updated ATMP planning area boundaries as a result of these acquisitions, as depicted in the purple shaded areas on the APE map provided in

### **Attachment B.**

The expansion of the ATMP planning area boundaries in these areas would not result in any new or different effects, nor would it be likely to contribute to any different reasonably foreseeable indirect effects, from those discussed in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter. The designated flight paths under the ATMP do not extend into the new areas of the APE. There are no or few flights in these areas under existing conditions, and no flights would be allowed in these areas under the ATMP. Furthermore, no new historic properties were identified within the expanded areas of the APE. Therefore, the FAA maintains its finding of no adverse effect on historic properties for the reasons described in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter (**Attachment C**).

## Review Request

Based on the analysis above and in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter, the FAA maintains its finding of no adverse effect on historic properties per 36 CFR § 800.5(b). We request that you review the information and respond whether you concur with the finding within thirty days of receiving this letter.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Judith Walker at 202-267-4185 or [Judith.Walker@faa.gov](mailto:Judith.Walker@faa.gov) and copy the ATMP team at [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov).

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## Attachments

- A. List of Consulting Parties
- B. APE Map
- C. March 27, 2023, Finding of Effect Letter



## ATTACHMENT A

### List of Consulting Parties

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Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
The Royal Order of Kamehameha I - Moku O Kahekili - Helu Eha
Schuman Aviation Company, Ltd. (Makani Kai Helicopters, Magnum Helicopters)
Sunshine Helicopters, Inc.
Terry Poaipuni (Individual)
Thompson Ranch
Tweetie Lind (Individual)
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Waiehu Kou Phase 3 Association
Wananalua Congregational Church

August 22, 2023

Judith Walker  
Federal Preservation Office  
Senior Environmental Policy Analyst  
Environment Policy Division  
Federal Aviation Administration

Dear Ms. Walker,

We agree that the designated flight paths under the ATMP do not extend into the new areas of the APE. There are no or few flights in these areas under existing conditions, and no flights would be allowed in these areas under the ATMP. Furthermore, no new historic properties were identified within the expanded areas of the APE. The above analysis is valid for the DKIST location as well, and we concur with the FAA findings of No Adverse Effect.

Sincerely,

Jen Ditsler  
Head of Administration & Support Facilities  
National Solar Observatory  
Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope

Cc: Charlie Fein, KC Environmental

**From:** [Harry Graham](#)  
**To:** [ATMPTeam](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Section 106 Continuing Consultation – ATMP for Haleakalā National Park - Nu'u Mauka Ranch  
**Date:** Monday, August 28, 2023 6:55:19 PM

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Aloha.

I have no issue with the plan as outlined. Unless things change again I'm OK with it.

Mahalo

Andy Graham

Nuu Mauka Ranch

On August 14, 2023 2:08:26 PM MDT, ATMPTeam <[ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov)> wrote:

Dear Andy Graham:

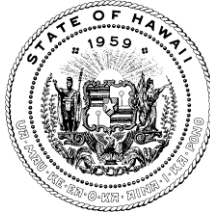
The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in coordination with the National Park Service (NPS), seeks to continue consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the development of an air tour management plan (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Park. The FAA is continuing consultation on the ATMP at this time due to a minor scope change that expanded the area of potential effects (APE). The attached letter details the finding of effects analysis for the undertaking within the expanded APE.

Please review the information and respond whether you concur with the proposed finding within 30 days of receiving this letter. Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Judith Walker at 202-267-4185 or [Judith.Walker@faa.gov](mailto:Judith.Walker@faa.gov) and copy the ATMP team at [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov).

Best regards,  
Judith Walker

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August 29, 2023

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
Project No.: 2022PR00396  
Doc No.: 2308SH09  
Archaeology  
Architecture

Dear Judith Walker:

SUBJECT: **National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Review –  
Revised Area of Potential Effects and Request for Concurrence with Effect Determination  
Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park  
Ke'anae, Ha'ikū Uka, Pūlehunui, Ko'olau, Kalialinui, Kawaipapa, Kamehamenui,  
Waiakoa, 'Alaenui, Nu'u, Papa'anui, Nakula, Kahikinui, Naholoku, 'Alaeiki, Pu'uhaaoa,  
Wailua, Ka'āpahu, Kukui'ula, Pua'alu'u, Kukui'ulaiki, Kīko'o and Ahupua'a,  
Ko'olau, Hāmākualoa, Kula, Hāna, Kipahulu, Kaupō, Honua'ula, and Kahikinui Districts,  
Island of Maui  
TMK: (2) various**

On July 26, 2023, the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) received a letter from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to continue the Section 106 historic preservation process and to notify the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and request an expedited review, of the revised Area of Potential Effects for the Development of an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park on the island of Maui (HICRIS Submission No. 2022PR00396.016). On August 14, 2023, the SHPD received another letter from FAA requesting the SHPO's concurrence with the effect determination (HICRIS Submission 2022PR000396.017).

The proposed project, in coordination with the National Park Service (NPS), has been determined to be a federal undertaking as defined in 36 CFR 800.16(y) and is subject to compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA. The FAA is acting as the lead federal agency for this undertaking. The project proposes to develop an Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Park (Park).

According to the letter received, the Park has recently acquired new parcels that expand the Park boundary, and the ATMP planning area (the Park and a ½-mile buffer around the Park) was therefore expanded. When reviewing the changes needed for new parcels, the NPS also found other small parcels that needed to be added to the maps and consequently expanded the ATMP planning area. Therefore, the agencies are adjusting the APE to include the areas of expanded buffer. The FAA's July 26, 2023 letter requests comments regarding the identification of historic properties and potential effects within the new areas of the APE. The FAA's August 14, 2023 letter states that no historic properties were newly identified through consultation. It also states that the parcels that have been acquired by the Park and added to the maps were already within the APE; the agencies simply adjusted the APE to include the updated ATMP planning area boundaries as a result of these acquisitions.

Haleakalā has been determined to be a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP). As stated by FAA, commercial air tours, by their nature, have the potential to impact resources for which feeling and setting are contributing elements. The

ATMP includes a provision for the NPS to establish temporary no-fly periods for special events, such as native Hawaiian ceremonies or other similar events, with a minimum of two months' notice to the operators.

Based on the information provided by FAA, and comments provided by consulting parties, **the SHPO does not concur** with FAA's determination that the proposed Air Tour Management Plan will have *no adverse effect* on historic properties. **The SHPO has determined** that the proposed plan will result in an *adverse effect* to TCPs and traditional cultural practices.

Federal agencies are required to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects. Please note that if the federal agency and the SHPO concur that the adverse effect cannot be avoided, the Section 106 process will not conclude until the consultation process is complete, an MOA is developed, executed, and implemented, and if applicable, the formal comments of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation have been received, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.6.

The SHPD looks forward to continuing the Section 106 process for the proposed project.

**Please submit** all forthcoming information and correspondence related to the subject project to SHPD via HICRIS to Project No. 2022PR00396 using the Project Supplement option.

The FAA and the NPS are the offices of record for this undertaking. Please maintain a copy of this letter with your environmental review record for this undertaking.

Please contact Jessica Puff, Architecture Branch Chief, at (808) 462-3083 or at [Jessica.Puff@hawaii.gov](mailto:Jessica.Puff@hawaii.gov) for matters related to the identification of historic places, architectural resources, or the built environment. Please contact Stephanie Hacker, Historic Preservation Archaeologist IV, at [Stephanie.Hacker@hawaii.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Hacker@hawaii.gov) or at (808) 692-8046 for matters regarding archaeological resources or this letter.

Aloha,

*Alan Downer*

Alan S. Downer, PhD  
Administrator, State Historic Preservation Division  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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5 September 2023

Aloha Ms. Walker,

Mahalo for the opportunity to respond to your letter of September 1, 2023. I was certain I had submitted comments on the Haleakalā ATMP previous to July 30, but I must have been mistaken. My comments of July 30 and, the comments in this letter, should apply to the entire process, please.

I would like to clarify something I read in your letter. The letter quotes me as having written, “In a July 30, 2023, email, Ki’ope Raymond noted that he does not believe the ATMP sufficiently protects the visitor experience, Wilderness character of the Park, or historic and culturally sensitive properties in or near the Park from the visual and noise disturbance from air tours. Mr. Raymond requested that air tours not be allowed to fly over or near historic trails that are part of or extensions of the Park’s wilderness trail system.” That statement is correct. However, I would like to make clear that when I wrote of protecting the “visitor” experience I was also including any native Hawaiian religious practitioner’s experience; not only tourists visiting the Park. Not all visitors to the Park are native Hawaiian religious practitioners but all native Hawaiian religious practitioners are visitors to the Park. I would rather it convey, “....he does not believe the ATMP sufficiently protects the visitor, *especially native Hawaiian religious practitioners, experience.*”?

I am observing a growing commitment on the part of native Hawaiians to reconnect to Hawaiian religious practices. I believe it can be anticipated that audible elements that disrupt religious practices in the future, destroying the sanctity of Haleakalā, will be even more of a concern than they already are. I believe now is the time for as sincere and as complete an abatement of audible impacts to Haleakalā as possible.

Noise disturbance particularly is an affront to, and has an adverse affect on, some Hawaiian religious practices. The National Park Service in its publication, “PU’UKOHOLA HEIAU NHS • KALOKO-HONOKOHAU NHP • PU’UHONUA O HONAUNAU NHP, A Cultural History of Three Traditional Hawaiian Sites on the West Coast of Hawai’i Island” states in the section regarding religion, “High officials declared general kapu and had them publicly announced. On specific nights of every lunar month, rituals and sacrifices took place at the temple of each major deity. During a strict kapu period, when the ruler especially needed the favor of the deities, *absolute silence was mandated* in order not to break the sacred spell of the rites. All human activity ceased, no fires were built, domestic animals were shut away or muzzled, and everyone except priests remained indoors.” And, the scholastic literature is replete with references to “silence” necessary to effectuate Hawaiian religious ceremony.

In reading the statement, “The restrictions under the ATMP would also reduce the likelihood that an air tour would interrupt Native Hawaiian traditional practices.”, I am concerned that to merely “reduce the likelihood” of interrupting Native Hawaiian traditional practices is not proactive enough to satisfy Section 106.

Me ka mahalo a me ke aloha,

Stanley Ki’ope Raymond  
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August 21, 2023

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*Submitted via email to all recipients*

**Re: Request for Correction to FAA's August 14, 2023 Letter to Consulting Parties for Air Tour Management Plan at Haleakalā National Park**

Dear Ms. Walker,

The National Trust for Historic Preservation ("NTHP") and the National Parks Conservation Association ("NPCA") write regarding the August 14, 2023 letter from the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") to Section 106 consulting parties, including our organizations, requesting responses within 30 days regarding whether consulting parties concur with the FAA's renewed finding of no adverse effect for the proposed Air Tour Management Plan ("ATMP") at Haleakalā National Park.

The FAA's previous letter dated July 26, 2023 had requested responses by August 11, 2023 "regarding the identification of historic properties and potential effects within the new areas of the APE." Our organizations both submitted written responses by August 11. However, the FAA's most recent letter to the consulting parties on August 14 stated that the FAA only received three responses to its July 26 letter, none of which were from our organizations. This is simply incorrect. We request that FAA circulate a correction to all consulting parties explaining that our organizations' position was misrepresented in the August 14<sup>th</sup> letter.

**NTHP and NPCA both Submitted Timely Responses to the July 26 Letter**

On August 11, 2023, the NTHP wrote to the FAA, stating:

"Dear ATMP Team,

In response to the revised Area of Potential Effects proposal for the Haleakala ATMP [i.e., the July 26 letter, which was attached], the National Trust for Historic Preservation continues to have concerns about the proposed undertaking, and we continue to disagree with the FAA's proposed determination of no adverse effect. Attached is a copy of our earlier letter dated April 28, 2023, describing in more detail the basis for our disagreement. We wish to continue our participation as a consulting party, but we respectfully recommend that it may be appropriate for the FAA to suspend the consultation process for the time being, in the wake of the recent tragic fires that have occurred on Maui.

Sincerely,  
Betsy Merritt<sup>1</sup>

And on August 11, 2023,<sup>2</sup> the NPCA wrote to the FAA, stating:

“Hello FAA/Judith,  
Considering the emergency situation on Maui with the fires, and the request for responses by today, we request this Haleakala 106 process be put on hold. Please let us know. Thank you,  
Neal”

Since our organizations advocate on behalf of our members, including members living in Hawai‘i, on critical national park issues such as the ATMPs, we called attention to the tragic fires that have impacted communities and led President Biden to approve an emergency disaster declaration the day before on August 10, 2023. The NTHP’s August 11, 2023 response also stated its ongoing disagreement with the FAA’s proposed determination of no adverse effect, and ongoing concerns about the proposed undertaking. These comments and concerns should have been included in the FAA’s August 14<sup>th</sup> letter, in which the FAA represented to the consulting parties that it was reporting on all of the comments that it had received.

**NTHP and NPCA’s Comments Were Not Reported by the FAA in its August 14, 2023 Letter to the Consulting Parties**

In contrast, the FAA referenced in its August 14, 2023 letter a response it received from a consulting party who the FAA characterized as having “no comments at this time but requested that the agencies also confer with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.” It is unclear to us why the FAA would selectively mention certain consulting parties who had “no comments at this time,” but fail to mention the comments received from two highly engaged consulting parties – NPCA and NTHP – that are on record objecting to the FAA’s proposed determination of effects. The FAA’s selective reporting of responses has the effect of misleading consulting parties and subverting the Section 106 consultation by creating the false impression that our organizations, (which have been very engaged, and critical of the ATMP), were losing interest in the consultation and disengaging.

**The FAA’s Omission is Part of a Troubling Pattern**

The FAA has taken an unorthodox approach to this consultation that has repeatedly resulted in the exclusion of consulting parties from communications, meetings, and consideration. The ACHP has already opined that the FAA’s practice of separating the objecting consulting parties for individual meetings is inadvisable (advice the FAA has rejected), and NTHP has repeatedly stated that this “divide and conquer” approach prevents the communication of local knowledge and concerns to national organizations and vice versa. The FAA has also excluded the Historic Hawai‘i Foundation from important consultation meetings, and from all mention as an objecting party, under the pretense that their initial letter to the FAA, which explained their objections in great detail, somehow expired. Now, NTHP and NPCA find ourselves and our comments also inexplicably

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<sup>1</sup> The NTHP email was sent at 8:42 PM Hawaii time on August 11.

<sup>2</sup> The NPCA email was sent at 9:36 AM Hawaii time on August 11.

excluded.

This pattern of excessively restrictive and exclusive actions is in stark contrast to our organization's typical experience with Section 106 consultations. It is also especially troubling given the nature of the objections being raised by the parties being excluded, which primarily ask for the adverse effects caused by this ATMP to be acknowledged in a way consistent with other ATMPs. It is unclear whether the FAA's refusal to acknowledge the adverse effects of the ATMPs in Hawai'i national parks (vs. national parks on the mainland) is a reflection of less weight being given to the objections of Native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiian Organizations (vs. Native American Tribes).<sup>3</sup>

In sum, we request that the FAA circulate a correction to its August 14 letter to include a reference to the comments received from both of our organizations in response to the FAA's July 26 letter. We hope that this incident will be the end of the pattern that we note above. Thank you very much for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth S. Merritt  
Deputy General Counsel  
National Trust for Historic Preservation



Chris Cody  
Associate General Counsel  
National Trust for Historic Preservation



Neal Desai  
Senior Program Director, Pacific Region  
National Parks Conservation Association

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<sup>3</sup> *August 17, 2023 Letter from Congressman Case to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.* "It is unacceptable that the FAA, in the draft ATMPs for Badlands National Park and Mount Rushmore National Memorial, concedes that air tours cause additional adverse effects that make them incompatible based on concerns raised during consultation there, yet completely disregards the significant concerns raised during consultation at the Hawaii's parks."

*July 26, 2023 letter from Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Division to the FAA and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.* "Despite holding numerous consultation meetings, FAA has not made a good faith effort to consult, rather they have only moved through the motions to comply with the four-step process and 36 CFR § 800. The FAA has not taken into consideration how the air tour management plan could be amended to avoid, minimize, or mitigate effects to historic properties, nor have they amended their determination of effect to consider these effects, which have been raised by the SHPO and consulting parties throughout the consultation meetings including those held recently as referenced above."

cc: Rachel Mangum and Jaime Loichinger, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
Karen Trevino, Lead Staff for Hawai'i ATMPs, National Park Service  
Alan Downer, Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Officer  
Susan Lebo, Jessica Puff, and Stephanie Hacker,  
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Friends of Haleakalā National Park



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## NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

August 14, 2023

Re: Continuing Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the development of an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park

Betsy Merritt  
Deputy General Counsel  
National Trust for Historic Preservation  
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Dear Betsy Merritt:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in coordination with the National Park Service (NPS), seeks to continue consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the development of an air tour management plan (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Park (Park). The FAA is continuing consultation on the ATMP at this time due to a minor scope change that resulted in the expansion of the area of potential effects (APE).

### Historic Property Identification

The agencies shared a map showing the expanded APE with the Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and 60<sup>1</sup> consulting parties (listed in **Attachment A**) in a letter dated July 26, 2023, which included a request for consulting parties to provide comments regarding historic properties and potential effects on historic properties within the new areas of the APE. On July 26, 2023, the agencies also requested historic property data within these areas from the SHPD. The SHPD noted that the Nu'u-Waiu Complex and contributing features to the Hāna Belt Road extend into the new areas of the APE, however, both properties were included on the historic property identification list and effects analysis in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter. No new historic properties were identified through consultation.

### Consulting Party Comments

The agencies received responses to the July 26, 2023, APE letter from three consulting parties. In a July 26, 2023, email, the George K. Cypher 'Ohana noted that they have no comments at this time but requested that the agencies also confer with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC). The AHCC

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<sup>1</sup> Three newly identified consulting parties were invited to consult, in addition to the SHPD and 57 consulting parties that were included in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter.

is a consulting party for the undertaking, and the agencies sent the APE letter to the AHCC for their review and comment on July 26, 2023, but did not receive a response from the organization. Hōkūlani Holt responded on July 27, 2023, that she assumes the flight pattern does not affect residents of the area. The Section 106 process focuses on the undertaking's potential to affect historic properties. The agencies have delineated the APE to include any areas where the undertaking would result in reasonably foreseeable direct or indirect effects on historic properties. As further explained in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter, the undertaking (implementation of the ATMP) is expected to reduce visual and noise effects from air tours on historic properties and reduce the likelihood that an air tour would interrupt cultural practices within the APE.

In a July 30, 2023, email, Ki'ope Raymond noted that he does not believe the ATMP sufficiently protects the visitor experience, Wilderness character of the Park, or historic and culturally sensitive properties in or near the Park from the visual and noise disturbance from air tours. Mr. Raymond requested that air tours not be allowed to fly over or near historic trails that are part of or extensions of the Park's wilderness trail system. Comments regarding Wilderness areas are beyond the scope of Section 106; however, the agencies have received similar comments regarding Wilderness areas during the public comment period for the draft ATMP and Environmental Assessment (EA) and have addressed them through that process. The ATMP flight path has been delineated to reduce air tour impacts to natural and cultural resources, areas of historic and spiritual significance to Native Hawaiians, wilderness character, and visitor experience. The ATMP also removes direct overflights of historic trails within the Park that are part of the wilderness trail system. As further detailed in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter, the ATMP would reduce visual and noise effects from air tours on historic properties compared to existing conditions, and the duration of air tour noise would decrease throughout the entire Park. The restrictions under the ATMP would also reduce the likelihood that an air tour would interrupt Native Hawaiian traditional practices.

The agencies did not receive any comments with new information regarding unidentified historic properties or potential effects within the new areas of the APE.

### **Effects Assessment**

The APE description remains the same as what was provided in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter. The parcels that have been acquired by the Park and added to the maps were already within the APE; the agencies simply adjusted the APE to include the updated ATMP planning area boundaries as a result of these acquisitions, as depicted in the purple shaded areas on the APE map provided in **Attachment B**.

The expansion of the ATMP planning area boundaries in these areas would not result in any new or different effects, nor would it be likely to contribute to any different reasonably foreseeable indirect effects, from those discussed in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter. The designated flight paths under the ATMP do not extend into the new areas of the APE. There are no or few flights in these areas under existing conditions, and no flights would be allowed in these areas under the ATMP. Furthermore, no new historic properties were identified within the expanded areas of the APE. Therefore, the FAA maintains its finding of no adverse effect on historic properties for the reasons described in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter (**Attachment C**).

### **Review Request**

Based on the analysis above and in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter, the FAA maintains its finding of no adverse effect on historic properties per 36 CFR § 800.5(b). We request that you review the information and respond whether you concur with the finding within thirty days of receiving this letter.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Judith Walker at 202-267-4185 or [Judith.Walker@faa.gov](mailto:Judith.Walker@faa.gov) and copy the ATMP team at [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judith Walker', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Judith Walker  
Federal Preservation Officer  
Senior Environmental Policy Analyst  
Environmental Policy Division (AEE-400)  
Federal Aviation Administration

cc: Elaine Chang, Legal Coordinator

#### Attachments

- A. List of Consulting Parties
- B. APE Map
- C. March 27, 2023, Finding of Effect Letter

## ATTACHMENT A

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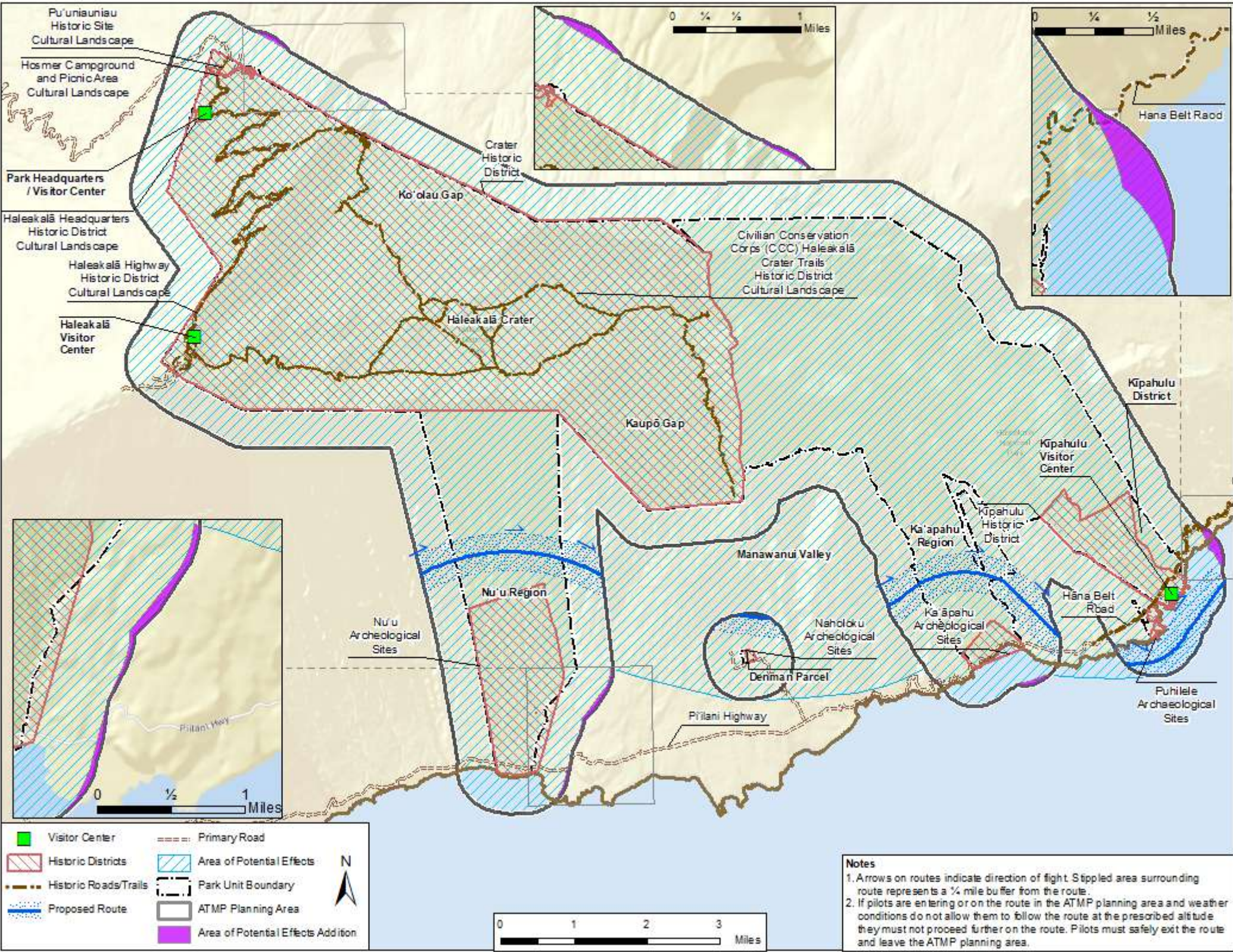


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**ATTACHMENT B**

**APE MAP**







**ATTACHMENT C**

**MARCH 27, 2023, FINDING OF EFFECT LETTER**



United States Department of Transportation  
**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**  
Office of Policy, International Affairs & Environment  
Office of Environment and Energy

## **NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

March 27, 2023

Re: Continuing Consultation and Finding of No Adverse Effect under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Development of an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park (HICRIS Project 2022PR00396)

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Dear Dr. Alan Downer:

### **Introduction**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in coordination with the National Park Service (NPS) (together, the agencies), seeks to continue consultation with your office under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the development of an Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Park (Park). At this time, the FAA requests your concurrence with its proposed finding that the undertaking would have no adverse effect on historic properties, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.5(c). On this date, we are also notifying all consulting parties of this proposed finding and providing the documentation below for their review.

In accordance with the requirements of 36 CFR 800.11(e), this letter provides: a description of the undertaking – reduction of air tours (the preferred alternative under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)); the Area of Potential Effects (APE); a description of steps taken to identify historic properties; a description of historic properties in the APE and the characteristics that qualify them for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register); and an explanation of why the criteria of adverse effect do not apply to this undertaking. This letter also describes the Section 106 consultation process and public involvement for this undertaking.

The FAA initiated Section 106 consultation with Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) by letter dated March 29, 2021. Similar consultation initiation letters were sent to consulting parties in early 2021. In a follow-up letter dated October 1, 2021, we invited all consulting parties (listed in

**Attachment A)** to an October 28, 2021, informational webinar to provide background on the ATMP development process at the Park. The agencies have held meetings with Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) and members of the Park's Kūpuna (grandparents, ancestors; starting points, sources) consultation group, which consists of elders and individuals with in-depth knowledge of the Park, to discuss the ATMP planning process, the range of alternatives, and Section 106 consultation. Section 106 consultation with the consulting parties including NHOs and the Kūpuna consultation group is further described below in the Summary of Section 106 Consultation with Consulting Parties.

Public involvement for this undertaking was integrated with the NEPA process. The agencies published an ATMP Public Scoping Potential Alternatives Newsletter on February 28, 2022. The Public Scoping comment period spanned from February 28, 2022, to April 1, 2022. The agencies received 4,347 discrete comments, 257 of which were regarding impacts to cultural resources. The agencies received comments about the importance of the Park to Native Hawaiians and that the Park contains culturally significant resources, sites, temples, and burial grounds. Commenters expressed opposition to air tours and noted that the sight and sounds of air tours disrupt cultural sites and traditional practices and infringe on the religious freedoms of those who visit certain areas for pule (prayer) interaction, religious ceremonies, solitude, relaxation, contemplation, silence, and meditation. Commenters also noted the destruction air tours cause to the Hawaiian communities by taking away the connection and ability to speak with the Kūpuna and interfering with Native Hawaiian traditional cultural practices.

Commenters noted that the Park is a traditional cultural property (TCP) that should be treated with respect, and it is the dwelling place of nā akua (the gods), where kahuna (priests) conduct ceremonies. Commenters also noted that Native Hawaiians and the Kūpuna believe the Crater and Pele are sacred, serene, peaceful spaces of cultural and spiritual significance that should not be interrupted or disturbed.

Commenters stated that air tours over sacred land and indigenous communities is exploitative and linked it to the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom and erasure of Hawaiian culture and language. Commenters noted that air tour demand would decrease if more people were aware of the overthrow and its impacts. Commenters also stated that tourism, marketing Hawai'i as an exotic tourist destination, and the commodification and overexposure of Hawaiian culture has created cultural distortions leading to degradation of Hawaiian culture that makes it more difficult for Hawaiian activism and sovereignty to gain traction and poses a serious threat to the sovereignty of ancestral domain over the land by its indigenous caretakers. Commenters stated that air tours affect the pristine, sanctuary environment of the Hawaiian Islands Sovereign Lands and noted that Native Hawaiians are constantly being pressured by tourism.

Commenters emphasized the importance of keeping the considerations of the local population, especially the indigenous Hawaiian population, as a top priority in the planning of the ATMP. Commenters questioned if the kahuna and "tribal peoples" were asked their thoughts on the ATMP and requested the agencies work closely with the Native Hawaiian communities and put their concerns above all else, especially with issues that will affect future generations.

Commenters stated that the Haleakalā National Park Foundation Document (updated September 2015) lists nine fundamental resources and values (FRVs) "essential to achieving the purpose of the park," which include natural sounds, viewsheds and dark night skies; wilderness; ongoing connections to living Hawaiian culture; native Hawaiian biological diversity; and kuleana (the responsibility to present and future generations for stewardship and the respect for all things spiritual and physical). Commenters noted that any number of commercial air tours fundamentally impedes or damages each of these FRVs,

including intrusion on Native Hawaiian cultural ceremonies and practices, interference of acoustic-based bird surveys, and unreasonable impacts on interpretive programs and visitor activities throughout the Park, and that any flights anywhere close to the boundary of Haleakalā Crater, in either height or distance, have an amplifying destructive effect on the peace, quiet and serenity of the Crater.

Commenters expressed opposition to maintaining air tours at current levels as it would continue to cause impacts to cultural resources and ceremonial use. Commenters expressed support for reducing or eliminating air tours to provide greater protection from noise impacts to cultural resources, cultural practices, ceremonial sites, and TCPs. Commenters noted that it was important to protect indigenous land, especially since the area within the ATMP holds culturally significant areas that are considered sacred and/or used for cultural practices with reference to: Hall, Lisa Kahaleole, “‘Hawaiian at Heart’ and other Fictions”; *The Contemporary Pacific* (2005): 404-413.

### **Description of the Undertaking**

Consistent with the National Park Air Tours Management Act (NPATMA), the proposed ATMP would regulate commercial air tours within the ATMP planning area. Further background information regarding the history of commercial air tours over the Park, the authority under which they are currently conducted, and the area to be regulated under the ATMP is available in the February 2022 Scoping Newsletter, prepared by the agencies, that was previously provided to you and is available at the following link:

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=306&projectID=103365&documentID=118738>

The undertaking for purposes of Section 106 is developing and implementing an ATMP that applies to all commercial air tours over the Park and within ½ mile outside the boundary of the Park. A commercial air tour subject to the ATMP is any flight conducted for compensation or hire in a powered aircraft where a purpose of the flight is sightseeing over the Park, or within ½ mile of its boundary, during which the aircraft flies:

- (1) Below 5,000 feet (ft.) above ground level (AGL) (except solely for the purposes of takeoff or landing, or necessary for safe operation of an aircraft as determined under the rules and regulations of the FAA requiring the pilot-in-command to take action to ensure the safe operation of the aircraft); or
- (2) Less than one mile laterally from any geographic feature within the Park (unless more than ½ mile outside the Park boundary).

The area regulated by the ATMP is referred to as the ATMP planning area. Overflights that do not meet the definition of a commercial air tour above are not subject to NPATMA and are thus outside the scope of the ATMP.

Commercial air tours have been operating over the Park for over 20 years. Prior to NPATMA, the FAA did not regulate air tours over national parks and the NPS did not have authority to regulate commercial air tours. Since 2005, these air tours have been conducted pursuant to interim operating authority (IOA) that the FAA was required to grant under NPATMA. As a non-discretionary act, the granting of IOA did not constitute an undertaking under Section 106 regulations. IOA does not provide any operating conditions (e.g., routes, altitudes, time of day, etc.) for air tours other than an annual limit on the number of air tours per year. Six commercial air tour operators – Aris, Inc. (Air Maui Helicopter Tours); Hawai'i Helicopters, Inc.; Helicopter Consultants of Maui, Inc. (Blue Hawaiian Helicopters); Schuman /

Makani Kai; Sunshine Helicopters, Inc.; and Alike Aviation, Inc. (Alexair, Maverick) – hold IOA to conduct a combined total of 25,827 commercial air tours over the Park each year. The ATMP will replace IOA.

The agencies have documented the existing conditions for commercial air tour operations over the Park. The agencies consider the existing operations for commercial air tours to be an average of 2017-2019 annual air tours flown, which is 4,824 air tours. A three-year average is used because it reflects the most accurate and reliable air tour conditions, and accounts for variations across multiple years.

Commercial air tours currently are provided by five different operators<sup>1</sup> and are conducted using AS350BA, AS350B2, EC130 T2, and EC130 B4 helicopters. Under existing conditions, there are no designated flight routes or no-fly zones that operators must adhere to; however, commercial air tours are generally concentrated south of the Haleakalā Crater and along the southern portions of the Park according to automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast (ADS-B) systems<sup>2</sup> data of flight paths. Minimum altitudes for commercial air tours within the ATMP planning area are flown in accordance with the Hawai'i Air Tour Common Procedures Manual, from 500 to 1,500 ft. AGL, weather dependent and contingent on location over the island. In most locations over the Park, the Hawai'i Air Tour Common Procedures Manual requires helicopters to fly at a minimum of 500 ft. AGL.

The proposed undertaking, which was referred to in prior consultation and the February 2022 Scoping Newsletter as Alternative 3 – Reduction of Air Tours, would require operators to fly on a single designated route within the ATMP planning area in accordance with the conditions included in the ATMP. The ATMP will require operators to fly the designated route depicted in **Attachment B**.

A summary of the undertaking is shown in the table below:

#### SUMMARY OF ATMP ELEMENTS

<b>General Description and Objectives</b>	Designates a single flight path within the ATMP planning area and a reduction in the annual number of commercial air tours over the Park. Air tours could still continue to fly outside the ATMP planning area (i.e., above 5,000 ft. AGL or more than ½-mile outside of the Park's boundary).
<b>Annual/Daily Number of Flights</b>	Authorizes 2,412 flights per year. Daily limit of 16 flights per day across all operators on those days where flights are allowed.
<b>Routes</b>	One air tour route with four segments. The first segment of the route enters the ATMP planning area from the west, south of the State Kahikinui Forest Reserve and extends west-to-east above the Nu'u Area before ending at the edge of the ATMP planning area. The second segment enters the ATMP planning area within a ½ mile of the Denman Parcel and ends south of the Kīpahulu Forest Reserve. The third segment enters near the Ka'apahu Area and ends approximately 0.75 miles from the Kīpahulu Area and Visitor Center. The fourth segment enters the ATMP planning area over the ocean south of

<sup>1</sup> Six operators hold IOA, but one operator (Schuman/Makani Kai) has not reported any air tours since 2013.

<sup>2</sup> ADS-B systems periodically transmits aircraft location data in real-time.



	Puhilele Point and ends over the ocean south of Pepeiaolepo Bay. This route allows operators to fly in one direction—west to east.
<b>Minimum Altitudes</b>	Minimum 2,000 ft. AGL over land; minimum 3,000 ft. AGL over the ocean. Operators may continue to fly to points of interest on the island outside of the ATMP planning area where they already fly or fly routes over or around the ATMP planning area similar to existing flights paths but outside of the ATMP planning area. Flights more than ½-mile outside the Park boundary could continue to occur and are also outside the ATMP planning area and are subject to the altitude requirements and procedures of the Hawai'i Air Tour Common Procedures Manual. Some air tour operators may choose to fly air tours above the ATMP planning area, but this would be impractical in some locations, such as over the crater, due to safety requirements for unpressurized aircraft.
<b>Time of Day</b>	On days where air tours are permitted: 11 AM – 2 PM for non-quiet technology flights. 11 AM – 4 PM for quiet technology flights.
<b>Day of Week</b>	No-fly days on Sunday and Wednesday.
<b>Hovering and/or Circling</b>	Not permitted.
<b>Quiet Technology Incentives</b>	Quiet technology flights may fly 11 AM – 4 PM except on no-fly days. All commercial air tours within the ATMP planning area must exclusively utilize quiet technology aircraft by 2033.
<b>Interpretative Training and Education</b>	Mandatory, when made available by Park staff. Helicopter operators would also be required to complete the FAA Introduction to Fly Neighborly training.
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	Mandatory, when requested by the agencies.
<b>Restrictions for Particular Events</b>	Six no-fly days generated by following the Hawaiian Moon Calendar and Makahiki Season; two no-fly days on Hawai'i State holidays of historical importance with prior notice provided to operators. NPS could establish restrictions for particular events with two months' notice provided to operators.
<b>Monitoring and Enforcement</b>	Operators would provide semi-annual reports, including the flight monitoring data, which is specified in detail in the ATMP Section 4.1. The NPS would conduct ADS-B aircraft monitoring and work with the FAA to respond to instances of non-compliance. The FAA FSDO would investigate all reports of noncompliance. Investigative determination of non-compliance may result in legal enforcement actions.
<b>Adaptive Management</b>	Adaptive management of the route, frequency, and timing would be considered/analyzed. NPS would conduct periodic acoustic monitoring.
<b>Operators, Initial Allocation of Air Tours, and Aircraft Types</b>	The initial allocation of commercial air tours for each operator would reflect the proportion of the annual air tours flown on average by each of the six air tour companies from 2017-2019 and would restrict companies to the same aircraft type flown during that time. After the

	initial allocation, competitive bidding would occur. Any new or replacement aircraft must not exceed the noise level produced by the aircraft being replaced.
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## Area of Potential Effects

The agencies initially delineated the APE to include the Park and a ½-mile buffer around the Park. The agencies held a Section 106 consultation meeting with all consulting parties on November 10, 2022, to inform them of the proposed APE and to seek comments. The agencies took into consideration the input from the consulting parties and subsequently expanded the boundaries of the APE to incorporate comments received by the consulting parties regarding additional areas potentially affected by the undertaking.

The undertaking does not require land acquisition, construction, or ground disturbance. In establishing the APE, the FAA sought to include areas where any historic property present could be affected by noise from or sight of commercial air tours that may take place under any of the selectable draft alternatives, including those over the Park or those that are reasonably foreseeable to take place adjacent to the ATMP planning area. The FAA considered the number and altitude of commercial air tours over historic properties in these areas to further assess the potential for visual effects and any incremental change in noise levels that may result in alteration of the characteristics of historic properties qualifying them as eligible for listing in the National Register.

It is reasonably foreseeable that operators would fly the proposed flight path at a minimum of 2,000 ft. AGL or fly close to their existing flight paths above 5,000 ft. AGL or outside the ATMP planning area. The undertaking proposes a flight path through the Park that varies from currently reported routes. The proposed flight path connects to existing flight paths at the easternmost and westernmost bounds of the ATMP planning area (based on ADS-B systems data of flight paths) but shifts to the south at the Kaupō Denman parcel as well as the Kīpahulu and Kaʻāpahu areas. While the flights may not follow a straight line connecting the route outside the ATMP planning area, it is reasonably foreseeable that some flights would follow the proposed flight path and maintain a direct connection to the path outside of the ATMP planning area some of the time.

Therefore, the APE includes the Park and areas outside the Park but within ½ mile of its boundary. The APE also includes areas outside of the ATMP planning area between the Nuʻu and Kaʻāpahu areas of the park, bounded to the south by the southern limits of the ½ mile buffer around the Kaupō Denman parcel, and the overland area between the Kaʻāpahu and Kīpahulu areas of the park. The inclusion of areas outside the ATMP planning area addresses the most direct path operators may fly to connect to the proposed flight path, allowing for deviation in the route and the extent of new visual and audible impacts that may result. The APE extends vertically from ground level to encompass areas where the operators may fly above the ATMP planning area (i.e., more than 5,000 ft. AGL). If operators choose to fly above the ATMP planning area, they would likely keep to an altitude close to but just above 5,000 ft. AGL, as higher flight altitudes would provide limited value to a sightseeing operation. As the ground level varies throughout the park, the vertical limits extend to just above 5,000 ft. mean sea level (MSL) at the coastline to no more than 10,000 ft. MSL near the summit.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Supplemental oxygen use is required in unpressurized aircraft flying over 10,000 ft MSL for more than 30 minutes (14 CFR § 135.89, § 135.157); therefore, it is unlikely air tours would fly higher for extended periods of time.

This APE encompasses the reasonably foreseeable areas where operators may fly given the implementation of the ATMP and therefore the areas within which the undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historical properties within the APE if any such properties exist. The proposed APE is depicted in the map included in **Attachment B** below.

The FAA sent a letter dated December 23, 2022, to the SHPD requesting their input on the revised APE. On January 26, 2023, the SHPD offered no objections to the APE, but noted that the State Historic Preservation Officer looked forward to receiving and reviewing the agencies' responses to the consulting parties' comments. The FAA sent a follow-up letter dated February 10, 2023, to all consulting parties that included the revised APE. The FAA requested comments from all consulting parties including NHOs. We received no comments from consulting parties regarding the revised APE.

### **Summary of Section 106 Consultation with Consulting Parties**

In addition to the SHPD, the agencies invited various consulting parties, including NHOs, members of the Park's Kūpuna consultation group, and operators, to participate in the consultation process for the undertaking. The agencies recognize that Native Hawaiians have a long-standing and deeply rooted association with the landscape that encompasses these National Park lands, which include numerous sites of religious and cultural significance.

The FAA contacted Native Hawaiians, including NHOs and members of the Park's Kūpuna consultation group, via letter on April 9, 2021, inviting them to participate in Section 106 consultation and requesting their expertise regarding historic properties, including TCPs that may be located within the APE. The agencies sent consultation invitations to operators on August 6, 2021. Additional consulting parties were invited on October 1, 2021. A complete list of all consulting parties contacted is enclosed in **Attachment A**. The agencies held a listening session for the Park's Kūpuna consultation group on December 9, 2021, and a consulting party meeting with all consulting parties on November 10, 2022. A preliminary APE, historic property identification list, and maps of the proposed alternatives were included in the invitations and meeting materials for the November 2022 consulting party meeting.

During the listening sessions and consultation meetings, the agencies heard from participating Kūpuna that they oppose air tours in the ATMP planning area. The Park's Kūpuna consultation group expressed concerns regarding the impacts of air tours on the sacredness and spirituality of the entire Park and the impacts of noise pollution on traditional practices and on endangered wildlife. Furthermore, the NHOs and Kūpuna noted that the entire Park is part of a continuous landscape that is sacred. The landscape is considered a TCP, which includes natural resources that are also considered to be cultural resources by Native Hawaiians. The participating NHOs and Kūpuna emphasized that plants, animals, the sky, the ocean, and other natural resources are contributing features to cultural resources throughout the APE.

Friends of Haleakalā National Park noted that the Kaupō Gap Trail should be included in the historic property list and requested that the route be located south of the Denman parcel. The Historic Hawai'i Foundation provided comments on the initial APE and historic property list and expressed concerns regarding flights over the Haleakalā Crater higher than 5,000 ft. AGL and in areas where they do not currently fly. The National Trust for Historic Preservation endorsed the comments submitted by the Historic Hawai'i Foundation. Tweetie Lind, a representative from the Lind 'Ohana (family) and the Kūpuna Council, expressed opposition to air tours within two miles of Haleakalā Crater and noted that air tours should be reduced due to noise pollution, air pollution, crossing over sacred sites and private residences, and because crossing over the Park (Lelekea-Kalepa-Kaapahu) loosens rocks on the whole

mountain. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) requested a TCP study for the Park and noted that the entire Park contains endangered species, cultural resources, and cultural functions that should all be considered. The OHA also requested that the FAA consider vertical boundaries or buffers for identified historic properties, noted flight safety related concerns, requested flight altitude monitoring, and expressed opposition to air tours in the ATMP planning area.

On February 10, 2023, the FAA sent a Section 106 consultation letter to all consulting parties that provided responses to comments received during and following the November 2022 consulting party meeting, a revised APE map, and a revised historic properties list.

### **Identification of Historic Properties**

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.4, the FAA has made a reasonable and good faith effort to identify historic properties within the APE. As the undertaking would not result in physical effects, the identification effort focused on identifying properties where setting and feeling are characteristics contributing to a property's National Register eligibility, as they are the type of historic properties most sensitive to the effects of aircraft overflights. These may include isolated properties where a cultural landscape is part of the property's significance, rural historic districts, outdoor spaces designed for meditation or contemplation, and certain TCPs. In so doing, the FAA has taken into consideration the views of consulting parties, past planning, research and studies, the magnitude and nature of the undertaking, the degree of Federal involvement, the nature and extent of potential effects on historic properties, and the likely nature of historic properties within the APE in accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(b)(1).

The initial identification of historic properties relied upon data submitted by the NPS regarding known historic properties in the Park and data retrieved from the Hawai'i Cultural Resource Information System (HICRIS). Section 106 consultation efforts to identify historic properties within the APE also involved outreach to NHOs and the Park's Kūpuna consultation group, the SHPD, operators, and other consulting parties including local governments. Public comments submitted as part of the Public Scoping process also informed identification efforts.

The FAA provided a preliminary list of historic properties in the Park to the SHPD for their review and comment in the scoping cover letter dated March 7, 2022. A preliminary list of historic properties in the entire initial APE was provided to all consulting parties in the meeting materials for the November 10, 2022, consulting party meeting. The agencies expanded the boundaries of the APE to incorporate additional areas potentially affected by the undertaking, and an updated historic properties list was provided in the response to consulting party comments in a letter dated February 10, 2023. The FAA received no comments from consulting parties in response to the February 10, 2023, letter.

These efforts resulted in identification of 32 historic properties within the APE. All historic properties identified within the APE are listed in **Attachment C** and those with available non-restricted location data are shown in the APE map provided in **Attachment B**.

### **Assessment of Effects**

The undertaking could have an effect on a historic property if it alters the characteristics that qualify the property for eligibility for listing or inclusion in the National Register. The characteristics of the historic properties within the APE that qualify them for inclusion in the National Register are described in **Attachment C**. Effects are considered adverse if they diminish the integrity of a property's elements

that contribute to its significance. Commercial air tours, by their nature, have the potential to impact resources for which feeling and setting are contributing elements. Based on the standard imposed in the regulations implementing Section 106, the agencies focused the assessment of effects on the potential for adverse effects from the introduction of audible or visual elements that could diminish the integrity of the property's significant historic features. See 36 CFR §800.5(a)(2)(v). Air tours have been conducted over the Park for well over 20 years and are currently conducted under the IOA that the FAA was required to grant operators by NPATMA. Thus, the undertaking— implementing the ATMP—would not introduce visual or auditory elements from air tours as aircraft already operate in the area. The undertaking does not include land acquisition, construction, or ground disturbance and will not result in physical effects to historic properties. The undertaking would not limit access to or change ceremonial use of Native Hawaiian sacred sites, ethnographic resources, or TCPs.

### **Assessment of Noise Effects**

To assess the potential for the introduction of audible elements, as well as changes in the duration and intensity of aircraft noise, the FAA and NPS considered whether there would be a change in the annual number, daily frequency, routes, or altitudes of commercial air tours, as well as the type of aircraft used to conduct those tours. The level of commercial air tour activity under the ATMP is expected to improve the protection of cultural resources within the ATMP planning area.

The ATMP authorizes half the annual flights as the average number of flights from 2017-2019 with a daily limit on flights across all operators on those days where flights are allowed. The ATMP designates a single one-way route from west to east over four segments in the southern area of the ATMP planning area. The ATMP authorizes the use of the AS350BA, AS350B2, EC130 T2, and EC130 B4 helicopters. Any new or replacement aircraft must not exceed the noise level produced by the aircraft being replaced. The ATMP requires the operators to fly on a single route at increased altitudes than are flown under existing conditions (minimum 2,000 – 3,000 ft. AGL, depending on location over the Park and ATMP boundary). Increases in minimum altitudes, where they occur, would reduce maximum noise levels at sites directly below the commercial air tour routes. It should be noted that when the altitude of an aircraft is increased, the total area exposed to the noise from that aircraft may also increase depending on the surrounding terrain. Although the area exposed to noise might increase, this would not meaningfully affect the acoustic environment because attenuation of noise from the higher altitude would most likely reduce noise levels depending on terrain and the transient nature of the impacts. Overall, noise levels associated with commercial air tours over the Park would be reduced in both duration and decibel level across most of the APE as a result of the undertaking.

### *Noise Metrics*

To account for the differences in duration and loudness of sounds, different metrics are used. These metrics are used to compare individual noise events as well as many events that take place over an extended period of time. Equivalent sound level ( $L_{eq}$ ) is being used to account for the cumulative effect of multiple air tour overflights throughout the day; it accounts for increases in both the loudness and duration of noise events.  $L_{eq}$  is defined as the level of continuous sound over a given time period that would deliver the same amount of energy as the actual, varying sound exposure. For air tours, it is computed over a 12-hour daytime period ( $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$ ) to represent a typical operational day and to provide a common time basis for comparison between alternatives.

Closely related, the day-night average sound level (DNL) noise metric is used to reflect a person's cumulative exposure to sound over a 24-hour period. By definition, DNL is arithmetically 3 dBA<sup>4</sup> lower than the  $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$ , as the averaging time period is twice as long and there are no nighttime air tour operations authorized by the ATMP. For purposes of assessing noise impacts from commercial air tours on the acoustic environment of the Park under NEPA, the FAA noise evaluation is based on Yearly<sup>5</sup> Day Night Average Sound Level ( $L_{dn}$  or DNL). The DNL analysis indicates that the undertaking would not result in any noise impacts that would be “significant” or “reportable” under FAA’s policy for NEPA.<sup>6</sup>

As part of the ATMP noise analysis, the NPS provided supplemental metrics to further assess the impact of commercial air tours in quiet settings: time above 35 dBA and time above 52 dBA. The time above metrics account for the amount of time in minutes that aircraft sound levels are above a given threshold (i.e., 35 dBA and 52 dBA) per day. In quiet settings, outdoor sound levels exceeding 35 dBA degrade experience in outdoor performance venues (American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 2007). Interference with Park interpretive programs would reasonably occur at 52 dBA. **Attachment D** provides further information about the supplemental noise metrics (Table 1) and presents the noise contours (i.e., graphical illustration depicting noise exposure) and point data from the modeling.

Time audible and maximum sound level ( $L_{Amax}$ ) are also used to gather more data on the duration and intensity of noise. Time audible notes the total time that aircraft noise levels are audible to an attentive listener with normal hearing under natural ambient conditions. Time audible does not indicate how loud the event is, only if it can be heard. Time audible may be more indicative of when quiet is disrupted than the time above metrics and takes into consideration the natural ambient conditions that may mask or make human-sourced sounds more noticeable.  $L_{Amax}$  provides the loudest sound level generated by the loudest event, and does not provide any context of frequency, duration, or timing of exposure.

#### *Overview of Noise Effects Throughout ATMP Planning Area*

**Attachment D** presents noise contour data for the  $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$  (Figure 11) and time above 35 dBA (Figure 13) and point data for time above 52 dBA (Figure 7 and Table 7). Generally, the undertaking would result in a decrease of noise levels for the interior (northern) regions of the Park but may result in an increase in noise levels in coastal regions near the proposed flight path. Many historic properties are clustered in the northern region of the Park where noise would not exceed 35 dBA on days when commercial air tours would occur under the ATMP. Furthermore, the proposed flight path does not fly directly over many of the historic properties in the APE, including the Crater Historic District, Kīpahulu Historic District, Hanā Belt Road, Nu‘u Archeological Sites, Ka‘āpahu Archeological Sites, Naholoku

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<sup>4</sup> dBA (A-weighted decibels): Sound is measured on a logarithmic scale relative to the reference sound pressure for atmospheric sources, 20  $\mu\text{Pa}$ . Sound levels are reported in units of decibels (dB) (ANSI S1.1-1994, American National Standard Acoustical Terminology). A-weighting is applied to sound levels to account for the sensitivity of the human ear (ANSI S1.42-2001, Design Response of Weighting Networks for Acoustical Measurements). To approximate human hearing sensitivity, A-weighting discounts sounds below 1 kHz and above 6 kHz. See attached noise report, page 5 for further discussion.

<sup>5</sup> Yearly conditions are represented as the Average Annual Day (AAD)

<sup>6</sup> Under FAA policy, an increase in the Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) of 1.5 dBA or more for a noise sensitive area that is exposed to noise at or above the DNL 65 dBA noise exposure level, or that will be exposed at or above the DNL 65 dBA level due to a DNL 1.5 dBA or greater increase, is significant. FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, Exhibit 4-1. Noise increases are “reportable” if the DNL increases by 5 dB or more within areas exposed to DNL 45-60 dB, or by 3 dB or more within areas exposed to DNL 60-65 dB. FAA Order 1050.1F, Appendix B, section B-1.4.

Archeological Sites, and many significant features of the Haleakalā Summit TCP. The undertaking would reduce noise impacts that could detract from the feeling and setting of these resources as compared to existing conditions.

Portions of the APE along the proposed flight path would experience  $L_{Aeq, 12 \text{ hr}}$  between 35 dBA and 40 dBA, with small areas rising above 40 dBA but below 45 dBA. Compared to existing conditions, the average  $L_{Aeq, 12 \text{ hr}}$  would be lower for the interior regions of the park but may be higher in coastal regions as more flights may fly the proposed flight path than currently fly over these areas. No areas in the ATMP planning area would experience DNL greater than 40 dB.

As a whole, the noise footprint for the ATMP, as measured by areas where the  $L_{Aeq, 12 \text{ hr}}$  exceeds 35 dBA, would impact 6% of the park (see Table 8 in **Attachment D**). Noise related to commercial air tours would be greater than 35 dBA for less than 45 minutes a day within the APE (with most portions of the APE experiencing noise above 35 dBA for less than 15 minutes a day) and greater than 52 dBA for less than 15 minutes a day within the APE.<sup>7</sup> Time above 35 dBA across the entire Park decreases by up to 61 minutes (see point 40, Nu'u 7,500 ft. elevation) compared to existing conditions; only point 24 (Waimoku Falls) would experience a slight increase in time above 35 dBA (by 2 minutes), likely due to the increased flight altitude and surrounding topography. Compared to existing conditions, the noise footprint for the ATMP as measured by time above 35 dBA potentially affects 42% less of the Park.

More flights may occur on the proposed route under the ATMP than existing flights along the coast (modeled at 9 flights per day versus the existing average of 4.5). The ATMP will also require 2,000 ft. AGL as a minimum altitude on the proposed flight path, compared to the existing minimum altitudes of 500 ft. to 1,500 ft. AGL. The net result of creating a single designated route and the increase in minimum altitude due to the undertaking is an increase in noise at coastal locations. Note however, that coastal areas have a natural ambient level higher than the interior portions of the Park; noise from air tours may not be as intrusive compared to naturally quieter locations. Median levels of natural sounds at the coast are between 45 and 50 dBA, 10-20 dB higher than in many interior areas (see Figure 2 in **Attachment D**); the ambient conditions along the coast remain in the 45-50 dB range (i.e., do not increase) when existing air tours are included in the Cumulative Existing Ambient for Existing Conditions (see Figure 4 in **Attachment D**). High natural ambient conditions may mask human-sourced sounds, while sound intrusions may be more noticeable in the areas of the park with low natural ambient conditions.

#### *Points with Increased Noise*

Eight noise points (21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 30, 37, and 41) would experience increases in more than one of the FAA and NPS metrics. As noted above, only point 24 (Waimoku Falls) will see an increase in one metric (time above 35 dBA); however, the increase of 2 minutes is minor, and all other metrics decrease at this point. The agencies determined whether these eight points were near any historic properties that have a quiet setting or natural sounds and setting as a significant characteristic. The agencies then analyzed additional noise metrics to determine changes in noise duration and intensity that would be experienced at those properties under the ATMP compared to existing conditions. Table 11 in **Attachment D** shows the difference between the existing  $L_{Aeq, 12 \text{ hr}}$  compared to the modeled  $L_{Aeq, 12 \text{ hr}}$  under the ATMP, Table 12 shows the difference in the time audible for natural ambient, Table 13 shows the difference in time above 35 dBA, Table 14 shows the difference in time above 52 dBA, and Table 15

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<sup>7</sup> See note preceding Figure 1 in the Noise Technical Analysis (Attachment D) regarding minor altitude adjustments not reflected in the noise modeling.

shows the difference in the  $L_{Amax}$ . The below analysis interprets the modeled noise metrics in these tables and discusses if any changes in noise have the potential to cause adverse effects to historic properties in the APE.

Noise point 26 in the Denman Parcel, which is within the Haleakalā Summit TCP and near the Naholoku Archaeological Sites, Lonoaea Heiau, Lono'o'ai'a Heiau (Hale O Kane Heiau), and Pictograph and Rock Shelter (Marciel's Pictograph), would experience increases in sound level as measured by  $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$  and  $L_{Amax}$ ; the increase of 0.3 dBA in  $L_{Amax}$  (from 57.2 to 57.5 dBA  $L_{Amax}$ ) would be imperceptible to a human observer. However, all of these historic properties have a use where quiet setting and/or natural sounds is important. Noise near these sites would decrease in time above 35 dBA by 46 minutes (from 68.5 to 22.5 minutes) compared to existing conditions but would increase in time above 52 dBA by 2.8 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 1.3 to 4.1 minutes). While time above 52 is an indication of when speech could be disrupted, time audible may be more indicative of when quiet is disrupted and takes into consideration the natural ambient conditions that may mask or make human-sourced sounds more noticeable. Despite the slight sound level intensity increases cited above, the time the air tours may be audible would decrease by approximately 129 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 210.6 to 81.4 minutes).<sup>8</sup> Therefore, while noise intensity would slightly increase at this point compared to existing conditions (resulting in a longer time above 52 dBA and higher  $L_{Amax}$ ), the overall amount of time that noise caused by air tours is audible would decrease (resulting in a shorter time above 32 dBA and a shorter time audible). Similar slight increases in intensity and decreases in duration are modeled at the points discussed below.

Noise at point 25, which is a coastal location within the Haleakalā TCP and Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites, near Mound (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08665), Terraces (SHPD ID 50-50-16-01133), Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08663), Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08664), and Walls (SHPD ID 50-50-16-01132), would experience increases in sound level as measured by  $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$  and  $L_{Amax}$ ; the increase of 3.5 dBA in  $L_{Amax}$  (from 53.2 to 56.7 dBA  $L_{Amax}$ ) would be imperceptible to a human observer. Of these historic properties, the Haleakalā Summit TCP and Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites have a ceremonial use where the quiet setting and/or natural sounds is important. Noise at this point would experience a decrease in time above 35 dBA by 21.5 minutes (from 44.4 to 22.9 minutes) compared to existing conditions but would experience an increase in time above 52 dBA by 2.4 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 0.3 to 2.7 minutes) due to the minor increase in sound intensity. Noise point 25 is near the coast where the median natural ambient sound level is between 45 and 50 dBA. The time audible metric considers both the natural ambient sounds as well as the noise generated by the air tours. Despite the slight sound level intensity increases cited above, the overall time air tours may be audible would decrease by approximately 52 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 108.8 to 56.9 minutes).

Noise point 22, which is a coastal location within the Haleakalā Summit TCP and Puhilele Archaeological Sites and near Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-17-08883), would experience an increase in the  $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$  of 7.4 dBA (from 32.3 to 39.7 dBA). As this is an average across a 12-hour time period and is not necessarily indicative of noise levels at any specific point in time, additional metrics are also considered to determine the effects of the undertaking on historic properties. Of the historic properties near or encompassing Noise point 22, the Haleakalā Summit TCP and Puhilele Archaeological Sites have a ceremonial use where the quiet setting and/or natural sounds is important. Noise at this point would experience a decrease in time above 35 dBA of 3.8 minutes (from 35.8 to 32 minutes) compared to

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<sup>8</sup> Time Audible accounts for the total time in minutes that aircraft noise levels are audible to an attentive listener with normal hearing under natural ambient conditions (see Noise Technical Report in **Attachment D**).



existing conditions but would experience an increase in time above 52 dBA by approximately 6 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 1.8 to 8.2 minutes). This point would experience an increase in the  $L_{Amax}$  of 6.3 dBA (from 57.3 dBA to 63.6 dBA  $L_{Amax}$ ), which would be obvious to an observer; these sound levels are similar to the sound level of a dishwasher in an adjacent room. Noise point 22 is near the coast where the median natural ambient sound level is between 45 and 50 dBA. The time audible considers the natural ambient sounds as well as the noise generated by the air tours. Despite the slight sound level intensity increases cited above, the time the air tours may be audible would decrease by 102 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 187.1 to 85.5 minutes).

While several points within the Kīpahulu Historic District show increases in noise, Noise point 37 is the closest to the proposed flight path and also represents a coastal location in the Haleakalā Summit TCP and is near the Hanā Belt Road. The  $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$  at Noise point 37 would increase 6.4 dBA (from 34 to 40.4 dBA). Of these historic properties, the Haleakalā Summit TCP and Kīpahulu Historic District have a quiet setting and/or natural sounds as a significant characteristic. This location would experience a decrease in time above 35 dBA by 4.9 minutes (from 35.8 to 30.9 minutes) compared to existing conditions but would experience an increase in time above 52 dBA by 7 minutes (from 2.2 to 9.3 minutes) compared to existing conditions. The  $L_{Amax}$  at this point would rise by 4.3 dBA (from 60.7 dBA to 65 dBA  $L_{Amax}$ ); these sound levels are similar to the sound level of a large business office, and the increase would be discernable by an observer. Noise point 37 is near the coast where the median natural ambient sound level is between 45 and 50 dBA. The time audible considers the natural ambient sounds as well as the noise generated by the air tours. Despite the slight sound level intensity increases cited above, the time the air tours may be audible would decrease by around 104 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 183.7 to 79.6 minutes).

### *Noise Effects Summary*

The increases in noise intensity at the points noted above are due to a greater number of air tours anticipated on the proposed route than currently fly over these areas under existing conditions; however, the annual and daily limits, time-of-day restrictions, quiet technology incentives, and no-fly days would minimize the overall effects experienced at historic properties in the APE. While there may be increases in  $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$  at these points, this metric is an average across a 12-hour time period and is not necessarily indicative of noise levels at any specific point in time. Additionally, time above 35 dBA is decreasing at all but one noise point, and any increases in time above 52 dBA are minimal and would be spread across operating hours. Although the  $L_{Amax}$  would increase at some points, the increases are minor, and the levels at these points are already perceptible against the natural ambient sounds under existing conditions. Furthermore, the time that air tours are audible at all of these historic properties decreases as a result of the ATMP, indicating that while the noise may at times be louder in these areas, the air tours would be audible for a shorter duration than existing conditions. Therefore, the undertaking would not diminish the integrity of setting and feeling of these properties as related to sound, nor would it substantially hinder or prevent one from experiencing the property within its historic context compared to existing conditions. All other historic properties within the APE that are not noted above would experience either similar noise levels or a decrease in noise levels from existing conditions in all modeled metrics as a result of the undertaking.

Because noise is modeled using conservative assumptions (see **Attachment D**) and implementing the ATMP would result in limiting the number of flights to half of the three-year average of flights flown from 2017-2019 using a single route and the same aircraft to fly at higher altitudes, noise impacts are expected to overall be reduced under the ATMP. The ATMP would not introduce new audible elements

into the APE because air tours are currently occurring in this area; the undertaking limits the number of annual (2,412) and daily (16) flights that could occur within the ATMP planning area, which would reduce the number and frequency of air tour operations within the ATMP planning area and corresponding noise effects to cultural resources within the APE. These annual limits, daily limits, time-of-day restrictions, and no-fly days also reduce the likelihood that an air tour would interrupt Native Hawaiian traditional practices such as ceremonies, fishing, or farming, as well as the sanctity of the Haleakalā Crater as compared to existing conditions. Because the ATMP would result in minimal changes to noise levels on historic properties compared to existing conditions and would decrease the time that air tours are audible at historic properties in the APE, the undertaking would not diminish the integrity of any historic property's significant historic features.

### **Assessment of Visual Effects**

Recognizing that some types of historic properties may be affected by visual effects of commercial air tours, the agencies considered the potential for the introduction of visual elements that could alter the characteristics of a historic property that qualify it for inclusion in the National Register. Aircraft are transitory elements in a scene and visual impacts tend to be relatively short. The short duration and low number of flights make it unlikely a historic property would experience a visual effect from the undertaking.

The ATMP would not introduce new aircraft into the viewshed within the APE, and the level of commercial air tour activity under the ATMP is expected to be reduced. The undertaking would not alter the characteristics of historic properties within the APE because there would be no significant increase in visual effects from existing conditions. The ATMP reduces the number of commercial air tours within the ATMP planning area compared to the three-year average from 2017-2019 and implements limits on the number of flights, times of day, and days of the week and year during which commercial air tours are able to operate. These limits do not currently exist.

The FAA and NPS also considered the experience of Native Hawaiians who may be conducting ceremonies or practices that could involve looking toward the sky. The ATMP includes a provision for the NPS to establish temporary no-fly periods for special events, such as Native Hawaiian ceremonies or other similar events, with a minimum of two months' notice to the operators. This represents an improvement over existing conditions where no such provision exists.

The ATMP limits the annual number of commercial air tours to 2,412 tours on a single one-way route and imposes a daily limit of 16 flights. The average annual number of air tours from 2017-2019 is 4,824 flights; on days with peak air tour activity (defined as a 90<sup>th</sup> percentile day), as many as 50 commercial air tours occurred. Therefore, visual intrusions to historic properties are expected to decrease compared to flights currently occurring because the number of authorized flights under the ATMP will be less than the average number of flights from 2017-2019.

The ATMP would remove flights in the northern part of the ATMP planning area near the Haleakalā Crater. The areas in the vicinity of the proposed flight path already experience visual intrusions by air tours under existing conditions. Although more flights may occur over the southeastern portion of the APE compared to existing conditions, the ATMP would reduce the overall number of air tours in the planning area, cap daily flights, and establish a proposed flight path that does not cross directly over any historic properties except for the Haleakalā Summit TCP, which encompasses the entire Park.

Furthermore, the increased altitude would minimize visual intrusions to historic properties near the proposed flight path.

Properties in the APE that have viewshed as a significant characteristic include the Haleakalā Summit TCP, Civilian Conservation Corps Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape, Hanā Belt Road, and Lonoaea Heiau. The transitory nature and short duration of aircraft as well as the restrictions under the ATMP – including the designated route, limits to annual and daily flights numbers, time-of-day limits, no-fly days, and increase in minimum altitude – would limit the overall visual effects of air tours on these historic properties. As a result of these provisions in the ATMP, the undertaking would not introduce visual elements that would alter the characteristics of any historic property that qualifies it for inclusion in the National Register.

### **Assessment of Indirect Effects**

As the ATMP would limit the number of flights per year to a level below existing conditions, it is reasonably foreseeable that current air tour operators would increase flights in areas not regulated by the ATMP, referred to as “air tour displacement.” It is difficult to predict with specificity if, where, and to what extent any air tours would be displaced to areas outside the ATMP planning area, including areas above 5,000 ft. AGL. The preciseness of routes and altitudes for air tours flown on displaced routes are generally subject to the Hawai‘i Air Tour Common Procedures Manual and may vary greatly. It is reasonably foreseeable that operators would continue to fly to points of interest on the island outside of the ATMP planning area where they already fly or fly routes over or around the park similar to existing flight paths but outside of the ATMP planning area. Air tour operators are likely to continue to fly some air tours along the perimeter of the ATMP planning area where Haleakalā Crater and other park features may be visible. If operators choose to fly above the vertical limit of the ATMP boundary, they would likely keep to an altitude close to, but just above 5,000 ft. AGL, as higher flights would provide limited value to a sightseeing operation. Flights close to the crater above 5,000 ft. AGL are unlikely due to the ground elevation in that area and safety requirements for unpressurized aircraft flying over 10,000 ft. MSL for more than 30 minutes.<sup>3</sup> For flights above 5,000 ft. AGL, the increase in altitude would likely decrease impacts on ground level resources as compared to existing conditions. The undertaking could result in some noise and visual effects to cultural resources at higher elevation areas of the Park to the north with views towards the ocean or in the southern areas of the APE where flights are more likely to occur as the elevations are lower. The increase in altitude would likely decrease impacts on ground level resources as compared to existing conditions. Any flights above or along the perimeter of the ATMP planning area would likely be reduced from the existing number of flights due to the ATMP restrictions and would therefore result in a reduction of noise and visual effects to the Crater Historic District and Haleakalā Summit TCP.

### **Finding of No Adverse Effect Criteria**

As noted above, air tours over the Park are part of the existing condition, and the required analysis under Section 106 is of the undertaking—the implementation of an ATMP. To support a Finding of No Adverse Effect, an undertaking must not meet any of the criteria set forth in the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation’s Section 106 regulations at 36 CFR 800.5(a). The above analysis of impact demonstrates the undertaking does not meet those criteria. The undertaking would not have any physical impact on any property or result in any alteration or physical modifications to these resources. The undertaking would not remove any property from its location. The undertaking would not change the character of any property’s use or any physical features in any historic property’s setting. As

discussed above, the undertaking would not introduce any new auditory or visual elements that would diminish the integrity of the significant historical features of any historic properties in the APE. The undertaking would not cause any property to be neglected, sold, or transferred.

Noise and visual effects of existing air tour operations are already present in the APE. Although the proposed flight path would shift the bulk of air tour operations to the south and may expose some historic properties to increased noise and visual effects, any increases in noise and visual effects would be limited due to the increased minimum altitude and reduction in the overall number of air tours in the ATMP planning area. Furthermore, air tours are transitory in nature, and any noise and visual impacts to historic properties would be temporary. While some historic properties may experience an increase in noise intensity, the duration of the noise would decrease in all cases. Therefore, the undertaking will not result in any adverse effects to historic properties in the APE.

### **Proposed Finding and Request for Review and Concurrence**

FAA and NPS approval of the undertaking would not alter the characteristics of any historic properties located within the APE in a manner that would diminish its integrity as there would be an overall reduction in audible or visual effects from existing conditions and no introduction of effects. Based on the above analysis, the FAA proposes a finding of no adverse effect on historic properties. We request that you review the information and respond whether you concur with the proposed finding within thirty days of receiving this letter.

The agencies are holding a consulting party meeting on April 20, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. HST over Zoom, to explain how the FAA arrived at the proposed finding of no adverse effect on historic properties. Information on how to access the meeting is included in **Attachment E**.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Judith Walker at 202-267-4185 or [Judith.Walker@faa.gov](mailto:Judith.Walker@faa.gov) and copy the ATMP team at [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov).

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### **Attachments**

- A. List of Consulting Parties
- B. APE Map including Proposed Commercial Air Tour Route
- C. List of Historic Properties in the APE and Description of Historic Characteristics

- D. Noise Technical Analysis: Haleakalā National Park
- E. Connection Information for April 20, 2023, Consulting Party Meeting for Haleakalā National Park

## ATTACHMENT A

### List of Consulting Parties

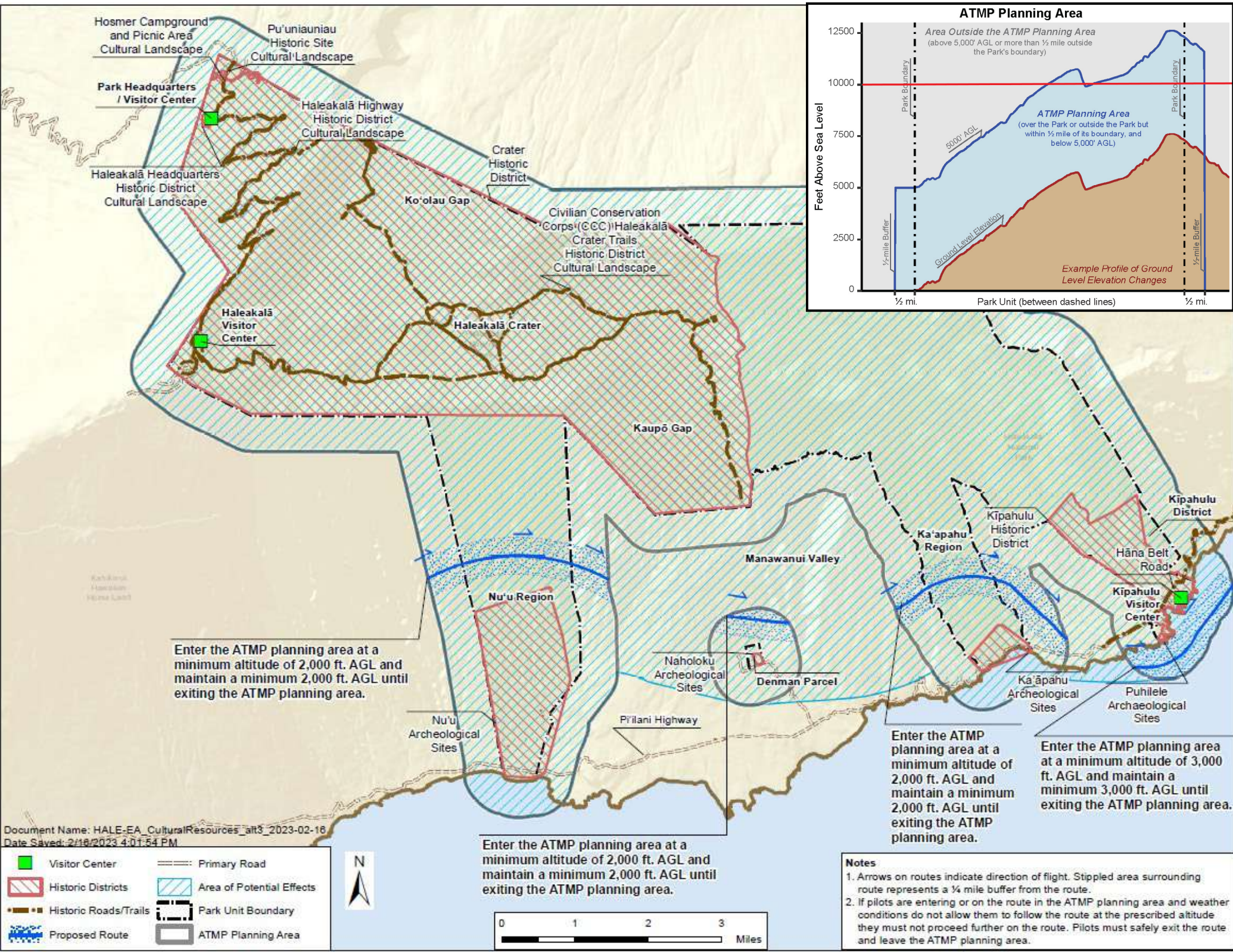
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National Trust for Historic Preservation
The Nature Conservancy
Nekaifes 'Ōhana
Nu'u Mauka Ranch
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
The Royal Order of Kamehameha I - Moku O Kahekili - Helu Eha
Schuman Aviation Company, Ltd. (Makani Kai Helicopters, Magnum Helicopters)
Sunshine Helicopters, Inc.
Terry Poaipuni (Individual)
Thompson Ranch
Tweetie Lind (Individual)
'Ulupalakua Ranch
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Waiehu Kou Phase 3 Association
Wananalua Congregational Church

**ATTACHMENT B**

**Area of Potential Effects Map  
Including  
Proposed Commercial Air Tour Route**







## ATTACHMENT C

### List of Historic Properties in the APE and Description of Historic Characteristics

Property Name	Property Type	Eligibility Status	Significant Characteristics
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape was designed by NPS landscape architects and constructed by CCC enrollees between 1930 and 1941. It is significant for its association with early park planning and the CCC and for its embodiment of NPS Rustic Style architecture. Significant characteristics of the district include its rustic design, historic trail system, the human manipulated topography to accommodate the trails, the viewshed from the trails of the crater and the ocean, and its continued use as a tourist circulation system.
Crater Historic District	District	Listed	Crater Historic District consists of 56 pre-contact archeological sites, including temples and burials. It is accessed for traditional uses by Native Hawaiians. Extant prehistoric stone structures, remains of workshop sites, other archeological remains, quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and the surrounding landscape are all significant characteristics of the district.
C-Shaped Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-03979)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site is located east of Pāhihi Gulch and consists of a C-shape wall that is two inches in diameter. Significant characteristics of the site include the wall's C-shaped design and stone materials.
Enclosures (SHPD ID 50-50-16-03980)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of the remains of a large enclosing wall and an attached rectangular enclosure. Significant characteristics of the site include its configuration and stone materials.
Haleakalā Headquarters Historic District Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Haleakalā Headquarters Historic District Cultural Landscape is significant for its association with early park planning and as an example of Mission 66-era development. It is also significant for its NPS Rustic Style design. The rustic design, building configuration, and surrounding landscape are all significant characteristics of the district.
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape includes a portion of the highway within the Park, which was designed by the Bureau of Public Roads (BPR) with input from the Park and NPS landscape architects, as well as several developments along the route. It is significant for its association with NPS master planning from the 1930s and Mission 66 eras and for its minimally intrusive design. In order to be minimally intrusive, the district's road, buildings, and structures were designed to

Property Name	Property Type	Eligibility Status	Significant Characteristics
			decrease the visual and physical impact on the landscape; this design and the surrounding landscape are significant characteristics of the district.
Haleakalā Summit Traditional Cultural Property	TCP	Eligible	The Summit of Haleakalā, including Kaupō Gap and Kīpahulu Valley, is significant as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) for its association with native Hawaiian culture, traditions, and sacred uses. The exceptional stillness and serenity of the Summit of Haleakalā are significant characteristics of the TCP that allow Native Hawaiians to continue conducting traditional ceremonies, which require a quiet setting.
Hāna Belt Road	District	Listed	Hāna Belt Road includes a road and bridges to Hāna that were built between 1900 and 1947. It is significant as an engineering achievement and for its association with the development of the area that opened East Maui to further settlement, agricultural enterprises, and tourism. The road's winding and narrow alignment; surrounding scenery and viewshed featuring waterfalls, small villages, valleys, and sea cliffs; and stylistically consistent, one-lane bridges with sharp approaches are all significant characteristics of the district.
Hāwelewele Complex (Kailili Heiau)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated <sup>9</sup>	The Hāwelewele Complex, also called the Kailili Heiau, is located a quarter of a mile from the shore on top of a small hill in the center of a valley. The large heiau measures approximately 50 by 124 ft. with walls that are 6 ft. thick and around 4-5 ft. high. Potential significant characteristics of the site include its materials and configuration.
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape is located just below the 7,000-foot elevation in the summit area of the Park and is the only drive-in campground in the area. It is significant as an example of a Mission 66-era development and for its experimental forestry plots that were planted by Ralph S. Hosmer in the early-twentieth century. Significant characteristics of the cultural landscape include the campground layout and design and surrounding landscape.
Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites	Sites	Eligible	Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites consist of archeological sites recorded within Kālepa, 'Alelele, Lelekēa, and Kukui'ula Valleys, including traditional Native Hawaiian dryland agriculture terraces and clearings, larger irrigated pondfield complexes for the production of kalo (taro, <i>Colocasia esculenta</i> ), and habitation and ceremonial sites. 19 <sup>th</sup> century enclosures representing mixed residences and agriculture (including animal husbandry) are also present. Significant characteristics of the sites include the extant remains of structures and complexes, their materials and configurations, extant

<sup>9</sup> For the purposes of Section 106, the FAA is treating identified but unevaluated properties as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Property Name	Property Type	Eligibility Status	Significant Characteristics
			material culture remains, the surrounding landscape, and a quiet setting and/or natural sounds.
Keakalauae Heiau	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Keakalauae Heiau is one of the largest of the Kaupō heiaus and is credited to Kekaulike from c.1730. Its greatest dimensions are approximately 168 by 330 ft. The interior of the platform has been utilized for a pig pen with walls built around it. Potential significant characteristics of the site include the heiau's configuration, materials, and natural sounds.
Kīpahulu Historic District	District	Eligible	The Kīpahulu Historic District is comprised of fragmentary structural remains of Hawaiian use of the Kīpahulu land in the pre-contact period through 1900 that indicate a substantial resident population engaged in horticulture and fishing in an isolated wet-valley Polynesian community. The archeological study of the remains may reveal the vicinity may have played a significant role in the colonization of the Hawaiian Islands by early Polynesian voyagers and settlers. The few Hawaiian families who continued to live along 'Ohe'o Gulch and stream after 1900 perpetuated traditional irrigated and dry-land horticulture and fishing activities. The people of Kīpahulu perhaps experienced a minor lifestyle change when organized Christianity invaded east Maui ca. 1850, and certainly did so after 1900 when Kīpahulu plantation imported laborers from overseas and began to clear and plow the steeply sloping lower flanks of Haleakala volcano on both sides of 'Ohe'o Gulch to grow sugar cane. The historical themes of Hawaiian land use, Hawaiian placenames, engineering for sugar cultivation on marginal lands, and overland transportation are represented by structures or their remnants. Significant characteristics of the district include extant material culture and structural remains, physical evidence of historic and prehistoric land use, association with the ocean, a quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and the landscape.
Lonoaea Heiau	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Lonoaea Heiau is a walled heiau located on top of a hill overlooking Waiuha to the west. Potential significant characteristics include the heiau's materials, viewshed, and natural sounds.
Lono'o'ai'a Heiau (Hale O Kane Heiau)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Lono'o'ai'a Heiau, also called the Hale O Kane Heiau, is an open platform that is 10 to 12 ft. above the ground. Potential significant characteristics include the heiau's materials and natural sounds.
Mound (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08665)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of a partially-faced mound that was constructed of stacked stones and may have served as a historic cattle ramp. Significant characteristics of the site include its stacked configuration and stone materials.

Property Name	Property Type	Eligibility Status	Significant Characteristics
Naholoku Archeological Sites	Sites	Eligible	The complex of 18 archeological sites at 1,000 ft elevation in dryland Naholoku Ahupua'a dates as early as the 15 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> centuries and is significant for its potential to yield information, with at least three sites eligible for architecture/design. These latter sites represent structures that embody the characteristics of pre-Contact and late pre-Contact/early historical residential compounds and smaller agricultural heiau. Significant characteristics include the extant remains of buildings and structures; their materials, configurations, and design; extant material culture remains; physical evidence of historic and prehistoric land use, a quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and the landscape.
Naku'ula Complex	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Naku'ula Complex consists of three rectangular terraced platforms that may be heiau sites. Potential significant characteristics include the site's physical materials and a quiet setting and/or natural sounds.
Nu'u Archeological Sites	Sites	Eligible	Nu'u Archeological Sites consist of archeological sites, composed of pocket terraces, terraces, enclosures, cleared areas, modified outcrops, and mounds that represent an extensive traditional dryland agricultural complex for primarily sweet potato production, temporary shelters associated with agricultural activity, multiple permanent residential complexes, most of which date to the 19 <sup>th</sup> century, specialized features/use areas for ceremony and lithic production. Significant characteristics of the sites include the extant remains of structures and residential complexes, their materials and configurations, mounds, extant material culture remains including evidence of ceremony and lithic production, physical evidence of historic and prehistoric land use, a quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and the landscape.
Nu'u Petroglyph Complex	Site	Unevaluated	The Nu'u Petroglyph Complex is a site covering 117 meters that is located on the beach at Nu'u Bay. It consists of 157 petroglyphs: 92 human forms, 3 animal forms, 3 names, and 59 undetermined images. Potential significant characteristics of the site include the petroglyph designs and configurations.
Nu'u Pictograph Complex	Site	Unevaluated	The Nu'u Petroglyph and Pictograph Complex is a site covering 117 meters that is located on the beach at Nu'u Bay. It consists of 40 pictographs: 16 human forms, 3 animal forms, and 21 undetermined images. Potential significant characteristics of the site include the pictograph designs and the materials used to create them.
Nu'u-Waiu Complex, Hana	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Nu'u-Waiu Complex consists of several archeological sites composed of enclosures, partial enclosures, terraces and platforms, pits, pavements, house lots, walls, ko'a, trails, cairn, petroglyphs, a fishpond, rockshelters, and graves. Potential

Property Name	Property Type	Eligibility Status	Significant Characteristics
			significant characteristics of the complex includes the extant remains of structures, their materials and configurations, other extant material culture remains, prehistoric and historic trail alignments, and physical evidence of prehistoric and historic land use.
Pictograph and Rock Shelter (Marciel's Pictograph)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	This site consists of a human figure painted with alaea (red salt) on a boulder that is located next to a rock shelter that once contained a burial. Potential significant characteristics of the site include the pictograph form and design, the use of alaea to create it, the rock shelter's materials, natural sounds, and any other extant cultural remains.
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	Sites	Eligible	Puhilele Archaeological Sites consist of archeological sites, composed of terraces, platforms, alignments, and mounds used for agricultural, residential, ceremonial as well as temporary shelter for fishing. Significant characteristics of the site includes the extant remains of structures, their materials and configurations, other extant material culture remains, association with the ocean, a quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and physical evidence of prehistoric and historic land use.
Pu'umaka'a Heiau	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Pu'umaka'a Heiau is an open platform type of heiau that consists of a series of rough terraced pavements. Potential significant characteristics include the heiau's materials and natural sounds.
Pu'unianiau Historic Site Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Pu'unianiau Historic Site Cultural Landscape is significant as a base camp used by the U.S. Army for the administration of the Red Hill Aircraft Warning Service Station at the summit of Haleakalā between 1941 and 1946. It consists of five historic buildings and structures and a south access road. The spatial organization of the site, which reflects the traditional conventions for military cantonments, and the 1940s military one-story buildings and structures are significant characteristics of the cultural landscape.
Terraces (SHPD ID 50-50-16-01133)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	These terraces are located on the west side of the Kalepa Stream. They consist of the remains of two rectangular enclosures, each with two end walls and one connecting wall about 50 ft. in length. Potential significant characteristics of the site include its configuration and materials.
Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08663)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of a low wall near Kukui'ula Gulch that was built along the side of a steep stream channel. The wall is constructed of stacked and piled stones that terminates in an "L" on its inland end. Significant characteristics of the site include its configuration, stone materials, and location next to the stream.

Property Name	Property Type	Eligibility Status	Significant Characteristics
Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08664)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of a bi-facial wall near Kukui'ula Gulch that was likely constructed for drainage during the historic period. Significant characteristics of the site include its configuration and materials.
Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-03978)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of a single stacked boulder wall approximately 5.5 meters in length and 60 centimeters high. It is oriented north-to-south and likely served as a windbreak for a structure located in its lee. Significant characteristics of the site include its configuration, stone materials, and north-to-south orientation.
Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-17-08883)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	This site consists of a dry-stacked, core-filled rock wall that was likely constructed to mark the boundaries of a neighboring grant parcel to the west sometime after the sale of the parcel in 1854. Potential significant characteristics of the site include its configuration, stone materials, and location.
Walls (SHPD ID 50-50-16-01132)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	This site consists of the remains of walls, one parallel to the shore and another parallel to the Kalepa Stream, which may be the remains of a house site. Potential significant characteristics of the site include its configuration, stone materials, and location next to the stream.

**ATTACHMENT D**

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# 1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the noise results used in the alternatives impact analysis discussed in the Haleakalā National Park (park) Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) Environmental Assessment (EA) and to document the inputs and assumptions used in the computer modeling of air tour aircraft activity. This information will provide the reader with the technical basis used to assess potential impacts to the following resource categories – Noise and Noise-Compatible Land Use; Biological Resources; Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f) Resources, Cultural Resources; Environmental Justice and Socioeconomics; Visitor Use and Experience; Wilderness; including indirect and cumulative effects.

Humans perceive sound as an auditory sensation created by pressure variations that move through a medium such as water or air. Sound is measured in terms of amplitude and frequency. Amplitude, which refers to the sound pressure level or intensity, is the relative strength of sound waves which humans perceive as loudness or volume and is measured in decibels (dB). Decibels work on a logarithmic scale, such that an increase of 10 dB causes a doubling of perceived loudness and represents a ten-fold increase in sound level. Thus 20 dBA would be perceived as twice as loud as 10 dBA, 30 dBA would be perceived as 4 times louder than 10 dBA, 40 dBA would be perceived as 8 times louder than 10 dBA, etc. (see Table 1).

**Table 1. Subjective Effect of Change in Sound Level**

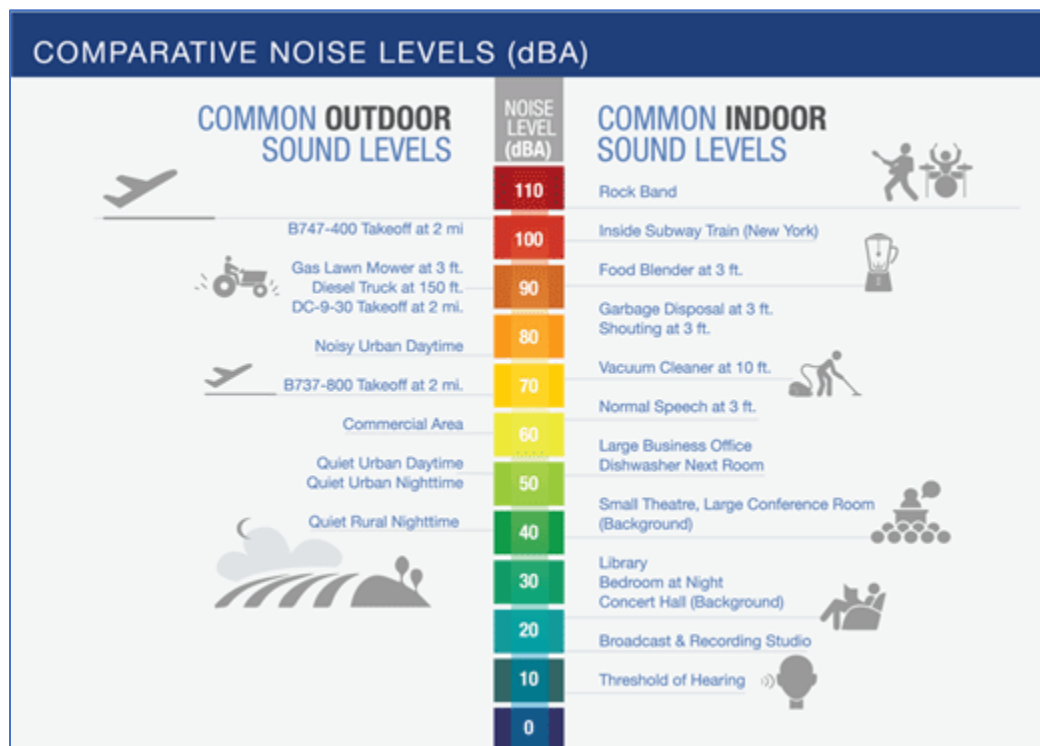
Change in Sound Level	Perceived Change to Human Ear
± 1 dB	Not Perceptible
± 3 dB	Threshold of Perception
± 5 dB	Obvious Change
± 10 dB	Twice / Half as Loud
± 20 dB	Fourfold or ¼ as Loud

The A-weighted decibel scale (dBA) is commonly used to describe sound levels because it reflects the frequency range to which the human ear is most sensitive.<sup>1</sup> The dBA scale from zero to 110 covers most of the range of everyday sounds, as shown in Figure 1. Note that sound levels in protected natural

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<sup>1</sup> dBA (A-weighted decibels): Sound is measured on a logarithmic scale relative to the reference sound pressure for atmospheric sources, 20 µPa. Sound levels are reported in units of decibels (dB) (ANSI S1.1-1994, American National Standard Acoustical Terminology). A-weighting is applied to sound levels to account for the sensitivity of the human ear (ANSI S1.42-2001, Design Response of Weighting Networks for Acoustical Measurements). To approximate human hearing sensitivity, A-weighting discounts sounds below 1 kHz and above 6 kHz.

areas, such as Haleakalā National Park, are often lower than those of the ‘common’ outdoor areas shown, in the range of 20-30 dBA.



**Figure 1. Comparative Sound Levels<sup>2</sup>**

Section 2 discusses the noise metrics. Section 3 discusses the affected environment and ambient soundscape. Section 4 discusses the noise model method and inputs while Section 5 discusses outputs. Sections 6 and 7 provide detailed noise results for each alternative. Section 8 discusses indirect effects.

## 2. Modeled Noise Metrics

There are numerous ways to measure the potential impacts of noise from commercial air tours on the acoustic environment of a park, including intensity, duration, and spatial footprint of the noise. The affected environment and impact analysis discloses noise metrics consistent with both Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Park Service (NPS) noise guidance. The FAA noise evaluation is based on guidance under FAA Order 1050.1F and uses the yearly Day-night Average Sound Level (DNL) metric; the cumulative noise energy exposure from aircraft over 24 hours. The NPS considers various different metrics to analyze impacts to park resources and values from noise, including equivalent sound level, time audible (the amount of time you can hear air tour aircraft noise), the amount of time that the noise from a commercial air tour operation would be above specific sound levels that relate to functional

<sup>2</sup> Source: [https://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/policy\\_guidance/noise/basics/](https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/policy_guidance/noise/basics/)

effects of noise and park management objectives (e.g., 35 and 52 decibels), and maximum sound level. These metrics are discussed further in Table 2.

**Table 2. Primary metrics used for the noise analysis**

Metric	Relevance and citation
Equivalent sound level, $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$	The logarithmic average of commercial air tour sound levels, in dBA, over a 12-hour day. The selected 12-hour period is selected to represent typical daytime commercial air tour operating hours.
Day-night average sound level, $L_{dn}$ (or DNL)	<p>The logarithmic average of sound levels, in dBA, over a 24-hour day, DNL takes into account the increased sensitivity to noise at night by including a 10 dB penalty between 10 PM and 7 AM local time.</p> <p>Note: Both <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}</math> and DNL characterize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases in both the loudness and duration of noise events</li> <li>• The number of noise events during specific time period (12 hours for <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}</math> and 24-hours for DNL)</li> </ul> <p>If there are no nighttime events, then <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}</math> is arithmetically three dBA higher than DNL.</p> <p>The FAA's (2015 Exhibit 4-1) indicators of significant impacts are for an action that would increase noise by DNL 1.5 dB or more for a noise sensitive area that is exposed to noise at or above the DNL 65 dB noise exposure level, or that will be exposed at or above the DNL 65 dB level due to a DNL 1.5 dB or greater increase, when compared to the no action alternative for the same timeframe.</p>
Time Audible Natural Ambient	<p>The total time (minutes) that aircraft noise levels are audible to an attentive listener with normal hearing under natural ambient conditions.</p> <p>The median natural ambient is the sound level exceeded 50 percent of the time (<math>L_{50}</math>), determined from the natural sound conditions found in a study area, including all sounds of nature (i.e., wind, streams, wildlife, etc.), and excluding all human and mechanical sounds. Time audible does not indicate how loud the event is, only if it might be heard.</p>
Time Above 35 dBA	<p>The amount of time (in minutes) that aircraft sound levels are above a given threshold (i.e., 35 dBA)</p> <p>In quiet settings, outdoor sound levels exceeding this level degrade experience in outdoor performance venues (American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 2007). This level is also shown to cause blood pressure increases in sleeping humans (Haralabidis et al., 2008); as well as exceeding recommended maximum background noise level inside classrooms (ANSI S12.60/Part 1-2010).</p>

<b>Metric</b>	<b>Relevance and citation</b>
Time Above 52 dBA	<p>The amount of time (in minutes) that aircraft sound levels are above a given threshold (i.e., 52 dBA)</p> <p>This metric represents the level at which one may reasonably expect interference with Park interpretive programs. At this background sound level, normal voice communication at five meters (two people five meters apart), or a raised voice to an audience at ten meters would result in 95% sentence intelligibility (United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Noise Abatement and Control, 1974).</p>
Maximum sound level, $L_{max}$	The loudest sound level, in dBA, generated by the loudest event; it is event-based and is independent of the number of operations. $L_{max}$ does not provide any context of frequency, duration, or timing of exposure.

### 3. Affected Environment

NPS defines acoustic resources as physical sound sources, including both natural sounds (wind, water, wildlife, vegetation) and cultural and historic sounds (battle reenactments, tribal ceremonies, quiet reverence). The acoustic environment is the combination of all the acoustic resources within a given area. This includes natural sounds and cultural sounds, as well as non-natural human-caused sounds. Soundscape can be defined as the human perception of those physical sound resources.

Natural sounds are also part of the biological or other physical resource components of the park. Examples include:

- Sounds produced by birds, such as the nēnē (Hawaiian goose), to define territories or aid in attracting mates
- Sounds produced by bats to locate prey or navigate
- Sounds received by mice to detect and avoid predators or other danger
- Sounds produced by physical processes, such as wind in the trees, wind in the bamboo forest, claps of thunder, or falling water

One of the natural resources of the park is the natural soundscape, also referred to as the Natural Ambient or “natural quiet.” The Natural Ambient includes all of the naturally occurring sounds of the park, as well as the quiet associated with still nights and certain seasons. An important part of the mission of the NPS is to preserve or restore the natural soundscapes associated with units of the national park system (NPS Management Policies, 4.9 Soundscape Management).

The term existing ambient refers to the sound level of all sounds in a given area, and includes all natural sounds as well as all mechanical, electrical, and other human-caused sounds. Human-generated noise sources may include wheeled vehicles on roads, such as passenger vehicles, tour buses, and cyclists, and aircraft overflights consisting of high-altitude commercial jet aircraft, occasional NPS flights for research



or other park purposes, commercial air tour operations, and private general aviation aircraft. Human-generated noise within the park is typically concentrated in areas of high visitor use such as at overlook areas along the road to the summit and Waimoku Falls in the Kīpahulu area.

To characterize the natural and existing ambient, detailed sound level measurements were conducted at 10 locations across the park in 2003, resulting in the identification of five acoustic zones representing regions with similar acoustic conditions (Table 3) (Lee et al., 2016). These acoustic sampling locations were chosen to be representative of the natural ecological zones or broad ecosystems of the park and ATMP planning area. Median daytime natural ambient sound levels ( $L_{50}$ ) ranged from 21 dBA in backcountry areas to 45 dBA along the shoreline; median daytime existing ambient sound levels for these areas exhibits similar variability, ranging from 23 dBA in the backcountry to 46 dBA in the front country where visitors are more prevalent. The median or  $L_{50}$  sound level (in decibels) is the sound level exceeded 50 percent of the day.

Additional sound level measurements were conducted in 2008 and 2013, providing further information and characterization of the natural and existing ambient conditions. In 2008, data were collected at three locations (Lynch, 2012) to understand the level of air tour operations at the time and to provide a snapshot of the acoustical conditions at the park. The sites were located in the same general area as a selection of sites from the 2003 study to allow for potential comparisons. Similar trends were observed, where Haleakalā Crater sites were quieter during the day than Kīpahulu sites. Overall, the median natural and existing ambient levels measured at crater sites in 2003 were slightly higher (3 dBA) than the 2008 study, likely due to differences in vegetation types at these locations as well as proximity to sound sources, variation in weather conditions (particularly wind patterns), and differences in methods used to compute natural ambient. Authors of the 2008 study state that these two studies present a likely range of ambient levels for the sampling areas in the park.

The 2013 measurements (Job, 2018) were performed to establish a baseline inventory of the newly-acquired Nu‘u unit. Results indicated that the natural ambient sound levels ( $L_{nat}$ )<sup>3</sup> during the monitoring period were 21.1 dBA during the daytime. Existing ambient sound levels ( $L_{50}$ ) were slightly higher, 23.5 dBA. Compared to ten other sites in the park, it is the fourth quietest. These results were used to assign ambient data for computer modeling to this area.

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<sup>3</sup> It should be noted that different techniques have been used to calculate natural ambient, resulting in two different descriptor notations. Natural ambient  $L_{50}$  refers to the natural ambient computation process described in Lee 2016, while  $L_{nat}$  refers to the natural ambient process described in Lynch 2012 and Job 2018. Although different, the processes are highly correlated and yield similar results; differences are generally less than 1 dB (Rapoza, 2008).

**Table 3. Acoustic Conditions**

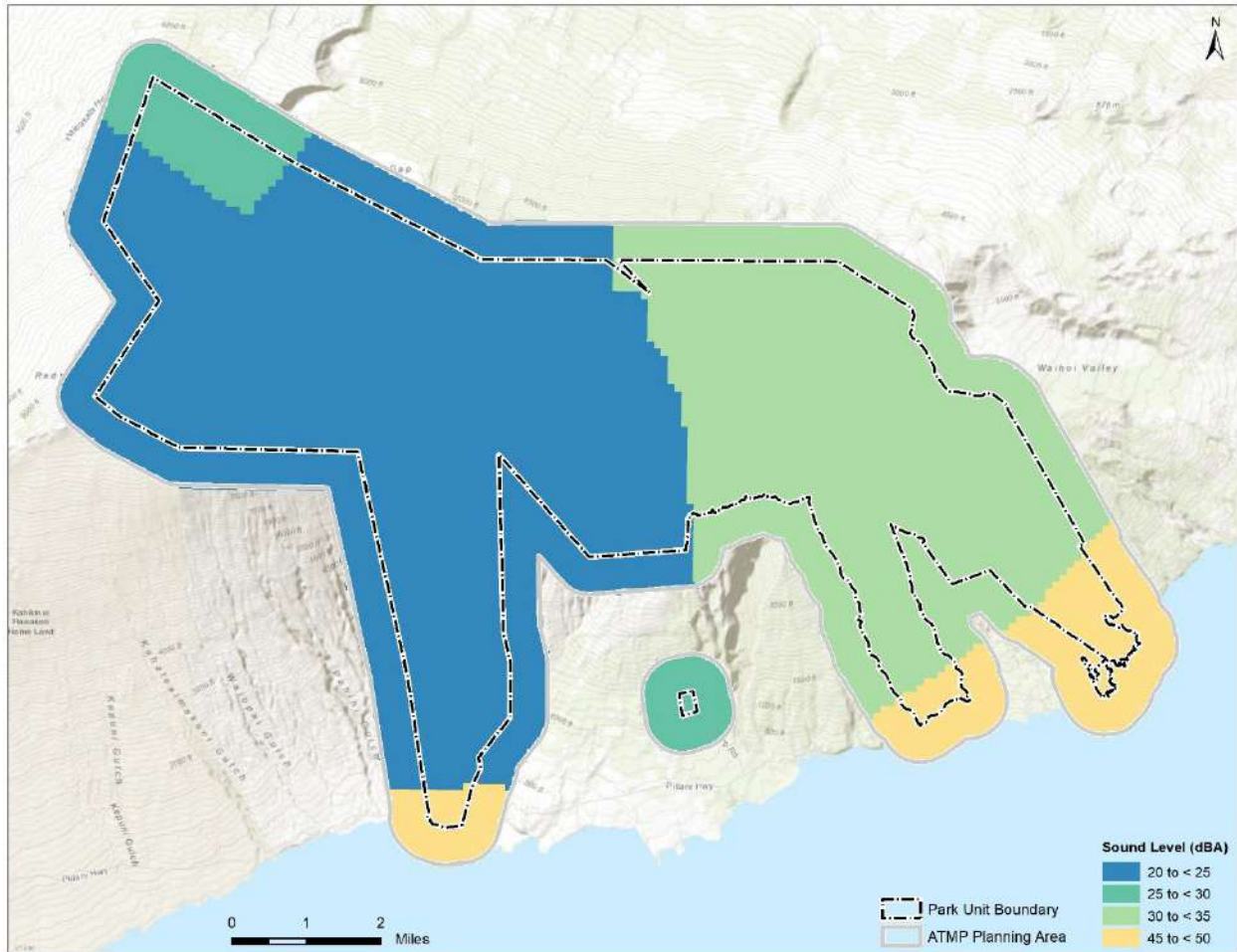
<b>Acoustic Sampling Area</b>	<b>Daytime Natural Ambient, L<sub>50</sub> (dBA)</b>	<b>Daytime Existing Ambient, L<sub>50</sub> (dBA)</b>	<b>Description</b>
Zone 1 (West Rim Crater)	24-28	27-28	Natural sounds in this zone include wind through the low brush and birds. Human sounds include occasional hikers and vehicles as well as air tour aircraft.
Zone 2 (Haleakalā Crater)	21-23	24-25	Sounds in this zone include strong winds, hikers, and bird vocalizations. Air tour aircraft can be heard within this zone.
Zone 3 (Kaupo Gap)	23	23	The dominant sounds are strong winds with occasional hikers, as well as distant aircraft.
Zone 4 (Kīpahulu Coastal)	45	44-46	Natural sounds in this zone include bamboo, birds, insects, and waterfalls. Human caused sounds include hikers and air tour helicopters.
Zone 5 (Upper Kīpahulu Valley)	31	35	Natural sounds in this zone include wind and rain on the tree fern canopy and insects, with localized occurrences of bird vocalizations. Ground based visitors are not allowed in this area. Sounds from distant aircraft are audible.
Zone 6 (Nu‘u Coastal)			Audible sound sources at this site include wind, birds, and helicopters. This zone was not a part of the park when the 2003 study was being conducted, so data from other zones (Zone 4) was applied to this zone for AEDT modeling based on NPS guidance.

**Ambient Map Data**

From the detailed data collected in 2003, an ambient “map” of the natural soundscape<sup>4</sup> of the ATMP planning area was developed to be used in computer modeling (Figure 2). Lee et al., 2016 provides further technical detail on the acoustical monitoring and development of the ambient map used in the computer modeling.

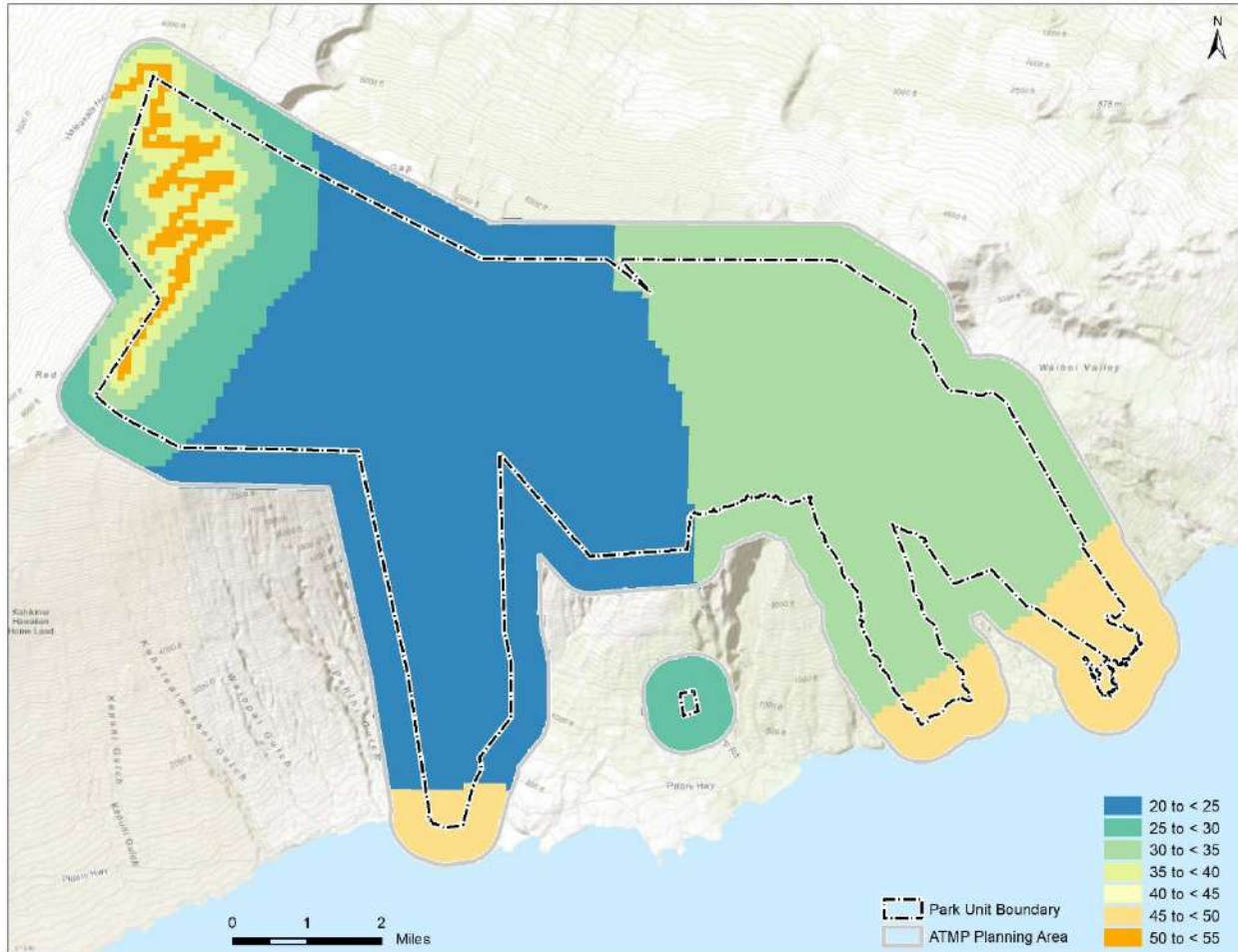
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<sup>4</sup> Natural Ambient/Soundscape (L<sub>50</sub>): The sound level exceeded 50 percent of the time determined from the natural sound conditions found in a study area, including all sounds of nature (i.e., wind, streams, wildlife, etc.), and excluding all human and mechanical sounds. All ambient data were based on a 12-hour time period, i.e., 7 AM to 7 PM, which are the typical operating hours for air tours.



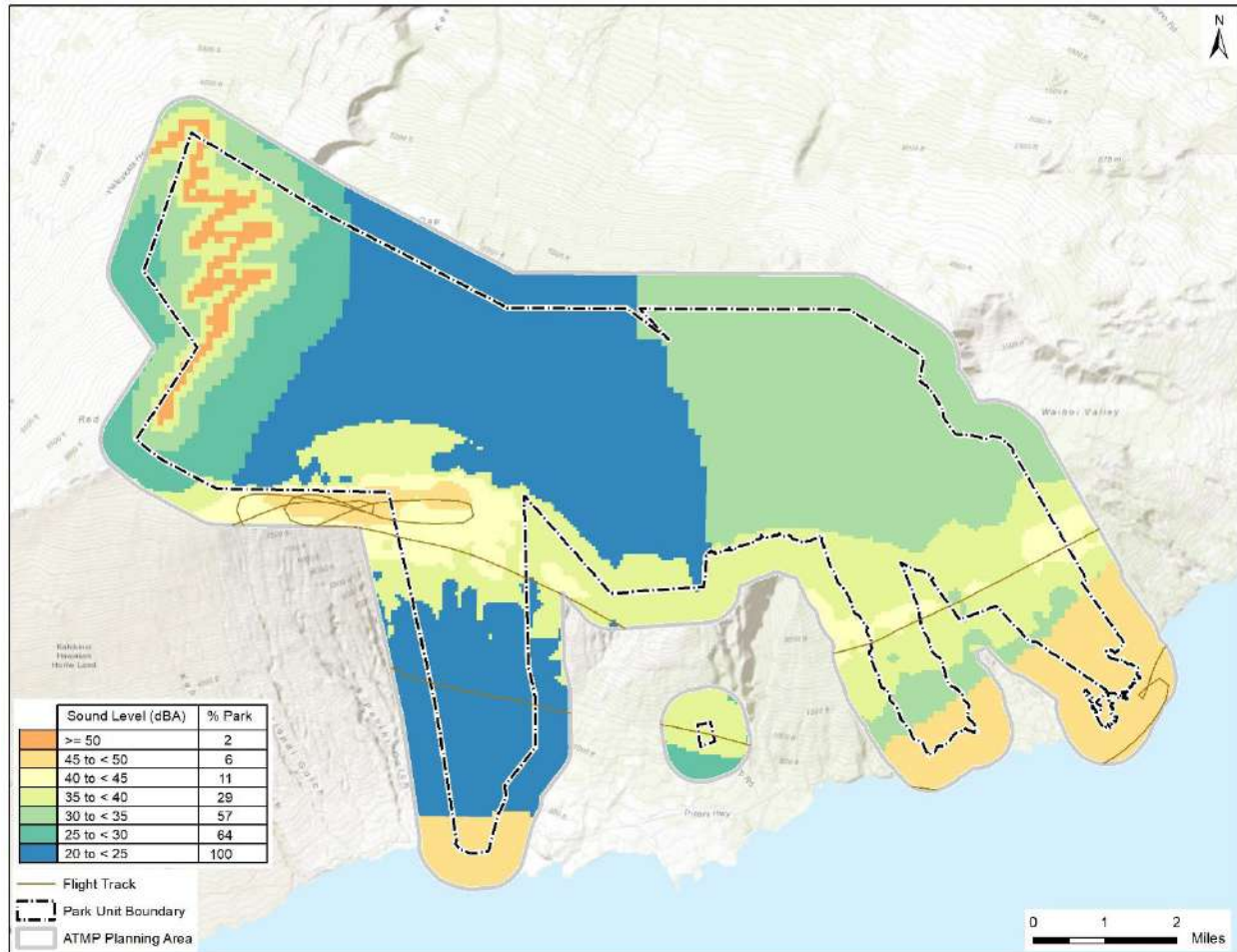
**Figure 2. Ambient map – Natural Ambient L<sub>50</sub>**

The contribution of aircraft noise during the sound level measurements provides a snapshot in time and is not necessarily a representative characterization of the existing ambient under current conditions (as described in the No Action Alternative and in Section 4 below). The existing ambient under current conditions was determined by adding the noise exposure due to existing air tours (Figure 8), modeled using the FAA Aviation Environmental Design Tool (AEDT) version 3e (see section 4), to the Existing Ambient without Air Tours shown in Figure 3. The Existing Ambient without Air Tours is defined as the composite, all-inclusive sound associated with a given environment, excluding the sound source of interest, in this case, commercial air tour aircraft. It does include all other human-caused sound sources that were audible at the measurement site; hikers, visitor centers, commercial jets, general aviation aircraft, military aircraft, and administrative aircraft operations. The result of this process is the Cumulative Existing Ambient (Figure 4).



**Figure 3. Ambient map – Existing Ambient without Air Tours L<sub>50</sub>**<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Because it is not feasible to carry out field data collection efforts in all areas of a park, the effect of localized sound sources, such as from roadways, were modeled using the Federal Highway Administration's Traffic Noise Model® (TNM). Details of modeled roadway sound sources can be found in Lee et al., 2016.



**Figure 4. Cumulative Existing Ambient for Existing Conditions**

## 4. Noise Model Method

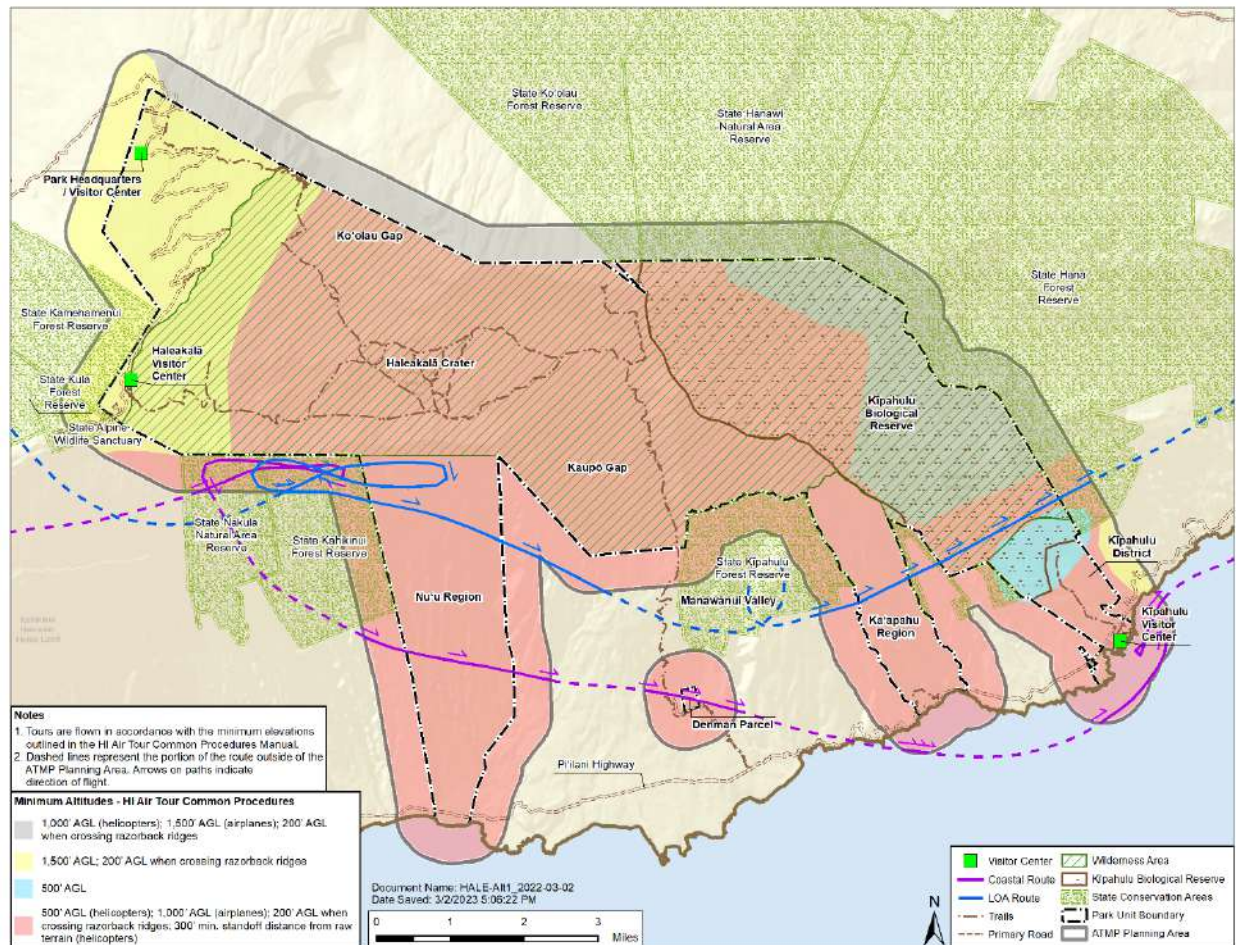
The FAA's AEDT, Ver. 3e (Lee et al. 2022) is the FAA-approved computer program for modeling noise under Appendix A of FAA's Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Planning (14 CFR sec. A150.103(a)). Requirements for aircraft noise modeling are defined in FAA Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, and in Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) 14 CFR Part 150, Airport Noise Compatibility Planning.



The noise model requires detailed information regarding the aircraft source, operational, and flight route information, as well as other information<sup>6</sup> to compute various noise metrics that can be used to assess the potential impacts of noise from commercial air tours on the acoustic environment of a park.

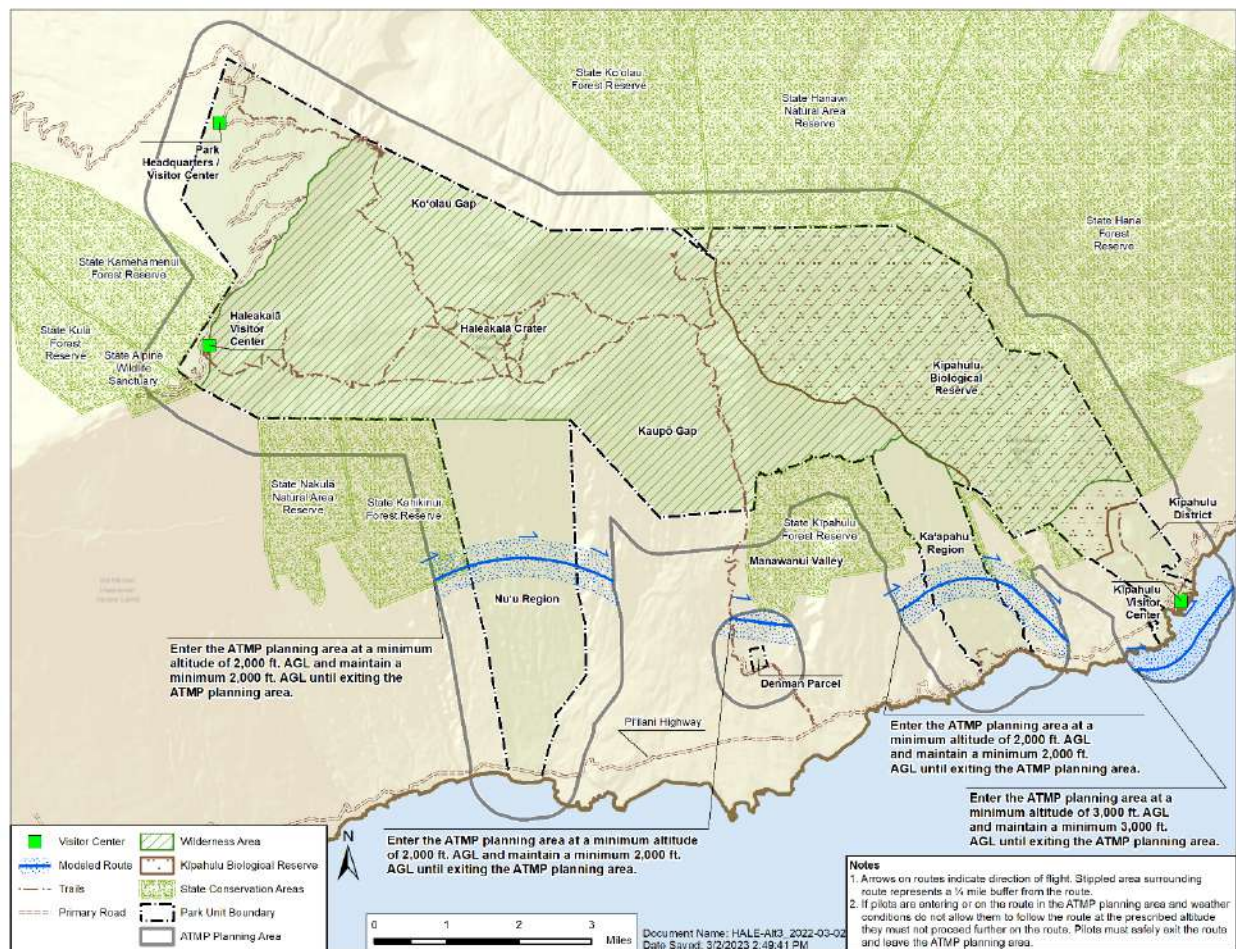
## Aircraft Data

The tour aircraft types identified for modeling the alternatives are the Aerospatiale SA-350D and Eurocopter EC-130 aircraft. The flight routes used for modeling the No Action Alternative are shown in Figure 5; the flight routes used for Alternative 3 are shown in Figure 6.



**Figure 5. Air Tour Routes for modeling the No Action Alternative**

<sup>6</sup> The noise model accounts for a number of effects over the propagation path between the aircraft source and receptor. Attenuation due to line-of-sight blockage from terrain features is computed utilizing terrain data obtained from U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) along with algorithms documented in SAE Aerospace Information Report (AIR) 6501. Atmospheric absorption is based on the 2012-2021 average temperature of 76 degrees Fahrenheit and 71% relative humidity and computed according to SAE-ARP-5534.



**Figure 6. Air Tour Routes for Alternative 3**

A unique noise modeling profile was developed for each aircraft and route combination based on typical aircraft climb rates, descent rates, power settings and speeds during the different phases of flight (cruise, climb, and descent).

The analysis for the No Action Alternative is based on a peak month, average day<sup>7</sup> (PMAD) of commercial air tour activity. For the three-year average of commercial air tour activity from 2017-2019, the PMAD was identified in terms of number of operations, and then further assessed for the type of aircraft and route flown to determine if it is a reasonable representation of the commercial air tour activity over the ATMP planning area. For the ATMP planning area, the PMAD was identified as summarized in Table 4. The process of averaging and apportioning a peak month of flights to daily

<sup>7</sup> As required by FAA policy, the FAA typically represents yearly conditions as the Average Annual Day (AAD). However, it was determined that a PMAD representation of the operations would more adequately allow for disclosure of any potential impacts. PMAD has therefore been used as a conservative representation of assessment of AAD conditions.



flights can result in a fractional number. Altitudes were modeled according to the minimum altitudes identified in the 2008 FAA Hawai'i Air Tour Common Procedures Manual (HI Manual).<sup>8</sup>

The analysis for Alternative 3 is based on the number of aircraft operations for each aircraft and route combination identified under this alternative and is summarized in Table 5.

**Table 4. Aircraft and Number of Operations Modeled for the No Action Alternative (2017-2019 PMAD)**

<b>Aircraft</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Number of Flights</b>
<b>Aerospatiale SA-350D</b>	LOA	4.5
<b>Eurocopter EC-130</b>	LOA	9
<b>Aerospatiale SA-350D</b>	Coastal	1.5
<b>Eurocopter EC-130</b>	Coastal	3
<b>Total</b>		18

**Table 5. Aircraft and Number of Operations Modeled for Alternative 3**

<b>Aircraft</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Number of Flights</b>
<b>Aerospatiale SA-350D</b>	Proposed Route	3
<b>Eurocopter EC-130</b>	Proposed Route	6
<b>Total</b>		9

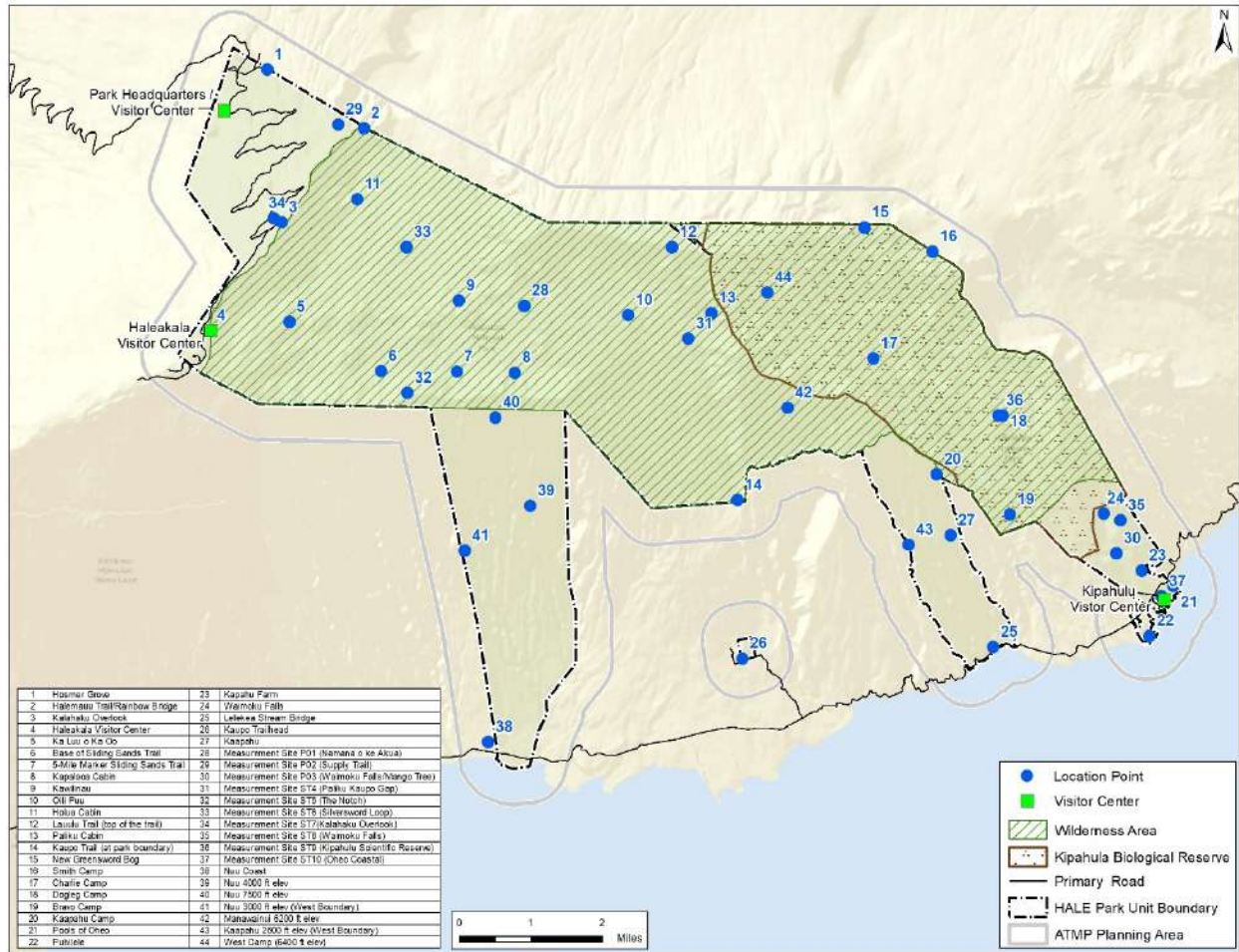
## 5. Model Output

Two types of analyses were performed using FAA's AEDT, Version 3e: 1) contour analysis and 2) representative location point analysis. A noise contour presents a graphical illustration or "footprint" of the area potentially affected by the noise. Location point results present the metric results at specific points of interest. The NPS provided a list of 44 location points, geographically located across the entire park, where noise levels were to be evaluated. These locations are listed in Table 6 and indicated as blue dots in Figure 7.

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<sup>8</sup> FAA DOCUMENT NUMBER: AWP13-136A





**Figure 7. Location Points modeled for Haleakalā National Park**

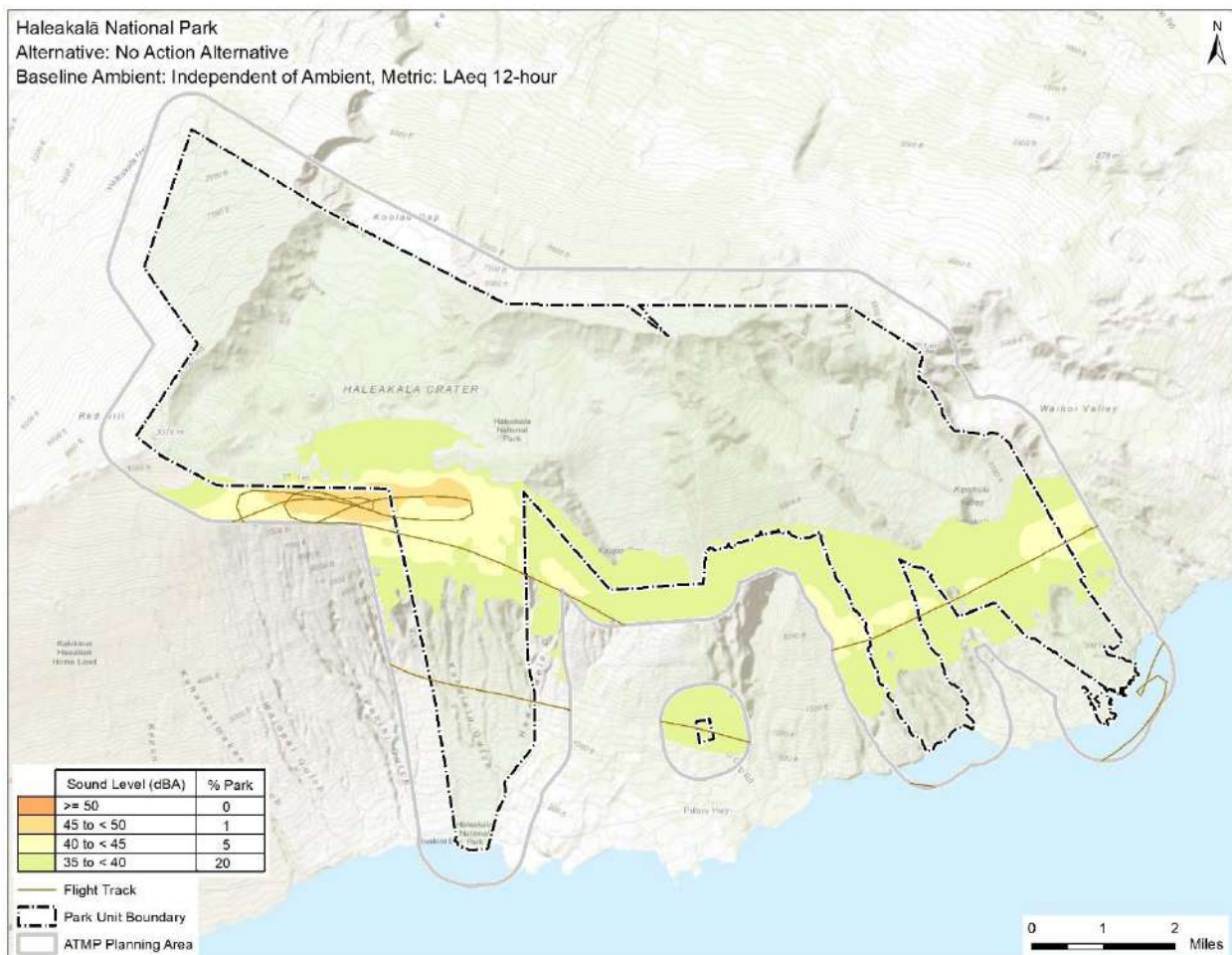
**Table 6. Location points modeled for Haleakalā National Park**

Location	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Natural Ambient L <sub>50</sub> (dBA)
1. Hosmer Grove	20.768	-156.238	25-30
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	20.756	-156.217	20-25
3. Kalahaku Overlook	20.737	-156.234	20-25
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	20.715	-156.250	20-25
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	20.717	-156.233	20-25
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	20.707	-156.213	20-25
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	20.707	-156.197	20-25
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	20.706	-156.184	20-25
9. Kawilinau	20.721	-156.196	20-25
10. Oili Pu'u	20.718	-156.160	20-25
11. Holua Cabin	20.742	-156.218	20-25
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	20.732	-156.150	30-35
13. Paliku Cabin	20.757	-156.223	20-25
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	20.681	-156.136	20-25
15. New Greensword Bog	20.736	-156.109	30-35
16. Smith Camp	20.731	-156.094	30-35
17. Charlie Camp	20.709	-156.107	30-35
18. Dogleg Camp	20.698	-156.079	30-35
19. Bravo Camp	20.678	-156.077	30-35
20. Ka'apahu Camp	20.686	-156.093	30-35
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	20.663	-156.042	45-50
22. Puhilele	20.653	-156.047	45-50
23. Kapahu Farm	20.666	-156.049	45-50
24. Waimoku Falls	20.678	-156.057	30-35
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	20.651	-156.081	45-50
26. Kaupo Trailhead	20.649	-156.135	25-30
27. Ka'apahu	20.673	-156.090	30-35
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	20.719	-156.181	20-25
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	20.757	-156.223	25-30
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	20.662	-156.060	45-50
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	20.713	-156.147	20-25
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	20.702	-156.207	20-25
33. Measurement Site ST6 (SILVERSWORD LOOP)	20.734	-156.218	20-25
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	20.738	-156.236	20-25
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	20.677	-156.054	45-50
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	20.698	-156.080	30-35
37. Measurement Site ST10 ('Ohe'o Coastal)	20.660	-156.040	45-50
38. Nu'u Coast	20.632	-156.190	45-50
39. Nu'u 4000 ft elev	20.679	-156.181	20-25
40. Nu'u 7500 ft elev	20.697	-156.188	20-25
41. Nu'u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	20.670	-156.195	20-25
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	20.699	-156.125	45-50
43. Ka'apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	20.672	-156.099	20-25
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	20.723	-156.130	20-25

## 6. Noise Model Results / Environmental Consequences

This section provides figures and tables showing the detailed noise results, organized by alternative. Presented first are the noise contour result maps for three metrics: 12-hour equivalent sound level (Figure 8 and Figure 11), time audible natural ambient (Figure 9 and Figure 12) and time above 35 dBA (Figure 10 and Figure 13), followed by tabular results (Table 7 and Table 8) for the location points for each of the five acoustic metrics modeled. The noise contour map legends include the percentage of the ATMP planning area covered by each contour level.

### Alternative 1 (No Action Alternative)



**Figure 8. 12-hour equivalent sound level (LAeq,12h) map for the No Action Alternative**

As there are no nighttime events, DNL would be 3 dB less than the 12-hour equivalent sound level.



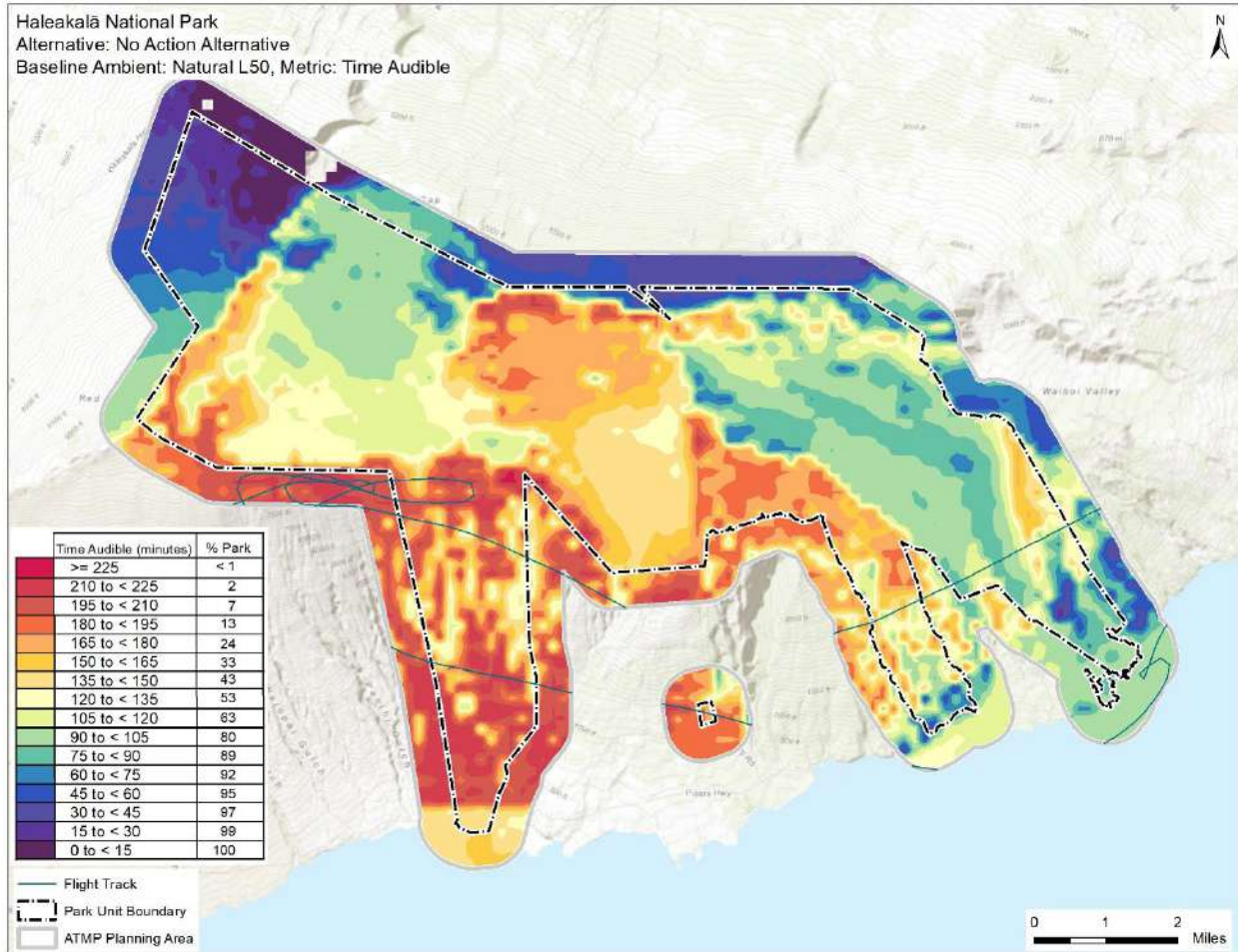


Figure 9. Time audible (for natural ambient) map for the No Action Alternative

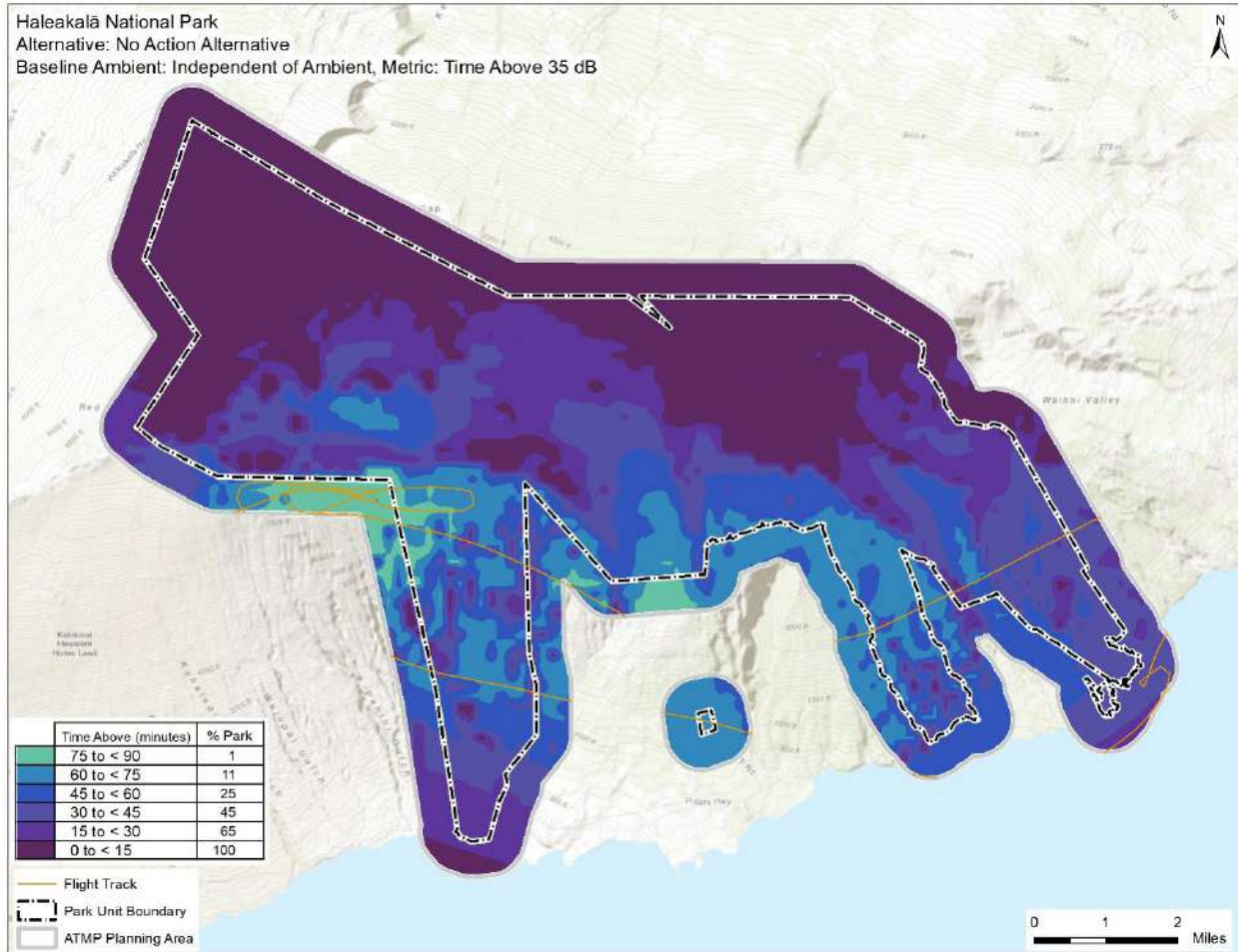


Figure 10. Time Above 35 dBA map for the No Action Alternative

**Table 7. Location point results - No Action Alternative**

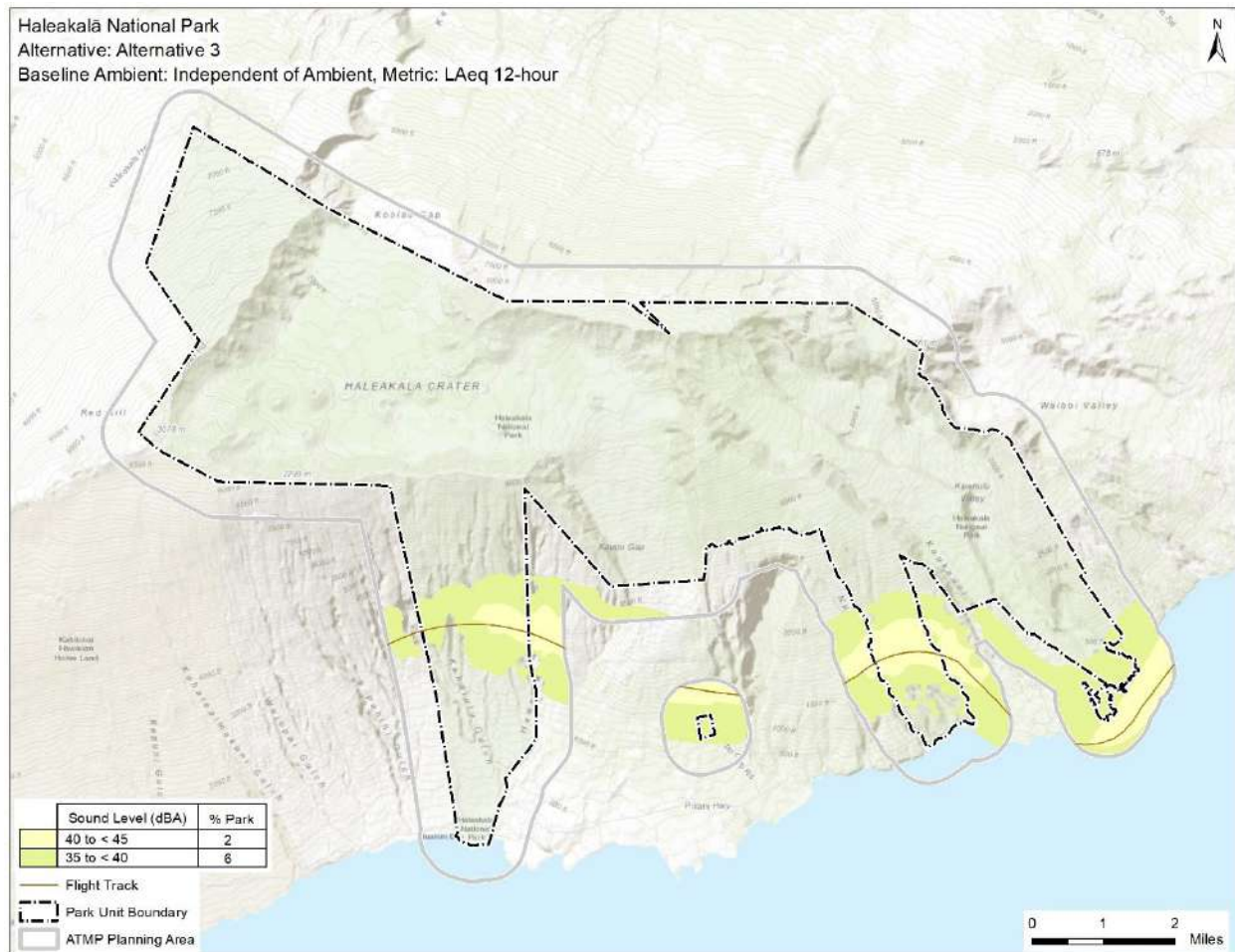
Location	12 Hour Equivalent Sound Level (dBA)*	Time Audible for Natural Ambient (minutes)	Time Above 35 dBA (minutes)	Time Above 52 dBA (minutes)	Maximum Sound Level (dBA)
1. Hosmer Grove	9.5	81.6	0.0	0.0	29.3
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	20.1	146.1	3.7	0.0	38.2
3. Kalahaku Overlook	16.3	173.9	1.1	0.0	36.7
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	21.1	219.0	2.8	0.0	42.9
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	12.6	148.4	0.0	0.0	33.2
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	37.0	155.0	30.4	4.7	59.3
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	39.2	151.5	50.1	10.5	60.5
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	30.9	156.4	6.6	1.7	60.4
9. Kawilinau	28.6	145.3	22.5	0.0	49.9
10. Oili Pu'u	26.1	157.9	17.5	0.0	46.2
11. Holua Cabin	22.6	126.6	9.0	0.0	41.6
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	16.5	168.9	0.2	0.0	35.7
13. Paliku Cabin	9.7	106.2	0.0	0.0	30.5
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	34.6	212.1	51.9	1.5	54.1
15. New Greensword Bog	14.2	99.0	0.0	0.0	32.0
16. Smith Camp	13.1	97.4	0.0	0.0	35.0
17. Charlie Camp	24.6	120.5	12.9	0.0	43.9
18. Dogleg Camp	33.1	117.3	35.5	0.9	53.1
19. Bravo Camp	39.9	125.4	61.4	8.0	63.1
20. Ka'apahu Camp	36.9	188.1	66.7	2.9	57.0
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	33.6	173.7	39.2	2.0	59.8
22. Puhilele	32.3	187.1	35.8	1.8	57.3
23. Kapahu Farm	32.7	155.7	44.1	1.0	55.9
24. Waimoku Falls	26.5	92.6	7.4	0.2	53.9
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	31.4	108.8	44.4	0.3	53.2
26. Kaupo Trailhead	35.4	210.6	68.5	1.3	57.2
27. Ka'apahu	40.3	175.8	70.5	8.2	64.0
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	28.5	182.9	18.7	0.0	50.5
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	9.7	106.2	0.0	0.0	30.5
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	32.2	180.7	50.6	0.0	51.4
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	27.8	168.4	31.0	0.0	43.9
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	37.9	155.9	35.2	4.9	64.6
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Silersword Loop)	25.1	131.5	16.3	0.0	44.0
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	16.2	125.6	1.3	0.0	36.9
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	35.2	171.4	46.1	1.1	53.6

Location	12 Hour Equivalent Sound Level (dBA)*	Time Audible for Natural Ambient (minutes)	Time Above 35 dBA (minutes)	Time Above 52 dBA (minutes)	Maximum Sound Level (dBA)
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	31.6	110.9	24.7	0.5	52.7
37. Measurement Site ST10 (‘Ohe‘o Coastal)	34.0	183.7	35.8	2.2	60.7
38. Nu‘u Coast	26.7	225.3	20.0	0.0	44.2
39. Nu‘u 4000 ft elev	38.6	229.8	73.9	6.1	58.3
40. Nu‘u 7500 ft elev	45.6	225.8	71.8	23.6	68.7
41. Nu‘u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	34.2	185.9	59.9	0.9	55.9
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	31.9	219.3	50.1	0.0	49.5
43. Ka‘apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	40.3	191.3	59.1	8.9	62.8
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	22.6	142.3	8.3	0.0	40.4

\* As there are no nighttime events, DNL would be 3 dB less than the 12-hour equivalent sound level.



### Alternative 3



**Figure 11. 12-hour equivalent sound level (LAeq,12h) map for Alternative 3**

As there are no nighttime events, then DNL would be 3 dB less than the 12-hour equivalent sound level. If air tours are restricted to operating between 10 AM and 3 PM (i.e., 5 hours), then the 5-hour equivalent sound level would be 3.8 dBA greater than the 12-hour equivalent sound level.



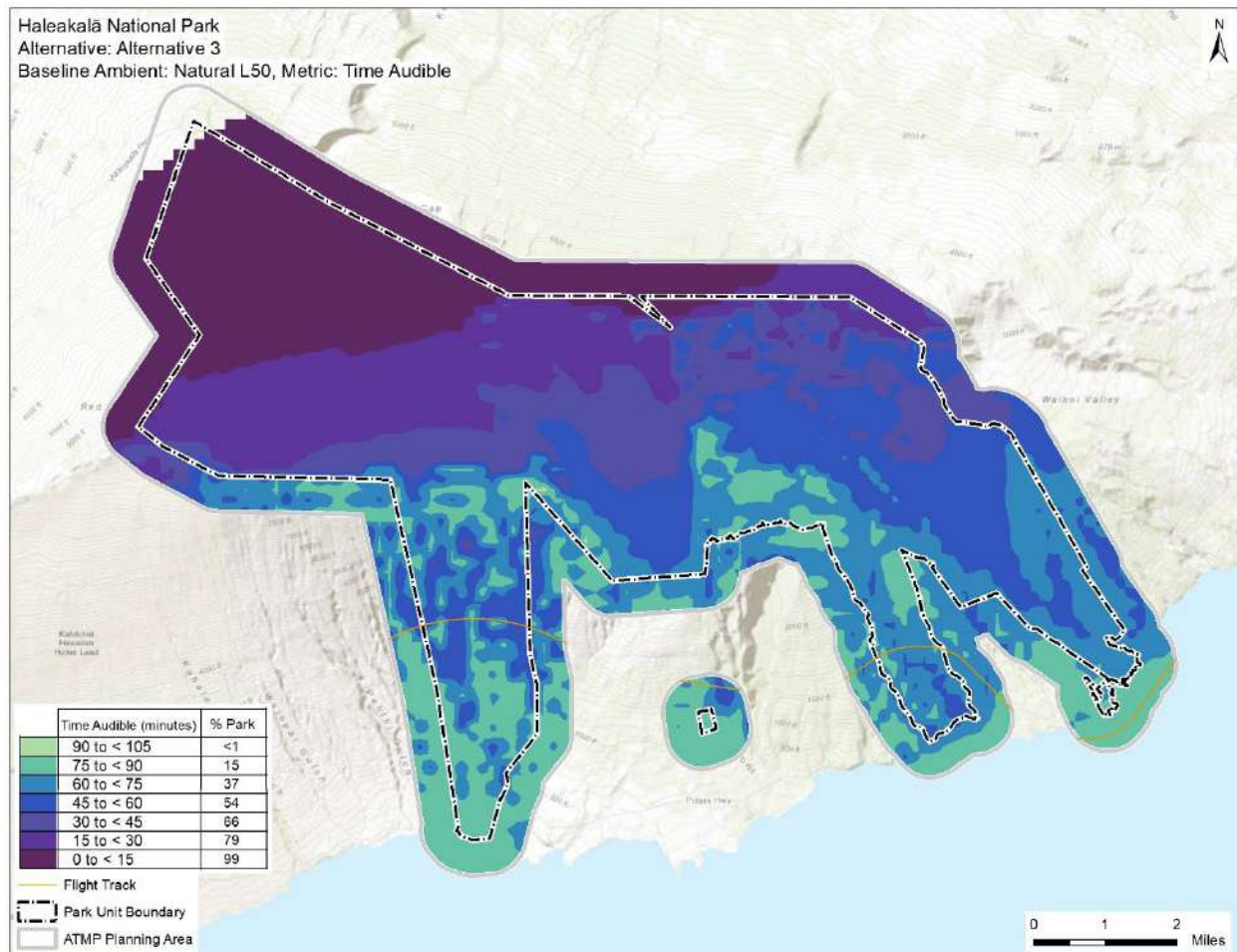


Figure 12. Time Audible (for natural ambient) map for Alternative 3

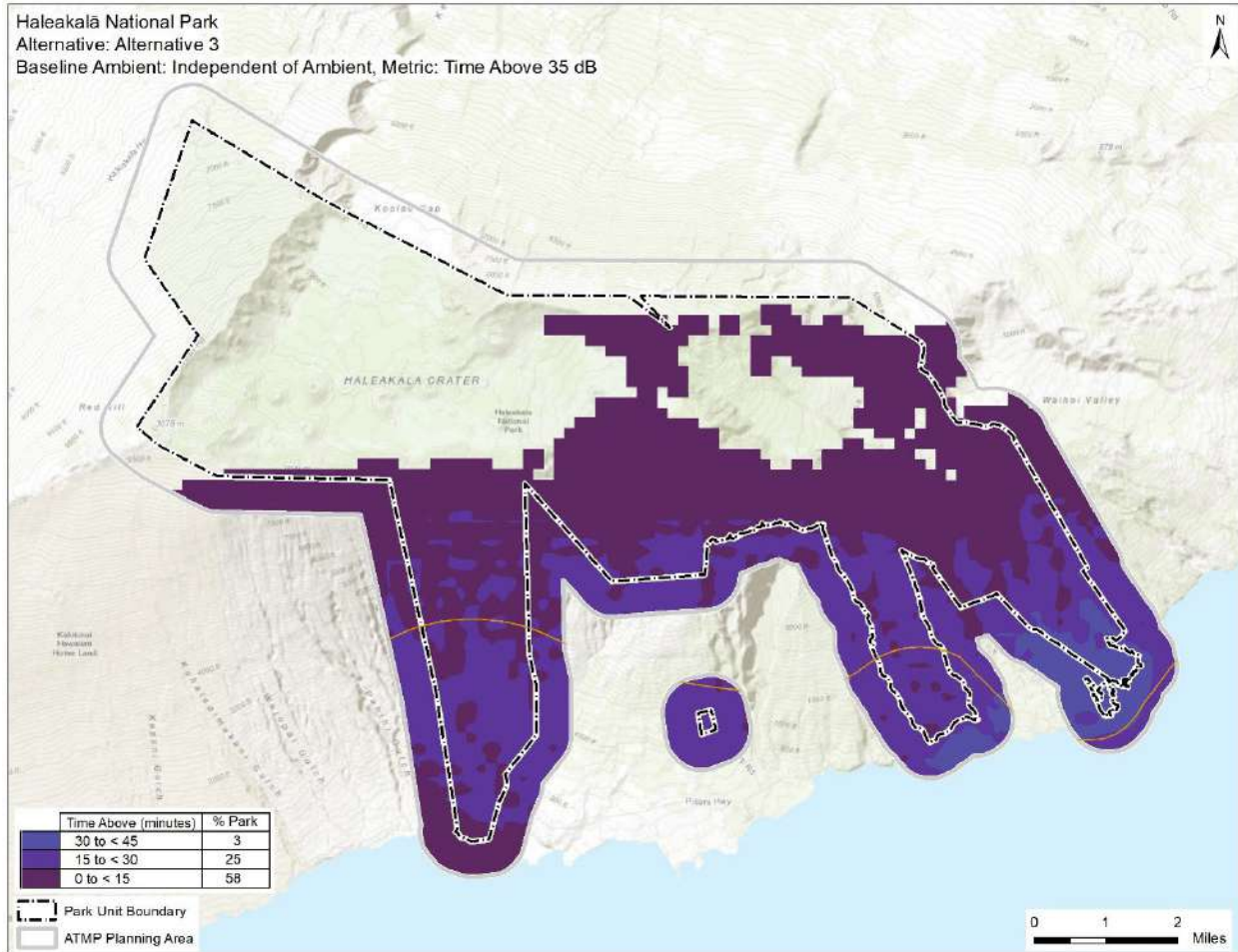


Figure 13. Time Above 35 dBA map for Alternative 3

**Table 8. Location point results for Alternative 3**

Location	12 Hour Equivalent Sound Level (dBA)*	Time Audible for Natural Ambient (minutes)	Time Above 35 dB (minutes)	Time Above 52 dB (minutes)	Maximum Sound Level dBA
1. Hosmer Grove	0	0.3	0.0	0.0	12.3
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	0	3.2	0.0	0.0	14.6
3. Kalahaku Overlook	0	7.6	0.0	0.0	15.5
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	0	24.8	0.0	0.0	19.1
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0	16.1	0.0	0.0	18.5
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	1.0	29.7	0.0	0.0	23.2
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	2.5	31.5	0.0	0.0	25.7
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	3.4	31.6	0.0	0.0	26.8
9. Kawilinau	0	18.5	0.0	0.0	22.0
10. Oili Pu'u	1.2	25.1	0.0	0.0	22.7
11. Holua Cabin	0	9.6	0.0	0.0	16.7
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0	15.7	0.0	0.0	23.1
13. Paliku Cabin	0	2.6	0.0	0.0	14.1
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	28.9	74.9	16.8	0.0	51.5
15. New Greensword Bog	0	18.9	0.0	0.0	19.5
16. Smith Camp	0	26.5	0.0	0.0	19.4
17. Charlie Camp	14.1	57.7	0.0	0.0	34.8
18. Dogleg Camp	13.6	56.2	0.7	0.0	37.9
19. Bravo Camp	34.0	63.2	21.5	2.4	57.8
20. Ka'apahu Camp	29.7	76.1	19.4	0.3	52.7
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	38.6	68.7	31.9	7.9	62.2
22. Puhilele	39.7	85.5	32.0	8.2	63.6
23. Kapahu Farm	35.2	65.5	33.8	2.8	56.6
24. Waimoku Falls	24.0	56.2	9.4	0.0	48.2
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	33.9	56.9	22.9	2.7	56.7
26. Kaupo Trailhead	35.6	81.4	22.5	4.1	57.5
27. Ka'apahu	38.9	73.0	19.8	6.6	63.9
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	2.0	30.4	0.0	0.0	23.3
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0	2.6	0.0	0.0	14.1
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	35.2	80.3	31.8	2.7	56.7
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	12.8	32.0	0.5	0.0	37.2
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	2.5	32.4	0.0	0.0	25.0
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Silersword Loop)	0	12.4	0.0	0.0	17.9
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	0	6.5	0.0	0.0	15.3
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	30.7	67.8	29.5	0.0	50.8

Location	12 Hour Equivalent Sound Level (dBA)*	Time Audible for Natural Ambient (minutes)	Time Above 35 dB (minutes)	Time Above 52 dB (minutes)	Maximum Sound Level dBA
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	7.9	55.5	0.0	0.0	31.2
37. Measurement Site ST10 (‘Ohe‘o Coastal)	40.4	79.6	30.9	9.3	65.0
38. Nu‘u Coast	23.3	79.0	13.2	0.0	42.3
39. Nu‘u 4000 ft elev	37.1	85.1	18.2	4.9	63.7
40. Nu‘u 7500 ft elev	24.2	76.5	11.0	0.0	47.8
41. Nu‘u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	36.6	54.2	11.9	4.1	65.0
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	21.0	83.6	5.7	0.0	42.9
43. Ka‘apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	37.3	69.9	19.5	3.9	63.7
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	9.6	41.9	0.0	0.0	31.2

\* As there are no nighttime events, DNL would be 3 dB less than the 12-hour equivalent sound level. If air tours are restricted to operating between 10 AM and 3 PM (i.e., 5 hours), then the 5-hour equivalent sound level would be 3.8 dBA greater than the 12-hour equivalent sound level.

## 7. Comparison of Alternatives by Metric

This section provides tables showing the detailed noise results, organized by metric for each of the five acoustic metrics modeled. These tables allow for comparison across the alternatives. High-level observations of the differences between alternatives by metric include:

- **12-hour Equivalent Sound Level (Table 9 and Table 12):** Compared to the No Action Alternative, the average sound levels under Alternative 3 would be lower for the interior regions of the park, but may be higher in coastal regions. The noise footprint for Alternative 3 potentially affects 16% less of the ATMP planning area. See also results for points 21, 22, 23, 25, 30, 37, and 38.
- **Time Audible Natural Ambient (Table 10 and Table 13):** Compared to the No Action Alternative, the overall time audible noise footprint for Alternative 3 potentially would be only 1% smaller than the No Action Alternative; however, approximately 60% of the ATMP planning area would see a potential reduction in audibility between 37 and 194 minutes. The largest reductions would be at point 3 (Kalahaku Overlook) and point 4 (Haleakalā Visitor Center). The smallest reductions would be at point 24 (Waimoku Falls) and point 25 (Lelekea Stream Bridge).
- **Time Above 35 (Table 11 and Table 14):** Compared to the No Action Alternative, the time above 35 dBA under Alternative 3 would be up to 61 minutes less (see point 40, Nu'u 7500 ft elevation). Only at one point, 24 (Waimoku Falls), would time above 35 dBA be greater under Alternative 3 (2 minutes). The noise footprint for Alternative 3 would potentially affect 42% less of the ATMP planning area.
- **Time Above 52 (Table 15):** Compared to the No Action Alternative, the time above 52 dBA under Alternative 3 would be up to 24 minutes less (see point 40, Nu'u 7500 ft elevation). However, time above 52 dBA would be greater under Alternative 3 at 8 locations in the coastal regions (points, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 30, 37, and 41).
- **Maximum Sound Level (Table 16):** Compared to the No Action Alternative, the maximum sound levels under Alternative 3 would be lower for the interior regions of the park, but may be higher in coastal regions. See results for points 21, 22, 23, 25, 30, 37, and 38.

**Table 9. Comparison of contour results for 12-hour Equivalent Sound Level**

12 hour Equivalent Sound Level Contour Results		% Park for No Action	% Park for Alternative 3
	>- 50	0	0
	45 to < 50	1	0
	40 to < 45	5	2
	35 to < 40	20	6

**Table 10. Comparison of contour results for Time Audible for Natural Ambient**

Time Audible for Natural Ambient Contour Results		% Park for No Action	% Park for Alternative 3
	>- 225	< 1	0
	210 to < 225	2	0
	195 to < 210	7	0
	180 to < 195	13	0
	165 to < 180	24	0
	150 to < 165	33	0
	135 to < 150	43	0
	120 to < 135	53	0
	105 to < 120	63	0
	90 to < 105	80	<1
	75 to < 90	89	15
	60 to < 75	92	37
	45 to < 60	95	54
	30 to < 45	97	66
	15 to < 30	99	79
	0 to < 15	100	99

**Table 11. Comparison of contour results for Time Above 35 dBA**

Time Above 35 dBA Contour Results		% Park for No Action	% Park for Alternative 3
	75 < 90	1	0
	60 to < 75	11	0
	45 to < 60	25	0
	30 to < 45	45	3
	15 to < 30	65	25
	0 to < 15	100	58

**Table 12. Comparison of location point results for 12-hour Equivalent Sound Level**

Location	No Action, 12 hour Equivalent Sound Level (dBA)	Alternative 3, 12 hour Equivalent Sound Level (dBA)
1. Hosmer Grove	9.5	0
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	20.1	0
3. Kalahaku Overlook	16.3	0
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	21.1	0
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	12.6	0
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	37.0	1.0
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	39.2	2.5
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	30.9	3.4
9. Kawilinau	28.6	0
10. Oili Pu'u	26.1	1.2
11. Holua Cabin	22.6	0
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	16.5	0
13. Paliku Cabin	9.7	0
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	34.6	28.9
15. New Greensword Bog	14.2	0
16. Smith Camp	13.1	0
17. Charlie Camp	24.6	14.1
18. Dogleg Camp	33.1	13.6
19. Bravo Camp	39.9	34.0
20. Ka'apahu Camp	36.9	29.7
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	33.6	38.6
22. Puhilele	32.3	39.7
23. Kapahu Farm	32.7	35.2
24. Waimoku Falls	26.5	24.0
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	31.4	33.9
26. Kaupo Trailhead	35.4	35.6
27. Ka'apahu	40.3	38.9
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	28.5	2.0
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	9.7	0
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	32.2	35.2
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	27.8	12.8
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	37.9	2.5
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Sword Loop)	25.1	0
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	16.2	0
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	35.2	30.7
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	31.6	7.9
37. Measurement Site ST10 ('Ohe'o Coastal)	34.0	40.4
38. Nu'u Coast	26.7	23.3
39. Nu'u 4000 ft elev	38.6	37.1
40. Nu'u 7500 ft elev	45.6	24.2
41. Nu'u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	34.2	36.6
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	31.9	21.0
43. Ka'apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	40.3	37.3
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	22.6	9.6



**Table 13. Comparison of location point results for Time Audible for Natural Ambient**

Location	No Action, Time Audible for Natural Ambient (minutes)	Alternative 3, Time Audible for Natural Ambient (minutes)
1. Hosmer Grove	81.6	0.3
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	146.1	3.2
3. Kalahaku Overlook	173.9	7.6
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	219.0	24.8
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	148.4	16.1
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	155.0	29.7
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	151.5	31.5
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	156.4	31.6
9. Kawilinau	145.3	18.5
10. Oili Pu'u	157.9	25.1
11. Holua Cabin	126.6	9.6
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	168.9	15.7
13. Paliku Cabin	106.2	2.6
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	212.1	74.9
15. New Greensword Bog	99.0	18.9
16. Smith Camp	97.4	26.5
17. Charlie Camp	120.5	57.7
18. Dogleg Camp	117.3	56.2
19. Bravo Camp	125.4	63.2
20. Ka'apahu Camp	188.1	76.1
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	173.7	68.7
22. Puhilele	187.1	85.5
23. Kapahu Farm	155.7	65.5
24. Waimoku Falls	92.6	56.2
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	108.8	56.9
26. Kaupo Trailhead	210.6	81.4
27. Ka'apahu	175.8	73.0
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	182.9	30.4
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	106.2	2.6
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	180.7	80.3
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	168.4	32.0
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	155.9	32.4
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Silersword Loop)	131.5	12.4
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	125.6	6.5
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	171.4	67.8
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	110.9	55.5
37. Measurement Site ST10 ('Ohe'o Coastal)	183.7	79.6
38. Nu'u Coast	225.3	79.0
39. Nu'u 4000 ft elev	229.8	85.1
40. Nu'u 7500 ft elev	225.8	76.5
41. Nu'u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	185.9	54.2
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	219.3	83.6
43. Ka'apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	191.3	69.9
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	142.3	41.9



**Table 14. Comparison of location point results for Time Above 35 dBA**

Location	No Action, Time Above 35 dBA (minutes)	Alternative 3, Time Above 35 dBA (minutes)
1. Hosmer Grove	0.0	0.0
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	3.7	0.0
3. Kalahaku Overlook	1.1	0.0
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	2.8	0.0
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0.0	0.0
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	30.4	0.0
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	50.1	0.0
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	6.6	0.0
9. Kawilinau	22.5	0.0
10. Oili Pu'u	17.5	0.0
11. Holua Cabin	9.0	0.0
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.2	0.0
13. Paliku Cabin	0.0	0.0
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	51.9	16.8
15. New Greensword Bog	0.0	0.0
16. Smith Camp	0.0	0.0
17. Charlie Camp	12.9	0.0
18. Dogleg Camp	35.5	0.7
19. Bravo Camp	61.4	21.5
20. Ka'apahu Camp	66.7	19.4
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	39.2	31.9
22. Puhilele	35.8	32.0
23. Kapahu Farm	44.1	33.8
24. Waimoku Falls	7.4	9.4
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	44.4	22.9
26. Kaupo Trailhead	68.5	22.5
27. Ka'apahu	70.5	19.8
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	18.7	0.0
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0.0	0.0
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	50.6	31.8
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	31.0	0.5
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	35.2	0.0
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Silersword Loop)	16.3	0.0
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	1.3	0.0
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	46.1	29.5
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	24.7	0.0
37. Measurement Site ST10 ('Ohe'o Coastal)	35.8	30.9
38. Nu'u Coast	20.0	13.2
39. Nu'u 4000 ft elev	73.9	18.2
40. Nu'u 7500 ft elev	71.8	11.0
41. Nu'u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	59.9	11.9
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	50.1	5.7
43. Ka'apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	59.1	19.5
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	8.3	0.0

**Table 15. Comparison of location point results for Time Above 52 dBA**

Location	No Action, Time Above 52 dBA (minutes)	Alternative 3, Time Above 52 dBA (minutes)
1. Hosmer Grove	0.0	0.0
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	0.0	0.0
3. Kalahaku Overlook	0.0	0.0
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.0	0.0
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0.0	0.0
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	4.7	0.0
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	10.5	0.0
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	1.7	0.0
9. Kawilinau	0.0	0.0
10. Oili Pu'u	0.0	0.0
11. Holua Cabin	0.0	0.0
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.0	0.0
13. Paliku Cabin	0.0	0.0
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	1.5	0.0
15. New Greensword Bog	0.0	0.0
16. Smith Camp	0.0	0.0
17. Charlie Camp	0.0	0.0
18. Dogleg Camp	0.9	0.0
19. Bravo Camp	8.0	2.4
20. Ka'apahu Camp	2.9	0.3
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	2.0	7.9
22. Puhilele	1.8	8.2
23. Kapahu Farm	1.0	2.8
24. Waimoku Falls	0.2	0.0
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	0.3	2.7
26. Kaupo Trailhead	1.3	4.1
27. Ka'apahu	8.2	6.6
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	0.0	0.0
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0.0	0.0
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.0	2.7
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	0.0	0.0
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	4.9	0.0
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Sword Loop)	0.0	0.0
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	0.0	0.0
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	1.1	0.0
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	0.5	0.0
37. Measurement Site ST10 ('Ohe'o Coastal)	2.2	9.3
38. Nu'u Coast	0.0	0.0
39. Nu'u 4000 ft elev	6.1	4.9
40. Nu'u 7500 ft elev	23.6	0.0
41. Nu'u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	0.9	4.1
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	0.0	0.0
43. Ka'apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	8.9	3.9
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	0.0	0.0

**Table 16. Comparison of location point results for Maximum Sound Level**

Location	No Action, Maximum Sound Level (dBA)	Alternative 3, Maximum Sound Level (dBA)
1. Hosmer Grove	29.3	12.3
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	38.2	14.6
3. Kalahaku Overlook	36.7	15.5
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	42.9	19.1
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	33.2	18.5
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	59.3	23.2
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	60.5	25.7
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	60.4	26.8
9. Kawilinau	49.9	22.0
10. Oili Pu'u	46.2	22.7
11. Holua Cabin	41.6	16.7
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	35.7	23.1
13. Paliku Cabin	30.5	14.1
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	54.1	51.5
15. New Greensword Bog	32.0	19.5
16. Smith Camp	35.0	19.4
17. Charlie Camp	43.9	34.8
18. Dogleg Camp	53.1	37.9
19. Bravo Camp	63.1	57.8
20. Ka'apahu Camp	57.0	52.7
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	59.8	62.2
22. Puhilele	57.3	63.6
23. Kapahu Farm	55.9	56.6
24. Waimoku Falls	53.9	48.2
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	53.2	56.7
26. Kaupo Trailhead	57.2	57.5
27. Ka'apahu	64.0	63.9
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	50.5	23.3
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	30.5	14.1
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	51.4	56.7
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	43.9	37.2
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	64.6	25.0
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Silersword Loop)	44.0	17.9
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	36.9	15.3
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	53.6	50.8
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	52.7	31.2
37. Measurement Site ST10 ('Ohe'o Coastal)	60.7	65.0
38. Nu'u Coast	44.2	42.3
39. Nu'u 4000 ft elev	58.3	63.7
40. Nu'u 7500 ft elev	68.7	47.8
41. Nu'u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	55.9	65.0
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	49.5	42.9
43. Ka'apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	62.8	63.7
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	40.4	31.2

## **8. Indirect Effects of potential displacement of air tours outside of the ATMP planning area**

For alternatives that limit the number of flights per year to a level below existing conditions (4,824 flights per year), it is reasonably foreseeable that current air tour operators could seek to make up lost revenue in other ways. One of the ways that operators could potentially generate revenue is by offering air tours outside of the ATMP planning area, as these would not be regulated by the ATMP. This type of shift in air tour activity is referred to as “air tour displacement,” and could consist of air tour operators shifting routes or altitudes to just outside the ATMP boundary. This could result in impacts to resources to the extent that they are present near the locations where displaced air tours would occur.

### **Indirect effects to ATMP planning area**

Displaced air tours above the ATMP boundary (above 5,000 ft. AGL) would result in noise within the ATMP boundary. Compared to current conditions, the noise would be spread over a larger geospatial area and would be audible for a longer period, but at lower intensity. Thus, under Alternatives 2 and 3, some locations within the ATMP planning area may experience less intense noise but for a longer period when compared to current conditions. Additionally, other locations within the ATMP planning area not currently experiencing air tour noise may experience some noise under these alternatives when compared to current conditions. However, in both cases, the intensity of noise would likely be low given the aircraft altitude; any noise that might result could also be more easily masked by opportunistic sounds such as wind and various anthropogenic noise sources. In summary, while the area of noise could be greater under these alternatives, the intensity of noise, especially when compared to current conditions at locations near or directly below existing air tour routes, would be less.

### **Indirect effects outside the ATMP boundary**

Displaced air tours have the potential to affect noise-sensitive locations outside the ATMP boundary. However, it is unlikely that displaced air tours would generate noise at or above DNL 65 dB. To illustrate this, a conservative, screening-level noise analysis was conducted. The analysis considers the air tour aircraft types currently operating at the park, and assesses the activity threshold that would generate noise at or above DNL 65 dB. For the purposes of this illustration only, the analysis assumes a hypothetical, worst-case scenario where all operations occur at a low (500 ft.) altitude on a common route outside the ATMP boundary. The noise analysis considers aircraft activity in two ways:

- For the aircraft type with the loudest noise level, what is the activity level that would generate a noise level at or above DNL 65 dB?
- For the aircraft types and fleet mix distribution within the 2017-2019 peak-month average day PMAD, what is the activity level that would generate a noise level at or above DNL 65 dB?

#### *Analysis for aircraft with loudest noise level*

The aircraft with the loudest noise level<sup>9</sup> currently operating at the park is the Aerospatiale SA350D. For overflight operations at 500 ft. AGL, the number of operations over a 12-hour period to exceed a DNL 65 dB level is 1,654 (see Table 17). Other aircraft operating at the park are the Eurocopter EC-130. The number of operations over a 12-hour period to exceed a DNL 65 dB level for this aircraft is 11,534.

**Table 17. Overflight sound exposure levels and number of daily flights of each aircraft type that would generate a cumulative noise exposure level at or above DNL 65 dB**

Aircraft	Altitude, AGL (ft.)	Overflight Sound Exposure Level (dB)	# daily flights for DNL to exceed 65 dB
SA350D	500	82.2	1,654
EC130	500	73.7	11,534

#### *Analysis for the aircraft types and fleet mix distribution within the 2017-2019 reporting data*

This analysis compares the number of PMAD operations and peak day operations, since they could occur outside the ATMP boundary as a result of Alternatives 2 and 3, to the number of daily flights it would take to exceed DNL 65 dB. Based on the fleet mix assessed for the PMAD, it would take at least 3,861 operations at 500 ft AGL over a 12-hour period to exceed a DNL 65 dB level (see Table 18). This activity level represents an increase in daily operations of 3,843 compared to the PMAD (18 operations) and an increase of 3,811 compared to the peak day (50 operations). This, coupled with the likely dispersal of air tours outside the boundary for the reasons discussed previously, indicates that it would be highly unlikely that air tours that are displaced to outside the boundary under these Alternatives would generate noise at or above DNL 65 dB.

**Table 18. Number of daily flights of each aircraft type that would generate a cumulative noise exposure level at or above DNL 65 dB for the aircraft types and fleet mix distribution within the 2017-2019 PMAD**

Aircraft	Altitude, AGL (ft)	Overflight Sound Exposure Level (dB)	# daily flights in 2017-2019 PMAD	2017-2019 PMAD Fleet Distribution %	# daily flights for DNL to exceed 65 dB
SA350D	500	82.2	6	33.3%	1,287
EC130	500	73.7	12	66.6%	2,574
Total			18	100%	3,861

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<sup>9</sup> The determination of loudest is based on the aircraft with the highest overflight sound exposure level at 500 ft within the noise-power-distance data that form the basis of FAA's AEDT. Sound exposure level describes the cumulative noise exposure from a single overflight. It is represented by the total A-weighted sound energy during the overflight, normalized to a 1-second interval.

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## ATTACHMENT E

### Connection Information for April 20, 2023, Consulting Party Meeting for Haleakalā National Park

The consulting party meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20th, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. HST over Zoom.

**Web link:**

<https://usdot.zoomgov.com/j/1607918709?pwd=RFQvcVR1SzRDR01tTURCdVJDaWlQZz09>

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## NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

August 14, 2023

Re: Continuing Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the development of an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park

Neal Desai  
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Dear Neal Desai:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in coordination with the National Park Service (NPS), seeks to continue consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the development of an air tour management plan (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Park (Park). The FAA is continuing consultation on the ATMP at this time due to a minor scope change that resulted in the expansion of the area of potential effects (APE).

### Historic Property Identification

The agencies shared a map showing the expanded APE with the Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and 60<sup>1</sup> consulting parties (listed in **Attachment A**) in a letter dated July 26, 2023, which included a request for consulting parties to provide comments regarding historic properties and potential effects on historic properties within the new areas of the APE. On July 26, 2023, the agencies also requested historic property data within these areas from the SHPD. The SHPD noted that the Nu'u-Waiu Complex and contributing features to the Hāna Belt Road extend into the new areas of the APE, however, both properties were included on the historic property identification list and effects analysis in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter. No new historic properties were identified through consultation.

### Consulting Party Comments

The agencies received responses to the July 26, 2023, APE letter from three consulting parties. In a July 26, 2023, email, the George K. Cypher 'Ōhana noted that they have no comments at this time but requested that the agencies also confer with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC). The AHCC is a consulting party for the undertaking, and the agencies sent the APE letter to the AHCC for their review and comment on July 26, 2023, but did not receive a response from the organization. Hōkūlani

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<sup>1</sup> Three newly identified consulting parties were invited to consult, in addition to the SHPD and 57 consulting parties that were included in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter.

Holt responded on July 27, 2023, that she assumes the flight pattern does not affect residents of the area. The Section 106 process focuses on the undertaking's potential to affect historic properties. The agencies have delineated the APE to include any areas where the undertaking would result in reasonably foreseeable direct or indirect effects on historic properties. As further explained in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter, the undertaking (implementation of the ATMP) is expected to reduce visual and noise effects from air tours on historic properties and reduce the likelihood that an air tour would interrupt cultural practices within the APE.

In a July 30, 2023, email, Ki'ope Raymond noted that he does not believe the ATMP sufficiently protects the visitor experience, Wilderness character of the Park, or historic and culturally sensitive properties in or near the Park from the visual and noise disturbance from air tours. Mr. Raymond requested that air tours not be allowed to fly over or near historic trails that are part of or extensions of the Park's wilderness trail system. Comments regarding Wilderness areas are beyond the scope of Section 106; however, the agencies have received similar comments regarding Wilderness areas during the public comment period for the draft ATMP and Environmental Assessment (EA) and have addressed them through that process. The ATMP flight path has been delineated to reduce air tour impacts to natural and cultural resources, areas of historic and spiritual significance to Native Hawaiians, wilderness character, and visitor experience. The ATMP also removes direct overflights of historic trails within the Park that are part of the wilderness trail system. As further detailed in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter, the ATMP would reduce visual and noise effects from air tours on historic properties compared to existing conditions, and the duration of air tour noise would decrease throughout the entire Park. The restrictions under the ATMP would also reduce the likelihood that an air tour would interrupt Native Hawaiian traditional practices.

The agencies did not receive any comments with new information regarding unidentified historic properties or potential effects within the new areas of the APE.

### **Effects Assessment**

The APE description remains the same as what was provided in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter. The parcels that have been acquired by the Park and added to the maps were already within the APE; the agencies simply adjusted the APE to include the updated ATMP planning area boundaries as a result of these acquisitions, as depicted in the purple shaded areas on the APE map provided in **Attachment B**.

The expansion of the ATMP planning area boundaries in these areas would not result in any new or different effects, nor would it be likely to contribute to any different reasonably foreseeable indirect effects, from those discussed in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter. The designated flight paths under the ATMP do not extend into the new areas of the APE. There are no or few flights in these areas under existing conditions, and no flights would be allowed in these areas under the ATMP. Furthermore, no new historic properties were identified within the expanded areas of the APE. Therefore, the FAA maintains its finding of no adverse effect on historic properties for the reasons described in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter (**Attachment C**).

### **Review Request**

Based on the analysis above and in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter, the FAA maintains its finding of no adverse effect on historic properties per 36 CFR § 800.5(b). We request that you review the information and respond whether you concur with the finding within thirty days of receiving this letter.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Judith Walker at 202-267-4185 or [Judith.Walker@faa.gov](mailto:Judith.Walker@faa.gov) and copy the ATMP team at [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judith Walker', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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#### Attachments

- A. List of Consulting Parties
- B. APE Map
- C. March 27, 2023, Finding of Effect Letter

## ATTACHMENT A

### List of Consulting Parties

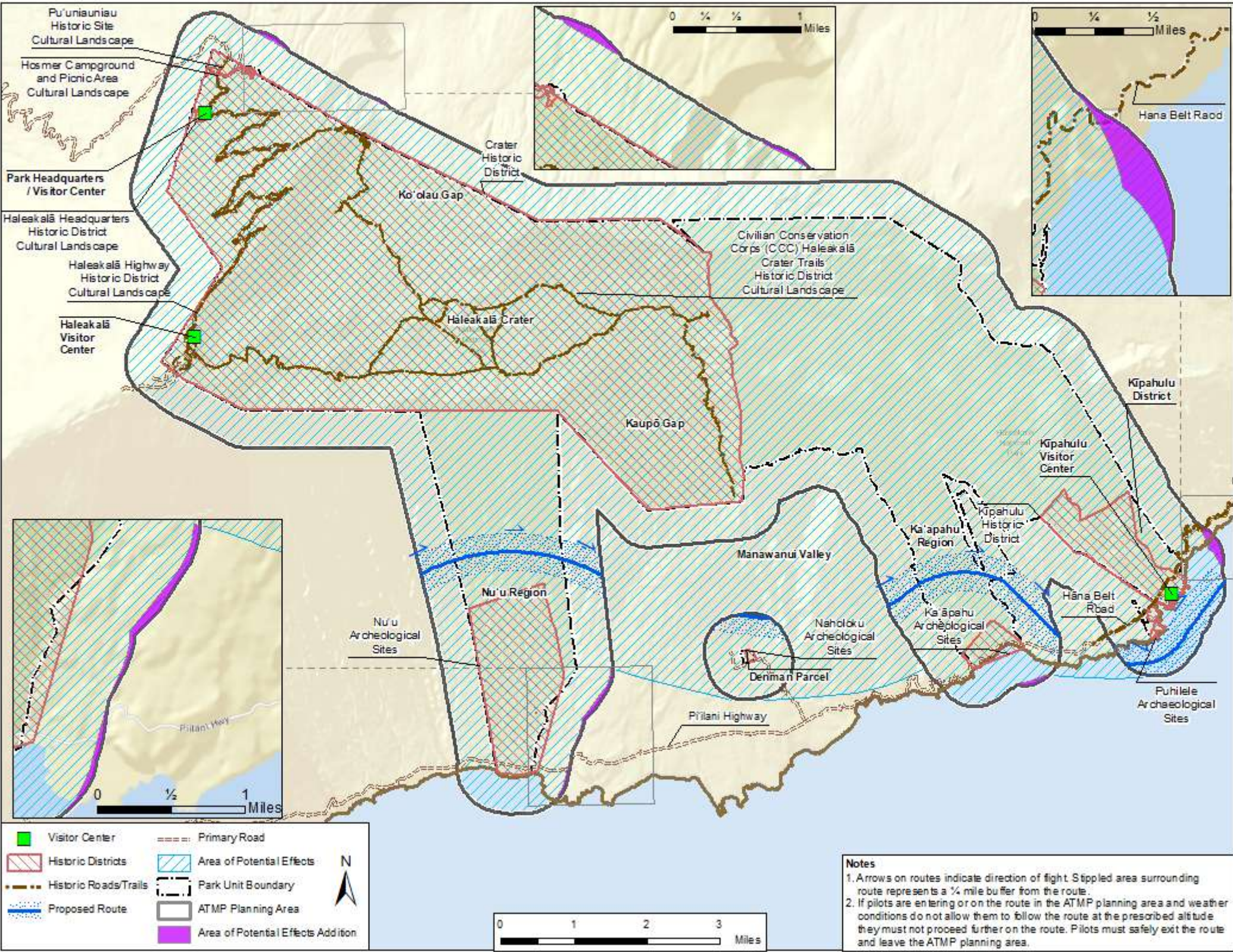
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Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
Brian Kaniela Nae‘ole Na‘auao
Clifford Hashimoto (Individual)
County of Maui Mayor's Office
Daisy Lind (Individual)
Dana Hall (Individual)
Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope (DKIST)
Department of Hawaiian Homelands
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Maui Branch
Donna Sterling (Individual)
East Maui Irrigation
East Maui Watershed Partnership
Friends of Haleakala National Park
George K. Cypher ‘Ohana
Haleakalā Conservancy
Haleakalā Ranch
Hawaiian Islands Land Trust
Hawai‘i Island Coalition Malama Pono
Historic Hawai‘i Foundation
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Kahu Dane Maxwell (Individual)
Kahu Lyons Naone (Individual)

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Kaupō Community Association
Kaupō Ranch
Kī'ope Raymond (Individual)
Kīpahulu 'Ohana
Kumu A'o
Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Restoration Partnership
Ma'ano Smith (Individual)
Mahi Pono LLC
Maui County Parks Department
Na Koa Ikaika Ka Lāhui Hawai'i
Nan Cabatbat (Individual)
National Parks Conservation Association
National Trust for Historic Preservation
The Nature Conservancy
Nekaifes 'Ohana
Nu'u Mauka Ranch
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
The Royal Order of Kamehameha I - Moku O Kahekili - Helu Eha
Schuman Aviation Company, Ltd. (Makani Kai Helicopters, Magnum Helicopters)
Sunshine Helicopters, Inc.
Terry Poaipuni (Individual)
Thompson Ranch
Tweetie Lind (Individual)
'Ulupalakua Ranch
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Waiehu Kou Phase 3 Association
Wananalua Congregational Church

**ATTACHMENT B**

**APE MAP**







**ATTACHMENT C**

**MARCH 27, 2023, FINDING OF EFFECT LETTER**





United States Department of Transportation  
**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**  
Office of Policy, International Affairs & Environment  
Office of Environment and Energy

## **NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

March 27, 2023

Re: Continuing Consultation and Finding of No Adverse Effect under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Development of an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park (HICRIS Project 2022PR00396)

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Dear Dr. Alan Downer:

### **Introduction**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in coordination with the National Park Service (NPS) (together, the agencies), seeks to continue consultation with your office under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the development of an Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Park (Park). At this time, the FAA requests your concurrence with its proposed finding that the undertaking would have no adverse effect on historic properties, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.5(c). On this date, we are also notifying all consulting parties of this proposed finding and providing the documentation below for their review.

In accordance with the requirements of 36 CFR 800.11(e), this letter provides: a description of the undertaking – reduction of air tours (the preferred alternative under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)); the Area of Potential Effects (APE); a description of steps taken to identify historic properties; a description of historic properties in the APE and the characteristics that qualify them for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register); and an explanation of why the criteria of adverse effect do not apply to this undertaking. This letter also describes the Section 106 consultation process and public involvement for this undertaking.

The FAA initiated Section 106 consultation with Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) by letter dated March 29, 2021. Similar consultation initiation letters were sent to consulting parties in early 2021. In a follow-up letter dated October 1, 2021, we invited all consulting parties (listed in

**Attachment A)** to an October 28, 2021, informational webinar to provide background on the ATMP development process at the Park. The agencies have held meetings with Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) and members of the Park's Kūpuna (grandparents, ancestors; starting points, sources) consultation group, which consists of elders and individuals with in-depth knowledge of the Park, to discuss the ATMP planning process, the range of alternatives, and Section 106 consultation. Section 106 consultation with the consulting parties including NHOs and the Kūpuna consultation group is further described below in the Summary of Section 106 Consultation with Consulting Parties.

Public involvement for this undertaking was integrated with the NEPA process. The agencies published an ATMP Public Scoping Potential Alternatives Newsletter on February 28, 2022. The Public Scoping comment period spanned from February 28, 2022, to April 1, 2022. The agencies received 4,347 discrete comments, 257 of which were regarding impacts to cultural resources. The agencies received comments about the importance of the Park to Native Hawaiians and that the Park contains culturally significant resources, sites, temples, and burial grounds. Commenters expressed opposition to air tours and noted that the sight and sounds of air tours disrupt cultural sites and traditional practices and infringe on the religious freedoms of those who visit certain areas for pule (prayer) interaction, religious ceremonies, solitude, relaxation, contemplation, silence, and meditation. Commenters also noted the destruction air tours cause to the Hawaiian communities by taking away the connection and ability to speak with the Kūpuna and interfering with Native Hawaiian traditional cultural practices.

Commenters noted that the Park is a traditional cultural property (TCP) that should be treated with respect, and it is the dwelling place of nā akua (the gods), where kahuna (priests) conduct ceremonies. Commenters also noted that Native Hawaiians and the Kūpuna believe the Crater and Pele are sacred, serene, peaceful spaces of cultural and spiritual significance that should not be interrupted or disturbed.

Commenters stated that air tours over sacred land and indigenous communities is exploitative and linked it to the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom and erasure of Hawaiian culture and language. Commenters noted that air tour demand would decrease if more people were aware of the overthrow and its impacts. Commenters also stated that tourism, marketing Hawai'i as an exotic tourist destination, and the commodification and overexposure of Hawaiian culture has created cultural distortions leading to degradation of Hawaiian culture that makes it more difficult for Hawaiian activism and sovereignty to gain traction and poses a serious threat to the sovereignty of ancestral domain over the land by its indigenous caretakers. Commenters stated that air tours affect the pristine, sanctuary environment of the Hawaiian Islands Sovereign Lands and noted that Native Hawaiians are constantly being pressured by tourism.

Commenters emphasized the importance of keeping the considerations of the local population, especially the indigenous Hawaiian population, as a top priority in the planning of the ATMP. Commenters questioned if the kahuna and "tribal peoples" were asked their thoughts on the ATMP and requested the agencies work closely with the Native Hawaiian communities and put their concerns above all else, especially with issues that will affect future generations.

Commenters stated that the Haleakalā National Park Foundation Document (updated September 2015) lists nine fundamental resources and values (FRVs) "essential to achieving the purpose of the park," which include natural sounds, viewsheds and dark night skies; wilderness; ongoing connections to living Hawaiian culture; native Hawaiian biological diversity; and kuleana (the responsibility to present and future generations for stewardship and the respect for all things spiritual and physical). Commenters noted that any number of commercial air tours fundamentally impedes or damages each of these FRVs,

including intrusion on Native Hawaiian cultural ceremonies and practices, interference of acoustic-based bird surveys, and unreasonable impacts on interpretive programs and visitor activities throughout the Park, and that any flights anywhere close to the boundary of Haleakalā Crater, in either height or distance, have an amplifying destructive effect on the peace, quiet and serenity of the Crater.

Commenters expressed opposition to maintaining air tours at current levels as it would continue to cause impacts to cultural resources and ceremonial use. Commenters expressed support for reducing or eliminating air tours to provide greater protection from noise impacts to cultural resources, cultural practices, ceremonial sites, and TCPs. Commenters noted that it was important to protect indigenous land, especially since the area within the ATMP holds culturally significant areas that are considered sacred and/or used for cultural practices with reference to: Hall, Lisa Kahaleole, “‘Hawaiian at Heart’ and other Fictions”; *The Contemporary Pacific* (2005): 404-413.

### **Description of the Undertaking**

Consistent with the National Park Air Tours Management Act (NPATMA), the proposed ATMP would regulate commercial air tours within the ATMP planning area. Further background information regarding the history of commercial air tours over the Park, the authority under which they are currently conducted, and the area to be regulated under the ATMP is available in the February 2022 Scoping Newsletter, prepared by the agencies, that was previously provided to you and is available at the following link:

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=306&projectID=103365&documentID=118738>

The undertaking for purposes of Section 106 is developing and implementing an ATMP that applies to all commercial air tours over the Park and within ½ mile outside the boundary of the Park. A commercial air tour subject to the ATMP is any flight conducted for compensation or hire in a powered aircraft where a purpose of the flight is sightseeing over the Park, or within ½ mile of its boundary, during which the aircraft flies:

- (1) Below 5,000 feet (ft.) above ground level (AGL) (except solely for the purposes of takeoff or landing, or necessary for safe operation of an aircraft as determined under the rules and regulations of the FAA requiring the pilot-in-command to take action to ensure the safe operation of the aircraft); or
- (2) Less than one mile laterally from any geographic feature within the Park (unless more than ½ mile outside the Park boundary).

The area regulated by the ATMP is referred to as the ATMP planning area. Overflights that do not meet the definition of a commercial air tour above are not subject to NPATMA and are thus outside the scope of the ATMP.

Commercial air tours have been operating over the Park for over 20 years. Prior to NPATMA, the FAA did not regulate air tours over national parks and the NPS did not have authority to regulate commercial air tours. Since 2005, these air tours have been conducted pursuant to interim operating authority (IOA) that the FAA was required to grant under NPATMA. As a non-discretionary act, the granting of IOA did not constitute an undertaking under Section 106 regulations. IOA does not provide any operating conditions (e.g., routes, altitudes, time of day, etc.) for air tours other than an annual limit on the number of air tours per year. Six commercial air tour operators – Aris, Inc. (Air Maui Helicopter Tours); Hawai'i Helicopters, Inc.; Helicopter Consultants of Maui, Inc. (Blue Hawaiian Helicopters); Schuman /

Makani Kai; Sunshine Helicopters, Inc.; and Alike Aviation, Inc. (Alexair, Maverick) – hold IOA to conduct a combined total of 25,827 commercial air tours over the Park each year. The ATMP will replace IOA.

The agencies have documented the existing conditions for commercial air tour operations over the Park. The agencies consider the existing operations for commercial air tours to be an average of 2017-2019 annual air tours flown, which is 4,824 air tours. A three-year average is used because it reflects the most accurate and reliable air tour conditions, and accounts for variations across multiple years.

Commercial air tours currently are provided by five different operators<sup>1</sup> and are conducted using AS350BA, AS350B2, EC130 T2, and EC130 B4 helicopters. Under existing conditions, there are no designated flight routes or no-fly zones that operators must adhere to; however, commercial air tours are generally concentrated south of the Haleakalā Crater and along the southern portions of the Park according to automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast (ADS-B) systems<sup>2</sup> data of flight paths. Minimum altitudes for commercial air tours within the ATMP planning area are flown in accordance with the Hawai'i Air Tour Common Procedures Manual, from 500 to 1,500 ft. AGL, weather dependent and contingent on location over the island. In most locations over the Park, the Hawai'i Air Tour Common Procedures Manual requires helicopters to fly at a minimum of 500 ft. AGL.

The proposed undertaking, which was referred to in prior consultation and the February 2022 Scoping Newsletter as Alternative 3 – Reduction of Air Tours, would require operators to fly on a single designated route within the ATMP planning area in accordance with the conditions included in the ATMP. The ATMP will require operators to fly the designated route depicted in **Attachment B**.

A summary of the undertaking is shown in the table below:

#### SUMMARY OF ATMP ELEMENTS

<b>General Description and Objectives</b>	Designates a single flight path within the ATMP planning area and a reduction in the annual number of commercial air tours over the Park. Air tours could still continue to fly outside the ATMP planning area (i.e., above 5,000 ft. AGL or more than ½-mile outside of the Park's boundary).
<b>Annual/Daily Number of Flights</b>	Authorizes 2,412 flights per year. Daily limit of 16 flights per day across all operators on those days where flights are allowed.
<b>Routes</b>	One air tour route with four segments. The first segment of the route enters the ATMP planning area from the west, south of the State Kahikinui Forest Reserve and extends west-to-east above the Nu'u Area before ending at the edge of the ATMP planning area. The second segment enters the ATMP planning area within a ½ mile of the Denman Parcel and ends south of the Kīpahulu Forest Reserve. The third segment enters near the Ka'apahu Area and ends approximately 0.75 miles from the Kīpahulu Area and Visitor Center. The fourth segment enters the ATMP planning area over the ocean south of

<sup>1</sup> Six operators hold IOA, but one operator (Schuman/Makani Kai) has not reported any air tours since 2013.

<sup>2</sup> ADS-B systems periodically transmits aircraft location data in real-time.

	Puhilele Point and ends over the ocean south of Pepeiaolepo Bay. This route allows operators to fly in one direction—west to east.
<b>Minimum Altitudes</b>	Minimum 2,000 ft. AGL over land; minimum 3,000 ft. AGL over the ocean. Operators may continue to fly to points of interest on the island outside of the ATMP planning area where they already fly or fly routes over or around the ATMP planning area similar to existing flights paths but outside of the ATMP planning area. Flights more than ½-mile outside the Park boundary could continue to occur and are also outside the ATMP planning area and are subject to the altitude requirements and procedures of the Hawai'i Air Tour Common Procedures Manual. Some air tour operators may choose to fly air tours above the ATMP planning area, but this would be impractical in some locations, such as over the crater, due to safety requirements for unpressurized aircraft.
<b>Time of Day</b>	On days where air tours are permitted: 11 AM – 2 PM for non-quiet technology flights. 11 AM – 4 PM for quiet technology flights.
<b>Day of Week</b>	No-fly days on Sunday and Wednesday.
<b>Hovering and/or Circling</b>	Not permitted.
<b>Quiet Technology Incentives</b>	Quiet technology flights may fly 11 AM – 4 PM except on no-fly days. All commercial air tours within the ATMP planning area must exclusively utilize quiet technology aircraft by 2033.
<b>Interpretative Training and Education</b>	Mandatory, when made available by Park staff. Helicopter operators would also be required to complete the FAA Introduction to Fly Neighborly training.
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	Mandatory, when requested by the agencies.
<b>Restrictions for Particular Events</b>	Six no-fly days generated by following the Hawaiian Moon Calendar and Makahiki Season; two no-fly days on Hawai'i State holidays of historical importance with prior notice provided to operators. NPS could establish restrictions for particular events with two months' notice provided to operators.
<b>Monitoring and Enforcement</b>	Operators would provide semi-annual reports, including the flight monitoring data, which is specified in detail in the ATMP Section 4.1. The NPS would conduct ADS-B aircraft monitoring and work with the FAA to respond to instances of non-compliance. The FAA FSDO would investigate all reports of noncompliance. Investigative determination of non-compliance may result in legal enforcement actions.
<b>Adaptive Management</b>	Adaptive management of the route, frequency, and timing would be considered/analyzed. NPS would conduct periodic acoustic monitoring.
<b>Operators, Initial Allocation of Air Tours, and Aircraft Types</b>	The initial allocation of commercial air tours for each operator would reflect the proportion of the annual air tours flown on average by each of the six air tour companies from 2017-2019 and would restrict companies to the same aircraft type flown during that time. After the

	initial allocation, competitive bidding would occur. Any new or replacement aircraft must not exceed the noise level produced by the aircraft being replaced.
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## Area of Potential Effects

The agencies initially delineated the APE to include the Park and a ½-mile buffer around the Park. The agencies held a Section 106 consultation meeting with all consulting parties on November 10, 2022, to inform them of the proposed APE and to seek comments. The agencies took into consideration the input from the consulting parties and subsequently expanded the boundaries of the APE to incorporate comments received by the consulting parties regarding additional areas potentially affected by the undertaking.

The undertaking does not require land acquisition, construction, or ground disturbance. In establishing the APE, the FAA sought to include areas where any historic property present could be affected by noise from or sight of commercial air tours that may take place under any of the selectable draft alternatives, including those over the Park or those that are reasonably foreseeable to take place adjacent to the ATMP planning area. The FAA considered the number and altitude of commercial air tours over historic properties in these areas to further assess the potential for visual effects and any incremental change in noise levels that may result in alteration of the characteristics of historic properties qualifying them as eligible for listing in the National Register.

It is reasonably foreseeable that operators would fly the proposed flight path at a minimum of 2,000 ft. AGL or fly close to their existing flight paths above 5,000 ft. AGL or outside the ATMP planning area. The undertaking proposes a flight path through the Park that varies from currently reported routes. The proposed flight path connects to existing flight paths at the easternmost and westernmost bounds of the ATMP planning area (based on ADS-B systems data of flight paths) but shifts to the south at the Kaupō Denman parcel as well as the Kīpahulu and Kaʻāpahu areas. While the flights may not follow a straight line connecting the route outside the ATMP planning area, it is reasonably foreseeable that some flights would follow the proposed flight path and maintain a direct connection to the path outside of the ATMP planning area some of the time.

Therefore, the APE includes the Park and areas outside the Park but within ½ mile of its boundary. The APE also includes areas outside of the ATMP planning area between the Nuʻu and Kaʻāpahu areas of the park, bounded to the south by the southern limits of the ½ mile buffer around the Kaupō Denman parcel, and the overland area between the Kaʻāpahu and Kīpahulu areas of the park. The inclusion of areas outside the ATMP planning area addresses the most direct path operators may fly to connect to the proposed flight path, allowing for deviation in the route and the extent of new visual and audible impacts that may result. The APE extends vertically from ground level to encompass areas where the operators may fly above the ATMP planning area (i.e., more than 5,000 ft. AGL). If operators choose to fly above the ATMP planning area, they would likely keep to an altitude close to but just above 5,000 ft. AGL, as higher flight altitudes would provide limited value to a sightseeing operation. As the ground level varies throughout the park, the vertical limits extend to just above 5,000 ft. mean sea level (MSL) at the coastline to no more than 10,000 ft. MSL near the summit.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Supplemental oxygen use is required in unpressurized aircraft flying over 10,000 ft MSL for more than 30 minutes (14 CFR § 135.89, § 135.157); therefore, it is unlikely air tours would fly higher for extended periods of time.

This APE encompasses the reasonably foreseeable areas where operators may fly given the implementation of the ATMP and therefore the areas within which the undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historical properties within the APE if any such properties exist. The proposed APE is depicted in the map included in **Attachment B** below.

The FAA sent a letter dated December 23, 2022, to the SHPD requesting their input on the revised APE. On January 26, 2023, the SHPD offered no objections to the APE, but noted that the State Historic Preservation Officer looked forward to receiving and reviewing the agencies' responses to the consulting parties' comments. The FAA sent a follow-up letter dated February 10, 2023, to all consulting parties that included the revised APE. The FAA requested comments from all consulting parties including NHOs. We received no comments from consulting parties regarding the revised APE.

### **Summary of Section 106 Consultation with Consulting Parties**

In addition to the SHPD, the agencies invited various consulting parties, including NHOs, members of the Park's Kūpuna consultation group, and operators, to participate in the consultation process for the undertaking. The agencies recognize that Native Hawaiians have a long-standing and deeply rooted association with the landscape that encompasses these National Park lands, which include numerous sites of religious and cultural significance.

The FAA contacted Native Hawaiians, including NHOs and members of the Park's Kūpuna consultation group, via letter on April 9, 2021, inviting them to participate in Section 106 consultation and requesting their expertise regarding historic properties, including TCPs that may be located within the APE. The agencies sent consultation invitations to operators on August 6, 2021. Additional consulting parties were invited on October 1, 2021. A complete list of all consulting parties contacted is enclosed in **Attachment A**. The agencies held a listening session for the Park's Kūpuna consultation group on December 9, 2021, and a consulting party meeting with all consulting parties on November 10, 2022. A preliminary APE, historic property identification list, and maps of the proposed alternatives were included in the invitations and meeting materials for the November 2022 consulting party meeting.

During the listening sessions and consultation meetings, the agencies heard from participating Kūpuna that they oppose air tours in the ATMP planning area. The Park's Kūpuna consultation group expressed concerns regarding the impacts of air tours on the sacredness and spirituality of the entire Park and the impacts of noise pollution on traditional practices and on endangered wildlife. Furthermore, the NHOs and Kūpuna noted that the entire Park is part of a continuous landscape that is sacred. The landscape is considered a TCP, which includes natural resources that are also considered to be cultural resources by Native Hawaiians. The participating NHOs and Kūpuna emphasized that plants, animals, the sky, the ocean, and other natural resources are contributing features to cultural resources throughout the APE.

Friends of Haleakalā National Park noted that the Kaupō Gap Trail should be included in the historic property list and requested that the route be located south of the Denman parcel. The Historic Hawai'i Foundation provided comments on the initial APE and historic property list and expressed concerns regarding flights over the Haleakalā Crater higher than 5,000 ft. AGL and in areas where they do not currently fly. The National Trust for Historic Preservation endorsed the comments submitted by the Historic Hawai'i Foundation. Tweetie Lind, a representative from the Lind 'Ohana (family) and the Kūpuna Council, expressed opposition to air tours within two miles of Haleakalā Crater and noted that air tours should be reduced due to noise pollution, air pollution, crossing over sacred sites and private residences, and because crossing over the Park (Lelekea-Kalepa-Kaapahu) loosens rocks on the whole

mountain. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) requested a TCP study for the Park and noted that the entire Park contains endangered species, cultural resources, and cultural functions that should all be considered. The OHA also requested that the FAA consider vertical boundaries or buffers for identified historic properties, noted flight safety related concerns, requested flight altitude monitoring, and expressed opposition to air tours in the ATMP planning area.

On February 10, 2023, the FAA sent a Section 106 consultation letter to all consulting parties that provided responses to comments received during and following the November 2022 consulting party meeting, a revised APE map, and a revised historic properties list.

### **Identification of Historic Properties**

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.4, the FAA has made a reasonable and good faith effort to identify historic properties within the APE. As the undertaking would not result in physical effects, the identification effort focused on identifying properties where setting and feeling are characteristics contributing to a property's National Register eligibility, as they are the type of historic properties most sensitive to the effects of aircraft overflights. These may include isolated properties where a cultural landscape is part of the property's significance, rural historic districts, outdoor spaces designed for meditation or contemplation, and certain TCPs. In so doing, the FAA has taken into consideration the views of consulting parties, past planning, research and studies, the magnitude and nature of the undertaking, the degree of Federal involvement, the nature and extent of potential effects on historic properties, and the likely nature of historic properties within the APE in accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(b)(1).

The initial identification of historic properties relied upon data submitted by the NPS regarding known historic properties in the Park and data retrieved from the Hawai'i Cultural Resource Information System (HICRIS). Section 106 consultation efforts to identify historic properties within the APE also involved outreach to NHOs and the Park's Kūpuna consultation group, the SHPD, operators, and other consulting parties including local governments. Public comments submitted as part of the Public Scoping process also informed identification efforts.

The FAA provided a preliminary list of historic properties in the Park to the SHPD for their review and comment in the scoping cover letter dated March 7, 2022. A preliminary list of historic properties in the entire initial APE was provided to all consulting parties in the meeting materials for the November 10, 2022, consulting party meeting. The agencies expanded the boundaries of the APE to incorporate additional areas potentially affected by the undertaking, and an updated historic properties list was provided in the response to consulting party comments in a letter dated February 10, 2023. The FAA received no comments from consulting parties in response to the February 10, 2023, letter.

These efforts resulted in identification of 32 historic properties within the APE. All historic properties identified within the APE are listed in **Attachment C** and those with available non-restricted location data are shown in the APE map provided in **Attachment B**.

### **Assessment of Effects**

The undertaking could have an effect on a historic property if it alters the characteristics that qualify the property for eligibility for listing or inclusion in the National Register. The characteristics of the historic properties within the APE that qualify them for inclusion in the National Register are described in **Attachment C**. Effects are considered adverse if they diminish the integrity of a property's elements



that contribute to its significance. Commercial air tours, by their nature, have the potential to impact resources for which feeling and setting are contributing elements. Based on the standard imposed in the regulations implementing Section 106, the agencies focused the assessment of effects on the potential for adverse effects from the introduction of audible or visual elements that could diminish the integrity of the property's significant historic features. See 36 CFR §800.5(a)(2)(v). Air tours have been conducted over the Park for well over 20 years and are currently conducted under the IOA that the FAA was required to grant operators by NPATMA. Thus, the undertaking—implementing the ATMP—would not introduce visual or auditory elements from air tours as aircraft already operate in the area. The undertaking does not include land acquisition, construction, or ground disturbance and will not result in physical effects to historic properties. The undertaking would not limit access to or change ceremonial use of Native Hawaiian sacred sites, ethnographic resources, or TCPs.

### **Assessment of Noise Effects**

To assess the potential for the introduction of audible elements, as well as changes in the duration and intensity of aircraft noise, the FAA and NPS considered whether there would be a change in the annual number, daily frequency, routes, or altitudes of commercial air tours, as well as the type of aircraft used to conduct those tours. The level of commercial air tour activity under the ATMP is expected to improve the protection of cultural resources within the ATMP planning area.

The ATMP authorizes half the annual flights as the average number of flights from 2017-2019 with a daily limit on flights across all operators on those days where flights are allowed. The ATMP designates a single one-way route from west to east over four segments in the southern area of the ATMP planning area. The ATMP authorizes the use of the AS350BA, AS350B2, EC130 T2, and EC130 B4 helicopters. Any new or replacement aircraft must not exceed the noise level produced by the aircraft being replaced. The ATMP requires the operators to fly on a single route at increased altitudes than are flown under existing conditions (minimum 2,000 – 3,000 ft. AGL, depending on location over the Park and ATMP boundary). Increases in minimum altitudes, where they occur, would reduce maximum noise levels at sites directly below the commercial air tour routes. It should be noted that when the altitude of an aircraft is increased, the total area exposed to the noise from that aircraft may also increase depending on the surrounding terrain. Although the area exposed to noise might increase, this would not meaningfully affect the acoustic environment because attenuation of noise from the higher altitude would most likely reduce noise levels depending on terrain and the transient nature of the impacts. Overall, noise levels associated with commercial air tours over the Park would be reduced in both duration and decibel level across most of the APE as a result of the undertaking.

### *Noise Metrics*

To account for the differences in duration and loudness of sounds, different metrics are used. These metrics are used to compare individual noise events as well as many events that take place over an extended period of time. Equivalent sound level ( $L_{eq}$ ) is being used to account for the cumulative effect of multiple air tour overflights throughout the day; it accounts for increases in both the loudness and duration of noise events.  $L_{eq}$  is defined as the level of continuous sound over a given time period that would deliver the same amount of energy as the actual, varying sound exposure. For air tours, it is computed over a 12-hour daytime period ( $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$ ) to represent a typical operational day and to provide a common time basis for comparison between alternatives.

Closely related, the day-night average sound level (DNL) noise metric is used to reflect a person's cumulative exposure to sound over a 24-hour period. By definition, DNL is arithmetically 3 dBA<sup>4</sup> lower than the  $L_{Aeq, 12 \text{ hr}}$ , as the averaging time period is twice as long and there are no nighttime air tour operations authorized by the ATMP. For purposes of assessing noise impacts from commercial air tours on the acoustic environment of the Park under NEPA, the FAA noise evaluation is based on Yearly<sup>5</sup> Day Night Average Sound Level ( $L_{dn}$  or DNL). The DNL analysis indicates that the undertaking would not result in any noise impacts that would be “significant” or “reportable” under FAA’s policy for NEPA.<sup>6</sup>

As part of the ATMP noise analysis, the NPS provided supplemental metrics to further assess the impact of commercial air tours in quiet settings: time above 35 dBA and time above 52 dBA. The time above metrics account for the amount of time in minutes that aircraft sound levels are above a given threshold (i.e., 35 dBA and 52 dBA) per day. In quiet settings, outdoor sound levels exceeding 35 dBA degrade experience in outdoor performance venues (American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 2007). Interference with Park interpretive programs would reasonably occur at 52 dBA. **Attachment D** provides further information about the supplemental noise metrics (Table 1) and presents the noise contours (i.e., graphical illustration depicting noise exposure) and point data from the modeling.

Time audible and maximum sound level ( $L_{Amax}$ ) are also used to gather more data on the duration and intensity of noise. Time audible notes the total time that aircraft noise levels are audible to an attentive listener with normal hearing under natural ambient conditions. Time audible does not indicate how loud the event is, only if it can be heard. Time audible may be more indicative of when quiet is disrupted than the time above metrics and takes into consideration the natural ambient conditions that may mask or make human-sourced sounds more noticeable.  $L_{Amax}$  provides the loudest sound level generated by the loudest event, and does not provide any context of frequency, duration, or timing of exposure.

#### *Overview of Noise Effects Throughout ATMP Planning Area*

**Attachment D** presents noise contour data for the  $L_{Aeq, 12 \text{ hr}}$  (Figure 11) and time above 35 dBA (Figure 13) and point data for time above 52 dBA (Figure 7 and Table 7). Generally, the undertaking would result in a decrease of noise levels for the interior (northern) regions of the Park but may result in an increase in noise levels in coastal regions near the proposed flight path. Many historic properties are clustered in the northern region of the Park where noise would not exceed 35 dBA on days when commercial air tours would occur under the ATMP. Furthermore, the proposed flight path does not fly directly over many of the historic properties in the APE, including the Crater Historic District, Kīpahulu Historic District, Hanā Belt Road, Nu‘u Archeological Sites, Ka‘āpahu Archeological Sites, Naholoku

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<sup>4</sup> dBA (A-weighted decibels): Sound is measured on a logarithmic scale relative to the reference sound pressure for atmospheric sources, 20  $\mu\text{Pa}$ . Sound levels are reported in units of decibels (dB) (ANSI S1.1-1994, American National Standard Acoustical Terminology). A-weighting is applied to sound levels to account for the sensitivity of the human ear (ANSI S1.42-2001, Design Response of Weighting Networks for Acoustical Measurements). To approximate human hearing sensitivity, A-weighting discounts sounds below 1 kHz and above 6 kHz. See attached noise report, page 5 for further discussion.

<sup>5</sup> Yearly conditions are represented as the Average Annual Day (AAD)

<sup>6</sup> Under FAA policy, an increase in the Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) of 1.5 dBA or more for a noise sensitive area that is exposed to noise at or above the DNL 65 dBA noise exposure level, or that will be exposed at or above the DNL 65 dBA level due to a DNL 1.5 dBA or greater increase, is significant. FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, Exhibit 4-1. Noise increases are “reportable” if the DNL increases by 5 dB or more within areas exposed to DNL 45-60 dB, or by 3 dB or more within areas exposed to DNL 60-65 dB. FAA Order 1050.1F, Appendix B, section B-1.4.

Archeological Sites, and many significant features of the Haleakalā Summit TCP. The undertaking would reduce noise impacts that could detract from the feeling and setting of these resources as compared to existing conditions.

Portions of the APE along the proposed flight path would experience  $L_{Aeq, 12 \text{ hr}}$  between 35 dBA and 40 dBA, with small areas rising above 40 dBA but below 45 dBA. Compared to existing conditions, the average  $L_{Aeq, 12 \text{ hr}}$  would be lower for the interior regions of the park but may be higher in coastal regions as more flights may fly the proposed flight path than currently fly over these areas. No areas in the ATMP planning area would experience DNL greater than 40 dB.

As a whole, the noise footprint for the ATMP, as measured by areas where the  $L_{Aeq, 12 \text{ hr}}$  exceeds 35 dBA, would impact 6% of the park (see Table 8 in **Attachment D**). Noise related to commercial air tours would be greater than 35 dBA for less than 45 minutes a day within the APE (with most portions of the APE experiencing noise above 35 dBA for less than 15 minutes a day) and greater than 52 dBA for less than 15 minutes a day within the APE.<sup>7</sup> Time above 35 dBA across the entire Park decreases by up to 61 minutes (see point 40, Nu'u 7,500 ft. elevation) compared to existing conditions; only point 24 (Waimoku Falls) would experience a slight increase in time above 35 dBA (by 2 minutes), likely due to the increased flight altitude and surrounding topography. Compared to existing conditions, the noise footprint for the ATMP as measured by time above 35 dBA potentially affects 42% less of the Park.

More flights may occur on the proposed route under the ATMP than existing flights along the coast (modeled at 9 flights per day versus the existing average of 4.5). The ATMP will also require 2,000 ft. AGL as a minimum altitude on the proposed flight path, compared to the existing minimum altitudes of 500 ft. to 1,500 ft. AGL. The net result of creating a single designated route and the increase in minimum altitude due to the undertaking is an increase in noise at coastal locations. Note however, that coastal areas have a natural ambient level higher than the interior portions of the Park; noise from air tours may not be as intrusive compared to naturally quieter locations. Median levels of natural sounds at the coast are between 45 and 50 dBA, 10-20 dB higher than in many interior areas (see Figure 2 in **Attachment D**); the ambient conditions along the coast remain in the 45-50 dB range (i.e., do not increase) when existing air tours are included in the Cumulative Existing Ambient for Existing Conditions (see Figure 4 in **Attachment D**). High natural ambient conditions may mask human-sourced sounds, while sound intrusions may be more noticeable in the areas of the park with low natural ambient conditions.

#### *Points with Increased Noise*

Eight noise points (21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 30, 37, and 41) would experience increases in more than one of the FAA and NPS metrics. As noted above, only point 24 (Waimoku Falls) will see an increase in one metric (time above 35 dBA); however, the increase of 2 minutes is minor, and all other metrics decrease at this point. The agencies determined whether these eight points were near any historic properties that have a quiet setting or natural sounds and setting as a significant characteristic. The agencies then analyzed additional noise metrics to determine changes in noise duration and intensity that would be experienced at those properties under the ATMP compared to existing conditions. Table 11 in **Attachment D** shows the difference between the existing  $L_{Aeq, 12 \text{ hr}}$  compared to the modeled  $L_{Aeq, 12 \text{ hr}}$  under the ATMP, Table 12 shows the difference in the time audible for natural ambient, Table 13 shows the difference in time above 35 dBA, Table 14 shows the difference in time above 52 dBA, and Table 15

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<sup>7</sup> See note preceding Figure 1 in the Noise Technical Analysis (Attachment D) regarding minor altitude adjustments not reflected in the noise modeling.

shows the difference in the  $L_{Amax}$ . The below analysis interprets the modeled noise metrics in these tables and discusses if any changes in noise have the potential to cause adverse effects to historic properties in the APE.

Noise point 26 in the Denman Parcel, which is within the Haleakalā Summit TCP and near the Naholoku Archaeological Sites, Lonoaea Heiau, Lono'o'ai'a Heiau (Hale O Kane Heiau), and Pictograph and Rock Shelter (Marciel's Pictograph), would experience increases in sound level as measured by  $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$  and  $L_{Amax}$ ; the increase of 0.3 dBA in  $L_{Amax}$  (from 57.2 to 57.5 dBA  $L_{Amax}$ ) would be imperceptible to a human observer. However, all of these historic properties have a use where quiet setting and/or natural sounds is important. Noise near these sites would decrease in time above 35 dBA by 46 minutes (from 68.5 to 22.5 minutes) compared to existing conditions but would increase in time above 52 dBA by 2.8 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 1.3 to 4.1 minutes). While time above 52 is an indication of when speech could be disrupted, time audible may be more indicative of when quiet is disrupted and takes into consideration the natural ambient conditions that may mask or make human-sourced sounds more noticeable. Despite the slight sound level intensity increases cited above, the time the air tours may be audible would decrease by approximately 129 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 210.6 to 81.4 minutes).<sup>8</sup> Therefore, while noise intensity would slightly increase at this point compared to existing conditions (resulting in a longer time above 52 dBA and higher  $L_{Amax}$ ), the overall amount of time that noise caused by air tours is audible would decrease (resulting in a shorter time above 32 dBA and a shorter time audible). Similar slight increases in intensity and decreases in duration are modeled at the points discussed below.

Noise at point 25, which is a coastal location within the Haleakalā TCP and Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites, near Mound (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08665), Terraces (SHPD ID 50-50-16-01133), Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08663), Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08664), and Walls (SHPD ID 50-50-16-01132), would experience increases in sound level as measured by  $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$  and  $L_{Amax}$ ; the increase of 3.5 dBA in  $L_{Amax}$  (from 53.2 to 56.7 dBA  $L_{Amax}$ ) would be imperceptible to a human observer. Of these historic properties, the Haleakalā Summit TCP and Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites have a ceremonial use where the quiet setting and/or natural sounds is important. Noise at this point would experience a decrease in time above 35 dBA by 21.5 minutes (from 44.4 to 22.9 minutes) compared to existing conditions but would experience an increase in time above 52 dBA by 2.4 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 0.3 to 2.7 minutes) due to the minor increase in sound intensity. Noise point 25 is near the coast where the median natural ambient sound level is between 45 and 50 dBA. The time audible metric considers both the natural ambient sounds as well as the noise generated by the air tours. Despite the slight sound level intensity increases cited above, the overall time air tours may be audible would decrease by approximately 52 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 108.8 to 56.9 minutes).

Noise point 22, which is a coastal location within the Haleakalā Summit TCP and Puhilele Archaeological Sites and near Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-17-08883), would experience an increase in the  $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$  of 7.4 dBA (from 32.3 to 39.7 dBA). As this is an average across a 12-hour time period and is not necessarily indicative of noise levels at any specific point in time, additional metrics are also considered to determine the effects of the undertaking on historic properties. Of the historic properties near or encompassing Noise point 22, the Haleakalā Summit TCP and Puhilele Archaeological Sites have a ceremonial use where the quiet setting and/or natural sounds is important. Noise at this point would experience a decrease in time above 35 dBA of 3.8 minutes (from 35.8 to 32 minutes) compared to

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<sup>8</sup> Time Audible accounts for the total time in minutes that aircraft noise levels are audible to an attentive listener with normal hearing under natural ambient conditions (see Noise Technical Report in **Attachment D**).

existing conditions but would experience an increase in time above 52 dBA by approximately 6 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 1.8 to 8.2 minutes). This point would experience an increase in the  $L_{Amax}$  of 6.3 dBA (from 57.3 dBA to 63.6 dBA  $L_{Amax}$ ), which would be obvious to an observer; these sound levels are similar to the sound level of a dishwasher in an adjacent room. Noise point 22 is near the coast where the median natural ambient sound level is between 45 and 50 dBA. The time audible considers the natural ambient sounds as well as the noise generated by the air tours. Despite the slight sound level intensity increases cited above, the time the air tours may be audible would decrease by 102 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 187.1 to 85.5 minutes).

While several points within the Kīpahulu Historic District show increases in noise, Noise point 37 is the closest to the proposed flight path and also represents a coastal location in the Haleakalā Summit TCP and is near the Hanā Belt Road. The  $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$  at Noise point 37 would increase 6.4 dBA (from 34 to 40.4 dBA). Of these historic properties, the Haleakalā Summit TCP and Kīpahulu Historic District have a quiet setting and/or natural sounds as a significant characteristic. This location would experience a decrease in time above 35 dBA by 4.9 minutes (from 35.8 to 30.9 minutes) compared to existing conditions but would experience an increase in time above 52 dBA by 7 minutes (from 2.2 to 9.3 minutes) compared to existing conditions. The  $L_{Amax}$  at this point would rise by 4.3 dBA (from 60.7 dBA to 65 dBA  $L_{Amax}$ ); these sound levels are similar to the sound level of a large business office, and the increase would be discernable by an observer. Noise point 37 is near the coast where the median natural ambient sound level is between 45 and 50 dBA. The time audible considers the natural ambient sounds as well as the noise generated by the air tours. Despite the slight sound level intensity increases cited above, the time the air tours may be audible would decrease by around 104 minutes compared to existing conditions (from 183.7 to 79.6 minutes).

### *Noise Effects Summary*

The increases in noise intensity at the points noted above are due to a greater number of air tours anticipated on the proposed route than currently fly over these areas under existing conditions; however, the annual and daily limits, time-of-day restrictions, quiet technology incentives, and no-fly days would minimize the overall effects experienced at historic properties in the APE. While there may be increases in  $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$  at these points, this metric is an average across a 12-hour time period and is not necessarily indicative of noise levels at any specific point in time. Additionally, time above 35 dBA is decreasing at all but one noise point, and any increases in time above 52 dBA are minimal and would be spread across operating hours. Although the  $L_{Amax}$  would increase at some points, the increases are minor, and the levels at these points are already perceptible against the natural ambient sounds under existing conditions. Furthermore, the time that air tours are audible at all of these historic properties decreases as a result of the ATMP, indicating that while the noise may at times be louder in these areas, the air tours would be audible for a shorter duration than existing conditions. Therefore, the undertaking would not diminish the integrity of setting and feeling of these properties as related to sound, nor would it substantially hinder or prevent one from experiencing the property within its historic context compared to existing conditions. All other historic properties within the APE that are not noted above would experience either similar noise levels or a decrease in noise levels from existing conditions in all modeled metrics as a result of the undertaking.

Because noise is modeled using conservative assumptions (see **Attachment D**) and implementing the ATMP would result in limiting the number of flights to half of the three-year average of flights flown from 2017-2019 using a single route and the same aircraft to fly at higher altitudes, noise impacts are expected to overall be reduced under the ATMP. The ATMP would not introduce new audible elements

into the APE because air tours are currently occurring in this area; the undertaking limits the number of annual (2,412) and daily (16) flights that could occur within the ATMP planning area, which would reduce the number and frequency of air tour operations within the ATMP planning area and corresponding noise effects to cultural resources within the APE. These annual limits, daily limits, time-of-day restrictions, and no-fly days also reduce the likelihood that an air tour would interrupt Native Hawaiian traditional practices such as ceremonies, fishing, or farming, as well as the sanctity of the Haleakalā Crater as compared to existing conditions. Because the ATMP would result in minimal changes to noise levels on historic properties compared to existing conditions and would decrease the time that air tours are audible at historic properties in the APE, the undertaking would not diminish the integrity of any historic property's significant historic features.

### **Assessment of Visual Effects**

Recognizing that some types of historic properties may be affected by visual effects of commercial air tours, the agencies considered the potential for the introduction of visual elements that could alter the characteristics of a historic property that qualify it for inclusion in the National Register. Aircraft are transitory elements in a scene and visual impacts tend to be relatively short. The short duration and low number of flights make it unlikely a historic property would experience a visual effect from the undertaking.

The ATMP would not introduce new aircraft into the viewshed within the APE, and the level of commercial air tour activity under the ATMP is expected to be reduced. The undertaking would not alter the characteristics of historic properties within the APE because there would be no significant increase in visual effects from existing conditions. The ATMP reduces the number of commercial air tours within the ATMP planning area compared to the three-year average from 2017-2019 and implements limits on the number of flights, times of day, and days of the week and year during which commercial air tours are able to operate. These limits do not currently exist.

The FAA and NPS also considered the experience of Native Hawaiians who may be conducting ceremonies or practices that could involve looking toward the sky. The ATMP includes a provision for the NPS to establish temporary no-fly periods for special events, such as Native Hawaiian ceremonies or other similar events, with a minimum of two months' notice to the operators. This represents an improvement over existing conditions where no such provision exists.

The ATMP limits the annual number of commercial air tours to 2,412 tours on a single one-way route and imposes a daily limit of 16 flights. The average annual number of air tours from 2017-2019 is 4,824 flights; on days with peak air tour activity (defined as a 90<sup>th</sup> percentile day), as many as 50 commercial air tours occurred. Therefore, visual intrusions to historic properties are expected to decrease compared to flights currently occurring because the number of authorized flights under the ATMP will be less than the average number of flights from 2017-2019.

The ATMP would remove flights in the northern part of the ATMP planning area near the Haleakalā Crater. The areas in the vicinity of the proposed flight path already experience visual intrusions by air tours under existing conditions. Although more flights may occur over the southeastern portion of the APE compared to existing conditions, the ATMP would reduce the overall number of air tours in the planning area, cap daily flights, and establish a proposed flight path that does not cross directly over any historic properties except for the Haleakalā Summit TCP, which encompasses the entire Park.

Furthermore, the increased altitude would minimize visual intrusions to historic properties near the proposed flight path.

Properties in the APE that have viewshed as a significant characteristic include the Haleakalā Summit TCP, Civilian Conservation Corps Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape, Hanā Belt Road, and Lonoaea Heiau. The transitory nature and short duration of aircraft as well as the restrictions under the ATMP – including the designated route, limits to annual and daily flights numbers, time-of-day limits, no-fly days, and increase in minimum altitude – would limit the overall visual effects of air tours on these historic properties. As a result of these provisions in the ATMP, the undertaking would not introduce visual elements that would alter the characteristics of any historic property that qualifies it for inclusion in the National Register.

### **Assessment of Indirect Effects**

As the ATMP would limit the number of flights per year to a level below existing conditions, it is reasonably foreseeable that current air tour operators would increase flights in areas not regulated by the ATMP, referred to as “air tour displacement.” It is difficult to predict with specificity if, where, and to what extent any air tours would be displaced to areas outside the ATMP planning area, including areas above 5,000 ft. AGL. The preciseness of routes and altitudes for air tours flown on displaced routes are generally subject to the Hawai’i Air Tour Common Procedures Manual and may vary greatly. It is reasonably foreseeable that operators would continue to fly to points of interest on the island outside of the ATMP planning area where they already fly or fly routes over or around the park similar to existing flight paths but outside of the ATMP planning area. Air tour operators are likely to continue to fly some air tours along the perimeter of the ATMP planning area where Haleakalā Crater and other park features may be visible. If operators choose to fly above the vertical limit of the ATMP boundary, they would likely keep to an altitude close to, but just above 5,000 ft. AGL, as higher flights would provide limited value to a sightseeing operation. Flights close to the crater above 5,000 ft. AGL are unlikely due to the ground elevation in that area and safety requirements for unpressurized aircraft flying over 10,000 ft. MSL for more than 30 minutes.<sup>3</sup> For flights above 5,000 ft. AGL, the increase in altitude would likely decrease impacts on ground level resources as compared to existing conditions. The undertaking could result in some noise and visual effects to cultural resources at higher elevation areas of the Park to the north with views towards the ocean or in the southern areas of the APE where flights are more likely to occur as the elevations are lower. The increase in altitude would likely decrease impacts on ground level resources as compared to existing conditions. Any flights above or along the perimeter of the ATMP planning area would likely be reduced from the existing number of flights due to the ATMP restrictions and would therefore result in a reduction of noise and visual effects to the Crater Historic District and Haleakalā Summit TCP.

### **Finding of No Adverse Effect Criteria**

As noted above, air tours over the Park are part of the existing condition, and the required analysis under Section 106 is of the undertaking—the implementation of an ATMP. To support a Finding of No Adverse Effect, an undertaking must not meet any of the criteria set forth in the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation’s Section 106 regulations at 36 CFR 800.5(a). The above analysis of impact demonstrates the undertaking does not meet those criteria. The undertaking would not have any physical impact on any property or result in any alteration or physical modifications to these resources. The undertaking would not remove any property from its location. The undertaking would not change the character of any property’s use or any physical features in any historic property’s setting. As

discussed above, the undertaking would not introduce any new auditory or visual elements that would diminish the integrity of the significant historical features of any historic properties in the APE. The undertaking would not cause any property to be neglected, sold, or transferred.

Noise and visual effects of existing air tour operations are already present in the APE. Although the proposed flight path would shift the bulk of air tour operations to the south and may expose some historic properties to increased noise and visual effects, any increases in noise and visual effects would be limited due to the increased minimum altitude and reduction in the overall number of air tours in the ATMP planning area. Furthermore, air tours are transitory in nature, and any noise and visual impacts to historic properties would be temporary. While some historic properties may experience an increase in noise intensity, the duration of the noise would decrease in all cases. Therefore, the undertaking will not result in any adverse effects to historic properties in the APE.

### **Proposed Finding and Request for Review and Concurrence**

FAA and NPS approval of the undertaking would not alter the characteristics of any historic properties located within the APE in a manner that would diminish its integrity as there would be an overall reduction in audible or visual effects from existing conditions and no introduction of effects. Based on the above analysis, the FAA proposes a finding of no adverse effect on historic properties. We request that you review the information and respond whether you concur with the proposed finding within thirty days of receiving this letter.

The agencies are holding a consulting party meeting on April 20, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. HST over Zoom, to explain how the FAA arrived at the proposed finding of no adverse effect on historic properties. Information on how to access the meeting is included in **Attachment E**.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Judith Walker at 202-267-4185 or [Judith.Walker@faa.gov](mailto:Judith.Walker@faa.gov) and copy the ATMP team at [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov).

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### **Attachments**

- A. List of Consulting Parties
- B. APE Map including Proposed Commercial Air Tour Route
- C. List of Historic Properties in the APE and Description of Historic Characteristics



- D. Noise Technical Analysis: Haleakalā National Park
- E. Connection Information for April 20, 2023, Consulting Party Meeting for Haleakalā National Park

## ATTACHMENT A

### List of Consulting Parties

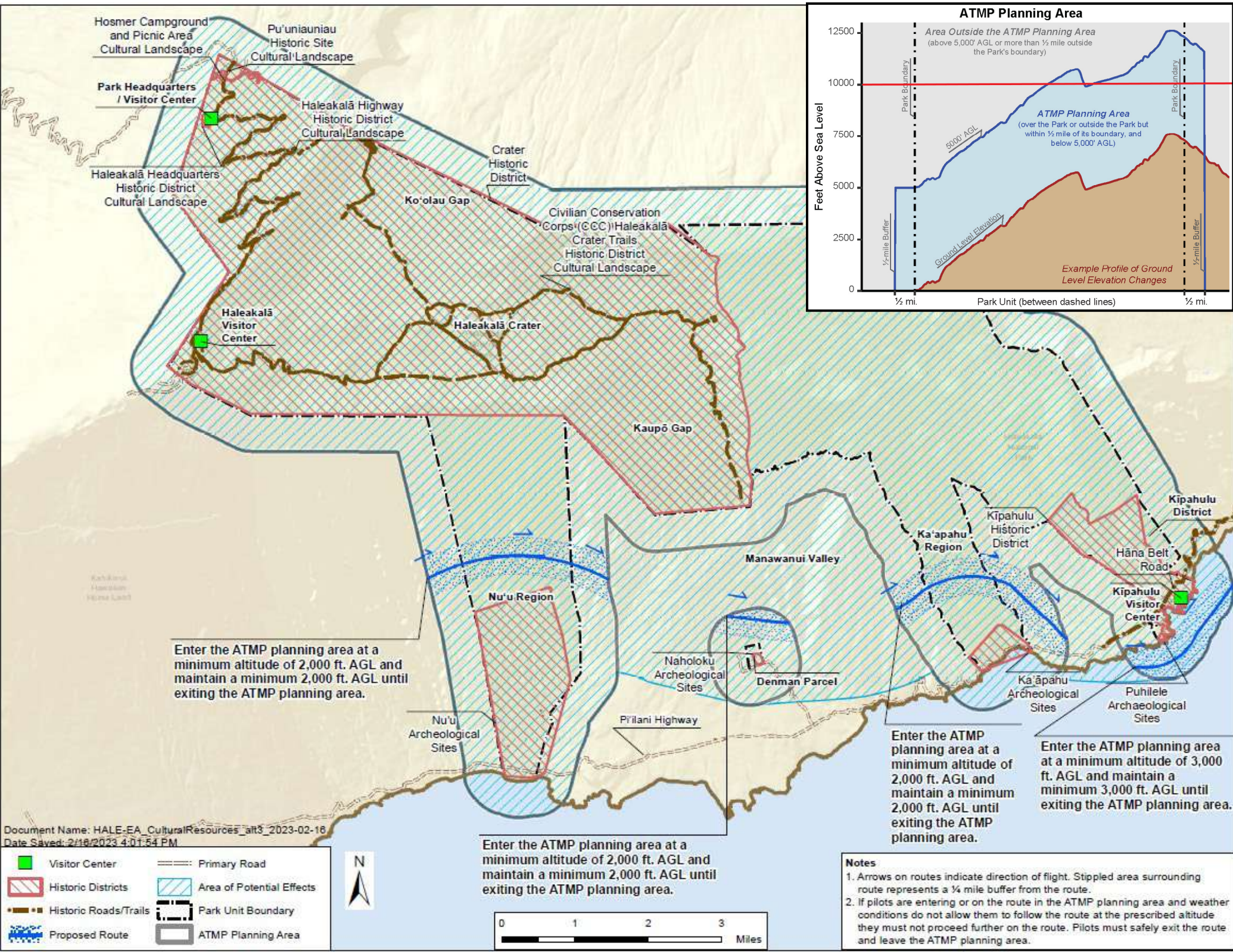
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Sunshine Helicopters, Inc.
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Thompson Ranch
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Waiehu Kou Phase 3 Association
Wananalua Congregational Church

**ATTACHMENT B**

**Area of Potential Effects Map  
Including  
Proposed Commercial Air Tour Route**







## ATTACHMENT C

### List of Historic Properties in the APE and Description of Historic Characteristics

Property Name	Property Type	Eligibility Status	Significant Characteristics
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape was designed by NPS landscape architects and constructed by CCC enrollees between 1930 and 1941. It is significant for its association with early park planning and the CCC and for its embodiment of NPS Rustic Style architecture. Significant characteristics of the district include its rustic design, historic trail system, the human manipulated topography to accommodate the trails, the viewshed from the trails of the crater and the ocean, and its continued use as a tourist circulation system.
Crater Historic District	District	Listed	Crater Historic District consists of 56 pre-contact archeological sites, including temples and burials. It is accessed for traditional uses by Native Hawaiians. Extant prehistoric stone structures, remains of workshop sites, other archeological remains, quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and the surrounding landscape are all significant characteristics of the district.
C-Shaped Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-03979)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site is located east of Pāhihi Gulch and consists of a C-shape wall that is two inches in diameter. Significant characteristics of the site include the wall's C-shaped design and stone materials.
Enclosures (SHPD ID 50-50-16-03980)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of the remains of a large enclosing wall and an attached rectangular enclosure. Significant characteristics of the site include its configuration and stone materials.
Haleakalā Headquarters Historic District Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Haleakalā Headquarters Historic District Cultural Landscape is significant for its association with early park planning and as an example of Mission 66-era development. It is also significant for its NPS Rustic Style design. The rustic design, building configuration, and surrounding landscape are all significant characteristics of the district.
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape includes a portion of the highway within the Park, which was designed by the Bureau of Public Roads (BPR) with input from the Park and NPS landscape architects, as well as several developments along the route. It is significant for its association with NPS master planning from the 1930s and Mission 66 eras and for its minimally intrusive design. In order to be minimally intrusive, the district's road, buildings, and structures were designed to

Property Name	Property Type	Eligibility Status	Significant Characteristics
			decrease the visual and physical impact on the landscape; this design and the surrounding landscape are significant characteristics of the district.
Haleakalā Summit Traditional Cultural Property	TCP	Eligible	The Summit of Haleakalā, including Kaupō Gap and Kīpahulu Valley, is significant as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) for its association with native Hawaiian culture, traditions, and sacred uses. The exceptional stillness and serenity of the Summit of Haleakalā are significant characteristics of the TCP that allow Native Hawaiians to continue conducting traditional ceremonies, which require a quiet setting.
Hāna Belt Road	District	Listed	Hāna Belt Road includes a road and bridges to Hāna that were built between 1900 and 1947. It is significant as an engineering achievement and for its association with the development of the area that opened East Maui to further settlement, agricultural enterprises, and tourism. The road's winding and narrow alignment; surrounding scenery and viewshed featuring waterfalls, small villages, valleys, and sea cliffs; and stylistically consistent, one-lane bridges with sharp approaches are all significant characteristics of the district.
Hāwelewele Complex (Kailili Heiau)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated <sup>9</sup>	The Hāwelewele Complex, also called the Kailili Heiau, is located a quarter of a mile from the shore on top of a small hill in the center of a valley. The large heiau measures approximately 50 by 124 ft. with walls that are 6 ft. thick and around 4-5 ft. high. Potential significant characteristics of the site include its materials and configuration.
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape is located just below the 7,000-foot elevation in the summit area of the Park and is the only drive-in campground in the area. It is significant as an example of a Mission 66-era development and for its experimental forestry plots that were planted by Ralph S. Hosmer in the early-twentieth century. Significant characteristics of the cultural landscape include the campground layout and design and surrounding landscape.
Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites	Sites	Eligible	Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites consist of archeological sites recorded within Kālepa, 'Alelele, Lelekēa, and Kukui'ula Valleys, including traditional Native Hawaiian dryland agriculture terraces and clearings, larger irrigated pondfield complexes for the production of kalo (taro, <i>Colocasia esculenta</i> ), and habitation and ceremonial sites. 19 <sup>th</sup> century enclosures representing mixed residences and agriculture (including animal husbandry) are also present. Significant characteristics of the sites include the extant remains of structures and complexes, their materials and configurations, extant

<sup>9</sup> For the purposes of Section 106, the FAA is treating identified but unevaluated properties as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Property Name	Property Type	Eligibility Status	Significant Characteristics
			material culture remains, the surrounding landscape, and a quiet setting and/or natural sounds.
Keakalauae Heiau	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Keakalauae Heiau is one of the largest of the Kaupō heiaus and is credited to Kekaulike from c.1730. Its greatest dimensions are approximately 168 by 330 ft. The interior of the platform has been utilized for a pig pen with walls built around it. Potential significant characteristics of the site include the heiau's configuration, materials, and natural sounds.
Kīpahulu Historic District	District	Eligible	The Kīpahulu Historic District is comprised of fragmentary structural remains of Hawaiian use of the Kīpahulu land in the pre-contact period through 1900 that indicate a substantial resident population engaged in horticulture and fishing in an isolated wet-valley Polynesian community. The archeological study of the remains may reveal the vicinity may have played a significant role in the colonization of the Hawaiian Islands by early Polynesian voyagers and settlers. The few Hawaiian families who continued to live along 'Ohe'o Gulch and stream after 1900 perpetuated traditional irrigated and dry-land horticulture and fishing activities. The people of Kīpahulu perhaps experienced a minor lifestyle change when organized Christianity invaded east Maui ca. 1850, and certainly did so after 1900 when Kīpahulu plantation imported laborers from overseas and began to clear and plow the steeply sloping lower flanks of Haleakala volcano on both sides of 'Ohe'o Gulch to grow sugar cane. The historical themes of Hawaiian land use, Hawaiian placenames, engineering for sugar cultivation on marginal lands, and overland transportation are represented by structures or their remnants. Significant characteristics of the district include extant material culture and structural remains, physical evidence of historic and prehistoric land use, association with the ocean, a quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and the landscape.
Lonoaea Heiau	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Lonoaea Heiau is a walled heiau located on top of a hill overlooking Waiuha to the west. Potential significant characteristics include the heiau's materials, viewshed, and natural sounds.
Lono'o'ai'a Heiau (Hale O Kane Heiau)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Lono'o'ai'a Heiau, also called the Hale O Kane Heiau, is an open platform that is 10 to 12 ft. above the ground. Potential significant characteristics include the heiau's materials and natural sounds.
Mound (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08665)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of a partially-faced mound that was constructed of stacked stones and may have served as a historic cattle ramp. Significant characteristics of the site include its stacked configuration and stone materials.



Property Name	Property Type	Eligibility Status	Significant Characteristics
Naholoku Archeological Sites	Sites	Eligible	The complex of 18 archeological sites at 1,000 ft elevation in dryland Naholoku Ahupua'a dates as early as the 15 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> centuries and is significant for its potential to yield information, with at least three sites eligible for architecture/design. These latter sites represent structures that embody the characteristics of pre-Contact and late pre-Contact/early historical residential compounds and smaller agricultural heiau. Significant characteristics include the extant remains of buildings and structures; their materials, configurations, and design; extant material culture remains; physical evidence of historic and prehistoric land use, a quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and the landscape.
Naku'ula Complex	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Naku'ula Complex consists of three rectangular terraced platforms that may be heiau sites. Potential significant characteristics include the site's physical materials and a quiet setting and/or natural sounds.
Nu'u Archeological Sites	Sites	Eligible	Nu'u Archeological Sites consist of archeological sites, composed of pocket terraces, terraces, enclosures, cleared areas, modified outcrops, and mounds that represent an extensive traditional dryland agricultural complex for primarily sweet potato production, temporary shelters associated with agricultural activity, multiple permanent residential complexes, most of which date to the 19 <sup>th</sup> century, specialized features/use areas for ceremony and lithic production. Significant characteristics of the sites include the extant remains of structures and residential complexes, their materials and configurations, mounds, extant material culture remains including evidence of ceremony and lithic production, physical evidence of historic and prehistoric land use, a quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and the landscape.
Nu'u Petroglyph Complex	Site	Unevaluated	The Nu'u Petroglyph Complex is a site covering 117 meters that is located on the beach at Nu'u Bay. It consists of 157 petroglyphs: 92 human forms, 3 animal forms, 3 names, and 59 undetermined images. Potential significant characteristics of the site include the petroglyph designs and configurations.
Nu'u Pictograph Complex	Site	Unevaluated	The Nu'u Petroglyph and Pictograph Complex is a site covering 117 meters that is located on the beach at Nu'u Bay. It consists of 40 pictographs: 16 human forms, 3 animal forms, and 21 undetermined images. Potential significant characteristics of the site include the pictograph designs and the materials used to create them.
Nu'u-Waiu Complex, Hana	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Nu'u-Waiu Complex consists of several archeological sites composed of enclosures, partial enclosures, terraces and platforms, pits, pavements, house lots, walls, ko'a, trails, cairn, petroglyphs, a fishpond, rockshelters, and graves. Potential

Property Name	Property Type	Eligibility Status	Significant Characteristics
			significant characteristics of the complex includes the extant remains of structures, their materials and configurations, other extant material culture remains, prehistoric and historic trail alignments, and physical evidence of prehistoric and historic land use.
Pictograph and Rock Shelter (Marciel's Pictograph)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	This site consists of a human figure painted with alaea (red salt) on a boulder that is located next to a rock shelter that once contained a burial. Potential significant characteristics of the site include the pictograph form and design, the use of alaea to create it, the rock shelter's materials, natural sounds, and any other extant cultural remains.
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	Sites	Eligible	Puhilele Archaeological Sites consist of archeological sites, composed of terraces, platforms, alignments, and mounds used for agricultural, residential, ceremonial as well as temporary shelter for fishing. Significant characteristics of the site includes the extant remains of structures, their materials and configurations, other extant material culture remains, association with the ocean, a quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and physical evidence of prehistoric and historic land use.
Pu'umaka'a Heiau	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Pu'umaka'a Heiau is an open platform type of heiau that consists of a series of rough terraced pavements. Potential significant characteristics include the heiau's materials and natural sounds.
Pu'unianiau Historic Site Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Pu'unianiau Historic Site Cultural Landscape is significant as a base camp used by the U.S. Army for the administration of the Red Hill Aircraft Warning Service Station at the summit of Haleakalā between 1941 and 1946. It consists of five historic buildings and structures and a south access road. The spatial organization of the site, which reflects the traditional conventions for military cantonments, and the 1940s military one-story buildings and structures are significant characteristics of the cultural landscape.
Terraces (SHPD ID 50-50-16-01133)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	These terraces are located on the west side of the Kalepa Stream. They consist of the remains of two rectangular enclosures, each with two end walls and one connecting wall about 50 ft. in length. Potential significant characteristics of the site include its configuration and materials.
Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08663)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of a low wall near Kukui'ula Gulch that was built along the side of a steep stream channel. The wall is constructed of stacked and piled stones that terminates in an "L" on its inland end. Significant characteristics of the site include its configuration, stone materials, and location next to the stream.

Property Name	Property Type	Eligibility Status	Significant Characteristics
Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08664)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of a bi-facial wall near Kukui'ula Gulch that was likely constructed for drainage during the historic period. Significant characteristics of the site include its configuration and materials.
Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-03978)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of a single stacked boulder wall approximately 5.5 meters in length and 60 centimeters high. It is oriented north-to-south and likely served as a windbreak for a structure located in its lee. Significant characteristics of the site include its configuration, stone materials, and north-to-south orientation.
Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-17-08883)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	This site consists of a dry-stacked, core-filled rock wall that was likely constructed to mark the boundaries of a neighboring grant parcel to the west sometime after the sale of the parcel in 1854. Potential significant characteristics of the site include its configuration, stone materials, and location.
Walls (SHPD ID 50-50-16-01132)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	This site consists of the remains of walls, one parallel to the shore and another parallel to the Kalepa Stream, which may be the remains of a house site. Potential significant characteristics of the site include its configuration, stone materials, and location next to the stream.

**ATTACHMENT D**

**Noise Technical Analysis: Haleakalā National Park**

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# 1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the noise results used in the alternatives impact analysis discussed in the Haleakalā National Park (park) Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) Environmental Assessment (EA) and to document the inputs and assumptions used in the computer modeling of air tour aircraft activity. This information will provide the reader with the technical basis used to assess potential impacts to the following resource categories – Noise and Noise-Compatible Land Use; Biological Resources; Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f) Resources, Cultural Resources; Environmental Justice and Socioeconomics; Visitor Use and Experience; Wilderness; including indirect and cumulative effects.

Humans perceive sound as an auditory sensation created by pressure variations that move through a medium such as water or air. Sound is measured in terms of amplitude and frequency. Amplitude, which refers to the sound pressure level or intensity, is the relative strength of sound waves which humans perceive as loudness or volume and is measured in decibels (dB). Decibels work on a logarithmic scale, such that an increase of 10 dB causes a doubling of perceived loudness and represents a ten-fold increase in sound level. Thus 20 dBA would be perceived as twice as loud as 10 dBA, 30 dBA would be perceived as 4 times louder than 10 dBA, 40 dBA would be perceived as 8 times louder than 10 dBA, etc. (see Table 1).

**Table 1. Subjective Effect of Change in Sound Level**

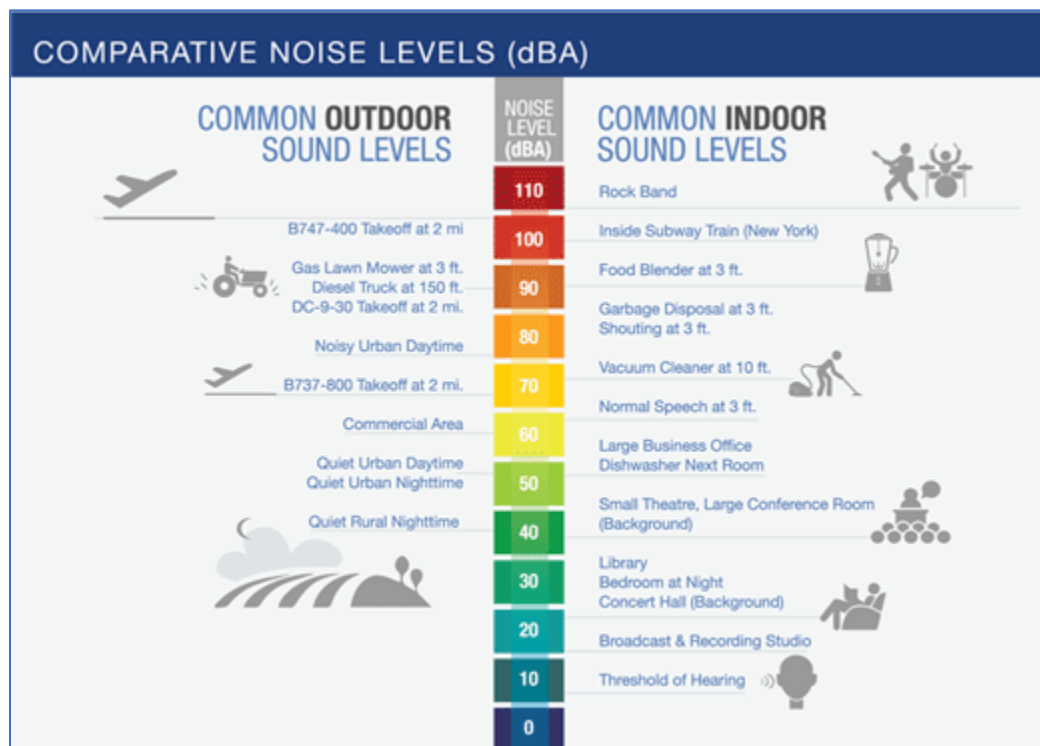
Change in Sound Level	Perceived Change to Human Ear
± 1 dB	Not Perceptible
± 3 dB	Threshold of Perception
± 5 dB	Obvious Change
± 10 dB	Twice / Half as Loud
± 20 dB	Fourfold or ¼ as Loud

The A-weighted decibel scale (dBA) is commonly used to describe sound levels because it reflects the frequency range to which the human ear is most sensitive.<sup>1</sup> The dBA scale from zero to 110 covers most of the range of everyday sounds, as shown in Figure 1. Note that sound levels in protected natural

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<sup>1</sup> dBA (A-weighted decibels): Sound is measured on a logarithmic scale relative to the reference sound pressure for atmospheric sources, 20 µPa. Sound levels are reported in units of decibels (dB) (ANSI S1.1-1994, American National Standard Acoustical Terminology). A-weighting is applied to sound levels to account for the sensitivity of the human ear (ANSI S1.42-2001, Design Response of Weighting Networks for Acoustical Measurements). To approximate human hearing sensitivity, A-weighting discounts sounds below 1 kHz and above 6 kHz.

areas, such as Haleakalā National Park, are often lower than those of the ‘common’ outdoor areas shown, in the range of 20-30 dBA.



**Figure 1. Comparative Sound Levels<sup>2</sup>**

Section 2 discusses the noise metrics. Section 3 discusses the affected environment and ambient soundscape. Section 4 discusses the noise model method and inputs while Section 5 discusses outputs. Sections 6 and 7 provide detailed noise results for each alternative. Section 8 discusses indirect effects.

## 2. Modeled Noise Metrics

There are numerous ways to measure the potential impacts of noise from commercial air tours on the acoustic environment of a park, including intensity, duration, and spatial footprint of the noise. The affected environment and impact analysis discloses noise metrics consistent with both Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Park Service (NPS) noise guidance. The FAA noise evaluation is based on guidance under FAA Order 1050.1F and uses the yearly Day-night Average Sound Level (DNL) metric; the cumulative noise energy exposure from aircraft over 24 hours. The NPS considers various different metrics to analyze impacts to park resources and values from noise, including equivalent sound level, time audible (the amount of time you can hear air tour aircraft noise), the amount of time that the noise from a commercial air tour operation would be above specific sound levels that relate to functional

<sup>2</sup> Source: [https://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/policy\\_guidance/noise/basics/](https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/policy_guidance/noise/basics/)

effects of noise and park management objectives (e.g., 35 and 52 decibels), and maximum sound level. These metrics are discussed further in Table 2.

**Table 2. Primary metrics used for the noise analysis**

Metric	Relevance and citation
Equivalent sound level, $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$	The logarithmic average of commercial air tour sound levels, in dBA, over a 12-hour day. The selected 12-hour period is selected to represent typical daytime commercial air tour operating hours.
Day-night average sound level, $L_{dn}$ (or DNL)	<p>The logarithmic average of sound levels, in dBA, over a 24-hour day, DNL takes into account the increased sensitivity to noise at night by including a 10 dB penalty between 10 PM and 7 AM local time.</p> <p>Note: Both <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}</math> and DNL characterize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases in both the loudness and duration of noise events</li> <li>The number of noise events during specific time period (12 hours for <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}</math> and 24-hours for DNL)</li> </ul> <p>If there are no nighttime events, then <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}</math> is arithmetically three dBA higher than DNL.</p> <p>The FAA's (2015 Exhibit 4-1) indicators of significant impacts are for an action that would increase noise by DNL 1.5 dB or more for a noise sensitive area that is exposed to noise at or above the DNL 65 dB noise exposure level, or that will be exposed at or above the DNL 65 dB level due to a DNL 1.5 dB or greater increase, when compared to the no action alternative for the same timeframe.</p>
Time Audible Natural Ambient	<p>The total time (minutes) that aircraft noise levels are audible to an attentive listener with normal hearing under natural ambient conditions.</p> <p>The median natural ambient is the sound level exceeded 50 percent of the time (<math>L_{50}</math>), determined from the natural sound conditions found in a study area, including all sounds of nature (i.e., wind, streams, wildlife, etc.), and excluding all human and mechanical sounds. Time audible does not indicate how loud the event is, only if it might be heard.</p>
Time Above 35 dBA	<p>The amount of time (in minutes) that aircraft sound levels are above a given threshold (i.e., 35 dBA)</p> <p>In quiet settings, outdoor sound levels exceeding this level degrade experience in outdoor performance venues (American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 2007). This level is also shown to cause blood pressure increases in sleeping humans (Haralabidis et al., 2008); as well as exceeding recommended maximum background noise level inside classrooms (ANSI S12.60/Part 1-2010).</p>

<b>Metric</b>	<b>Relevance and citation</b>
Time Above 52 dBA	<p>The amount of time (in minutes) that aircraft sound levels are above a given threshold (i.e., 52 dBA)</p> <p>This metric represents the level at which one may reasonably expect interference with Park interpretive programs. At this background sound level, normal voice communication at five meters (two people five meters apart), or a raised voice to an audience at ten meters would result in 95% sentence intelligibility (United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Noise Abatement and Control, 1974).</p>
Maximum sound level, $L_{max}$	<p>The loudest sound level, in dBA, generated by the loudest event; it is event-based and is independent of the number of operations. <math>L_{max}</math> does not provide any context of frequency, duration, or timing of exposure.</p>

### 3. Affected Environment

NPS defines acoustic resources as physical sound sources, including both natural sounds (wind, water, wildlife, vegetation) and cultural and historic sounds (battle reenactments, tribal ceremonies, quiet reverence). The acoustic environment is the combination of all the acoustic resources within a given area. This includes natural sounds and cultural sounds, as well as non-natural human-caused sounds. Soundscape can be defined as the human perception of those physical sound resources.

Natural sounds are also part of the biological or other physical resource components of the park. Examples include:

- Sounds produced by birds, such as the nēnē (Hawaiian goose), to define territories or aid in attracting mates
- Sounds produced by bats to locate prey or navigate
- Sounds received by mice to detect and avoid predators or other danger
- Sounds produced by physical processes, such as wind in the trees, wind in the bamboo forest, claps of thunder, or falling water

One of the natural resources of the park is the natural soundscape, also referred to as the Natural Ambient or “natural quiet.” The Natural Ambient includes all of the naturally occurring sounds of the park, as well as the quiet associated with still nights and certain seasons. An important part of the mission of the NPS is to preserve or restore the natural soundscapes associated with units of the national park system (NPS Management Policies, 4.9 Soundscape Management).

The term existing ambient refers to the sound level of all sounds in a given area, and includes all natural sounds as well as all mechanical, electrical, and other human-caused sounds. Human-generated noise sources may include wheeled vehicles on roads, such as passenger vehicles, tour buses, and cyclists, and aircraft overflights consisting of high-altitude commercial jet aircraft, occasional NPS flights for research

or other park purposes, commercial air tour operations, and private general aviation aircraft. Human-generated noise within the park is typically concentrated in areas of high visitor use such as at overlook areas along the road to the summit and Waimoku Falls in the Kīpahulu area.

To characterize the natural and existing ambient, detailed sound level measurements were conducted at 10 locations across the park in 2003, resulting in the identification of five acoustic zones representing regions with similar acoustic conditions (Table 3) (Lee et al., 2016). These acoustic sampling locations were chosen to be representative of the natural ecological zones or broad ecosystems of the park and ATMP planning area. Median daytime natural ambient sound levels ( $L_{50}$ ) ranged from 21 dBA in backcountry areas to 45 dBA along the shoreline; median daytime existing ambient sound levels for these areas exhibits similar variability, ranging from 23 dBA in the backcountry to 46 dBA in the front country where visitors are more prevalent. The median or  $L_{50}$  sound level (in decibels) is the sound level exceeded 50 percent of the day.

Additional sound level measurements were conducted in 2008 and 2013, providing further information and characterization of the natural and existing ambient conditions. In 2008, data were collected at three locations (Lynch, 2012) to understand the level of air tour operations at the time and to provide a snapshot of the acoustical conditions at the park. The sites were located in the same general area as a selection of sites from the 2003 study to allow for potential comparisons. Similar trends were observed, where Haleakalā Crater sites were quieter during the day than Kīpahulu sites. Overall, the median natural and existing ambient levels measured at crater sites in 2003 were slightly higher (3 dBA) than the 2008 study, likely due to differences in vegetation types at these locations as well as proximity to sound sources, variation in weather conditions (particularly wind patterns), and differences in methods used to compute natural ambient. Authors of the 2008 study state that these two studies present a likely range of ambient levels for the sampling areas in the park.

The 2013 measurements (Job, 2018) were performed to establish a baseline inventory of the newly-acquired Nu‘u unit. Results indicated that the natural ambient sound levels ( $L_{nat}$ )<sup>3</sup> during the monitoring period were 21.1 dBA during the daytime. Existing ambient sound levels ( $L_{50}$ ) were slightly higher, 23.5 dBA. Compared to ten other sites in the park, it is the fourth quietest. These results were used to assign ambient data for computer modeling to this area.

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<sup>3</sup> It should be noted that different techniques have been used to calculate natural ambient, resulting in two different descriptor notations. Natural ambient  $L_{50}$  refers to the natural ambient computation process described in Lee 2016, while  $L_{nat}$  refers to the natural ambient process described in Lynch 2012 and Job 2018. Although different, the processes are highly correlated and yield similar results; differences are generally less than 1 dB (Rapoza, 2008).

**Table 3. Acoustic Conditions**

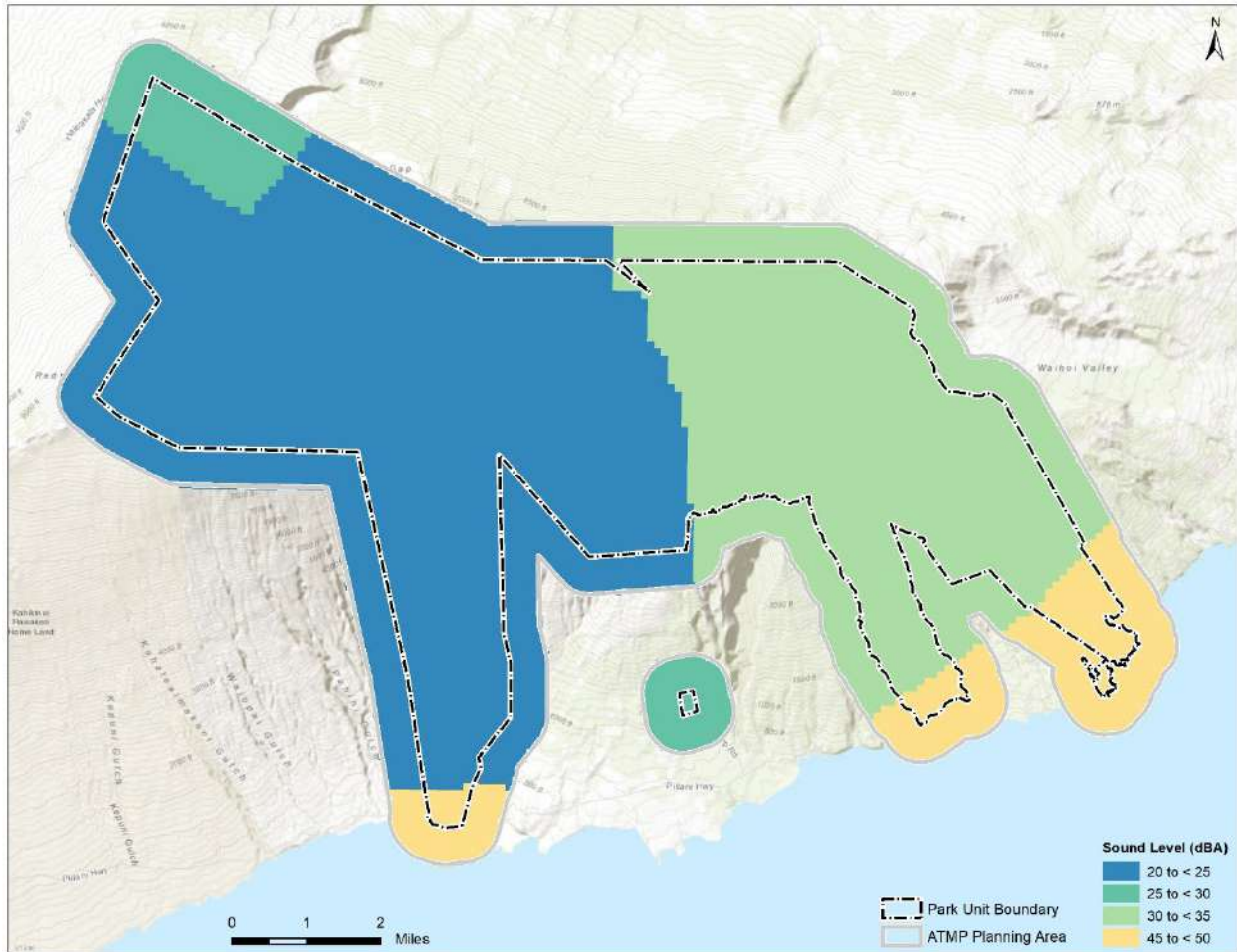
<b>Acoustic Sampling Area</b>	<b>Daytime Natural Ambient, L<sub>50</sub> (dBA)</b>	<b>Daytime Existing Ambient, L<sub>50</sub> (dBA)</b>	<b>Description</b>
Zone 1 (West Rim Crater)	24-28	27-28	Natural sounds in this zone include wind through the low brush and birds. Human sounds include occasional hikers and vehicles as well as air tour aircraft.
Zone 2 (Haleakalā Crater)	21-23	24-25	Sounds in this zone include strong winds, hikers, and bird vocalizations. Air tour aircraft can be heard within this zone.
Zone 3 (Kaupo Gap)	23	23	The dominant sounds are strong winds with occasional hikers, as well as distant aircraft.
Zone 4 (Kīpahulu Coastal)	45	44-46	Natural sounds in this zone include bamboo, birds, insects, and waterfalls. Human caused sounds include hikers and air tour helicopters.
Zone 5 (Upper Kīpahulu Valley)	31	35	Natural sounds in this zone include wind and rain on the tree fern canopy and insects, with localized occurrences of bird vocalizations. Ground based visitors are not allowed in this area. Sounds from distant aircraft are audible.
Zone 6 (Nu‘u Coastal)			Audible sound sources at this site include wind, birds, and helicopters. This zone was not a part of the park when the 2003 study was being conducted, so data from other zones (Zone 4) was applied to this zone for AEDT modeling based on NPS guidance.

**Ambient Map Data**

From the detailed data collected in 2003, an ambient “map” of the natural soundscape<sup>4</sup> of the ATMP planning area was developed to be used in computer modeling (Figure 2). Lee et al., 2016 provides further technical detail on the acoustical monitoring and development of the ambient map used in the computer modeling.

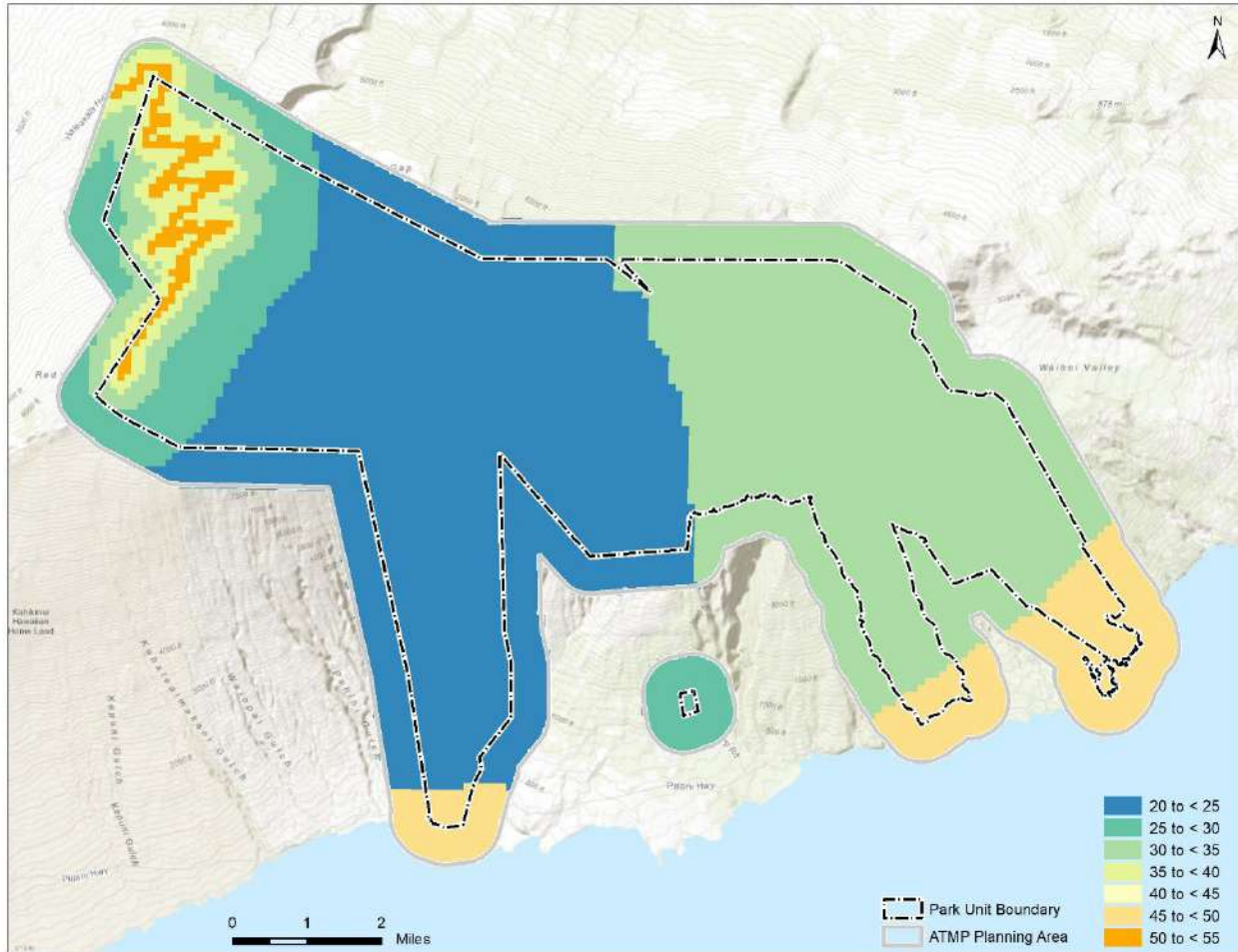
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<sup>4</sup> Natural Ambient/Soundscape (L<sub>50</sub>): The sound level exceeded 50 percent of the time determined from the natural sound conditions found in a study area, including all sounds of nature (i.e., wind, streams, wildlife, etc.), and excluding all human and mechanical sounds. All ambient data were based on a 12-hour time period, i.e., 7 AM to 7 PM, which are the typical operating hours for air tours.



**Figure 2. Ambient map – Natural Ambient L<sub>50</sub>**

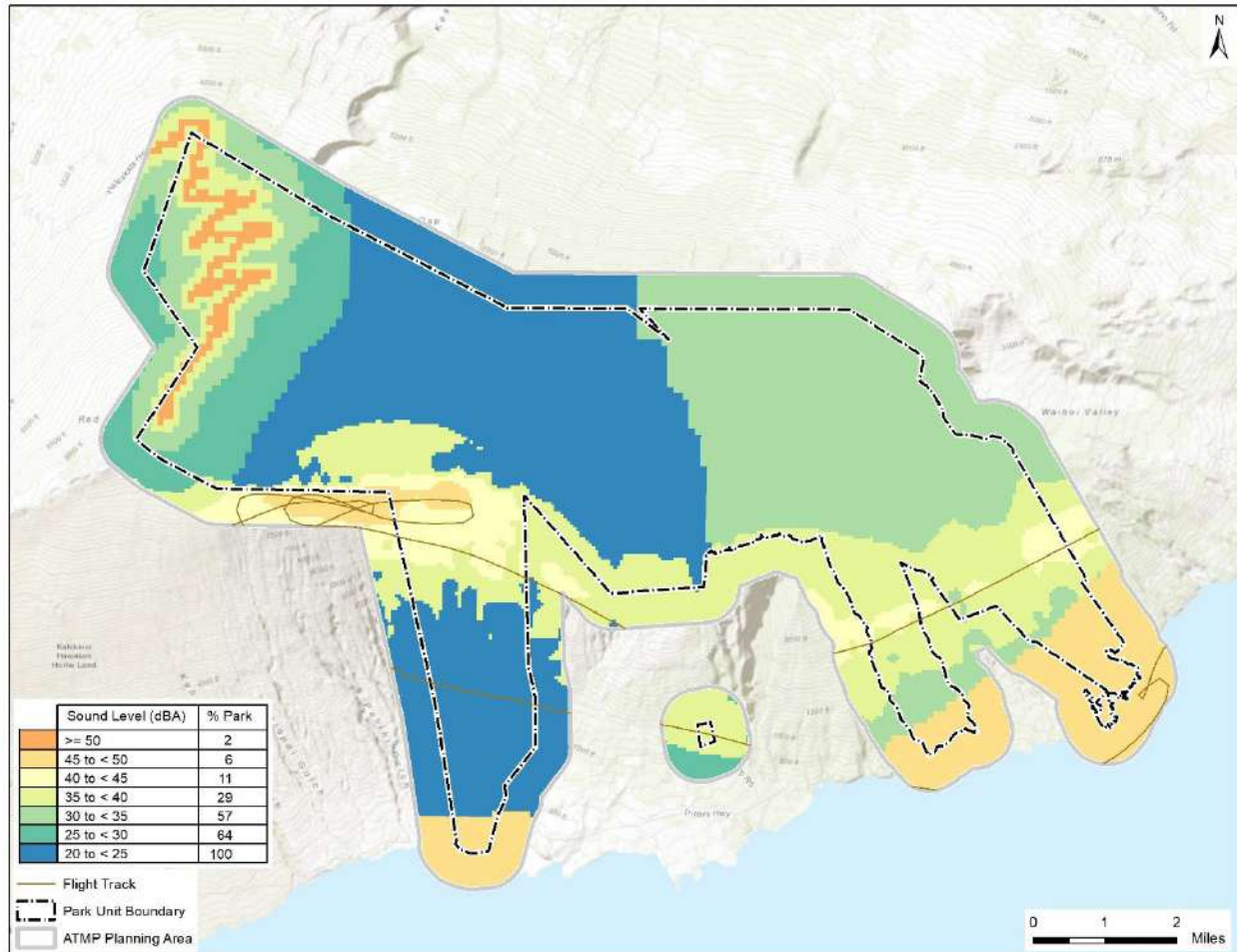
The contribution of aircraft noise during the sound level measurements provides a snapshot in time and is not necessarily a representative characterization of the existing ambient under current conditions (as described in the No Action Alternative and in Section 4 below). The existing ambient under current conditions was determined by adding the noise exposure due to existing air tours (Figure 8), modeled using the FAA Aviation Environmental Design Tool (AEDT) version 3e (see section 4), to the Existing Ambient without Air Tours shown in Figure 3. The Existing Ambient without Air Tours is defined as the composite, all-inclusive sound associated with a given environment, excluding the sound source of interest, in this case, commercial air tour aircraft. It does include all other human-caused sound sources that were audible at the measurement site; hikers, visitor centers, commercial jets, general aviation aircraft, military aircraft, and administrative aircraft operations. The result of this process is the Cumulative Existing Ambient (Figure 4).



**Figure 3. Ambient map – Existing Ambient without Air Tours L<sub>50</sub>**<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Because it is not feasible to carry out field data collection efforts in all areas of a park, the effect of localized sound sources, such as from roadways, were modeled using the Federal Highway Administration's Traffic Noise Model® (TNM). Details of modeled roadway sound sources can be found in Lee et al., 2016.





**Figure 4. Cumulative Existing Ambient for Existing Conditions**

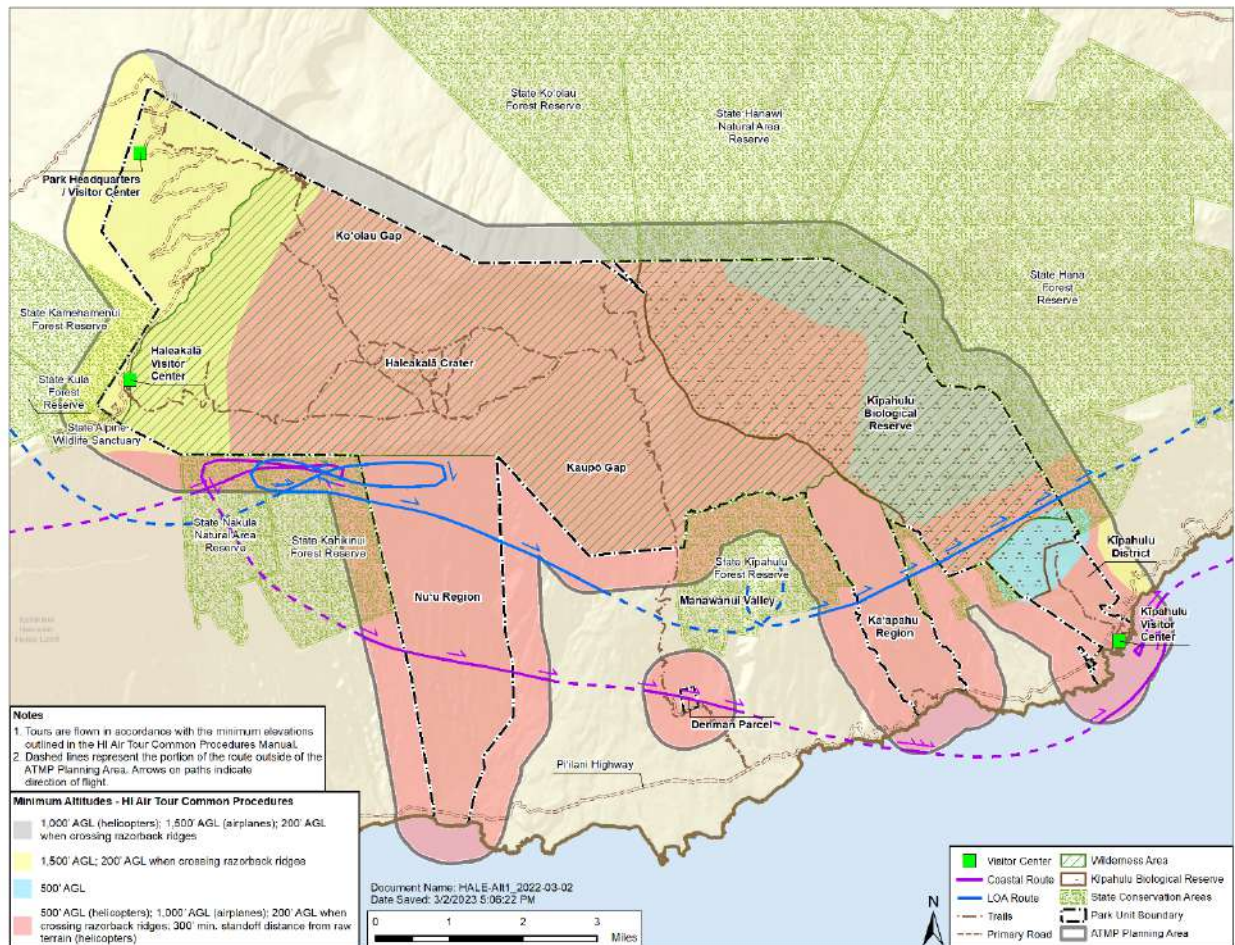
## 4. Noise Model Method

The FAA's AEDT, Ver. 3e (Lee et al. 2022) is the FAA-approved computer program for modeling noise under Appendix A of FAA's Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Planning (14 CFR sec. A150.103(a)). Requirements for aircraft noise modeling are defined in FAA Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, and in Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) 14 CFR Part 150, Airport Noise Compatibility Planning.

The noise model requires detailed information regarding the aircraft source, operational, and flight route information, as well as other information<sup>6</sup> to compute various noise metrics that can be used to assess the potential impacts of noise from commercial air tours on the acoustic environment of a park.

## Aircraft Data

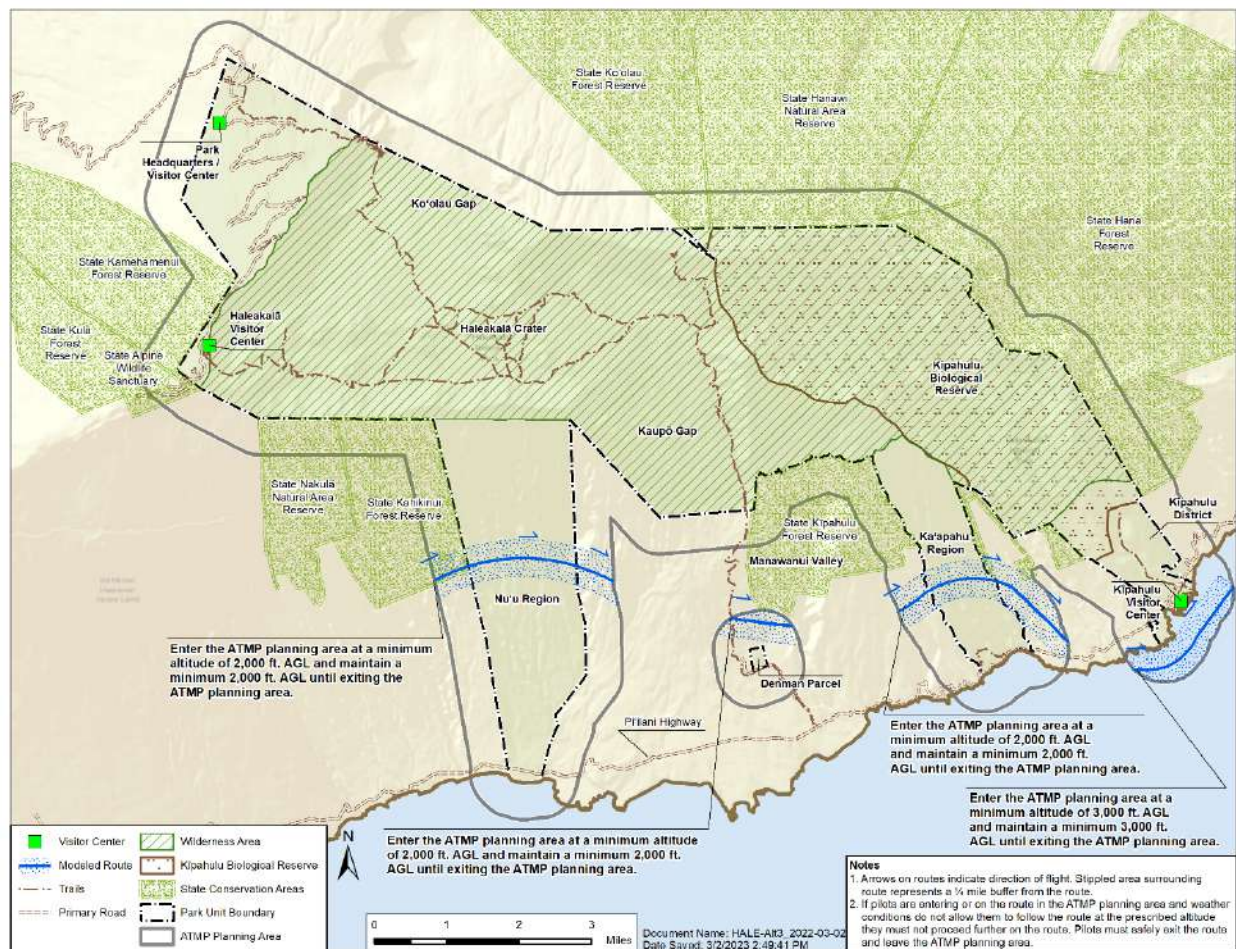
The tour aircraft types identified for modeling the alternatives are the Aerospatiale SA-350D and Eurocopter EC-130 aircraft. The flight routes used for modeling the No Action Alternative are shown in Figure 5; the flight routes used for Alternative 3 are shown in Figure 6.



**Figure 5. Air Tour Routes for modeling the No Action Alternative**

<sup>6</sup> The noise model accounts for a number of effects over the propagation path between the aircraft source and receptor. Attenuation due to line-of-sight blockage from terrain features is computed utilizing terrain data obtained from U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) along with algorithms documented in SAE Aerospace Information Report (AIR) 6501. Atmospheric absorption is based on the 2012-2021 average temperature of 76 degrees Fahrenheit and 71% relative humidity and computed according to SAE-ARP-5534.





**Figure 6. Air Tour Routes for Alternative 3**

A unique noise modeling profile was developed for each aircraft and route combination based on typical aircraft climb rates, descent rates, power settings and speeds during the different phases of flight (cruise, climb, and descent).

The analysis for the No Action Alternative is based on a peak month, average day<sup>7</sup> (PMAD) of commercial air tour activity. For the three-year average of commercial air tour activity from 2017-2019, the PMAD was identified in terms of number of operations, and then further assessed for the type of aircraft and route flown to determine if it is a reasonable representation of the commercial air tour activity over the ATMP planning area. For the ATMP planning area, the PMAD was identified as summarized in Table 4. The process of averaging and apportioning a peak month of flights to daily

<sup>7</sup> As required by FAA policy, the FAA typically represents yearly conditions as the Average Annual Day (AAD). However, it was determined that a PMAD representation of the operations would more adequately allow for disclosure of any potential impacts. PMAD has therefore been used as a conservative representation of assessment of AAD conditions.

flights can result in a fractional number. Altitudes were modeled according to the minimum altitudes identified in the 2008 FAA Hawai'i Air Tour Common Procedures Manual (HI Manual).<sup>8</sup>

The analysis for Alternative 3 is based on the number of aircraft operations for each aircraft and route combination identified under this alternative and is summarized in Table 5.

**Table 4. Aircraft and Number of Operations Modeled for the No Action Alternative (2017-2019 PMAD)**

<b>Aircraft</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Number of Flights</b>
<b>Aerospatiale SA-350D</b>	LOA	4.5
<b>Eurocopter EC-130</b>	LOA	9
<b>Aerospatiale SA-350D</b>	Coastal	1.5
<b>Eurocopter EC-130</b>	Coastal	3
<b>Total</b>		18

**Table 5. Aircraft and Number of Operations Modeled for Alternative 3**

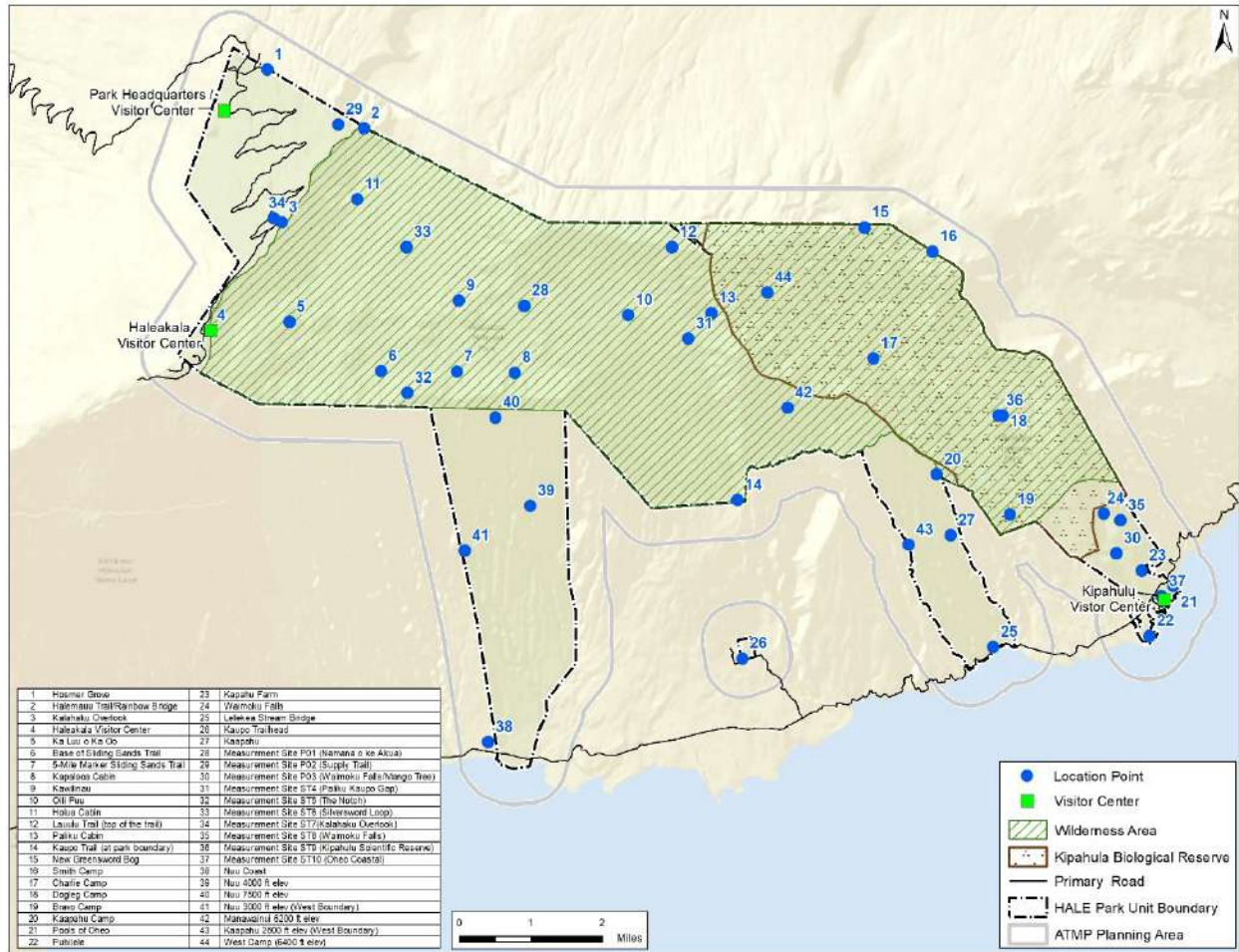
<b>Aircraft</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Number of Flights</b>
<b>Aerospatiale SA-350D</b>	Proposed Route	3
<b>Eurocopter EC-130</b>	Proposed Route	6
<b>Total</b>		9

## 5. Model Output

Two types of analyses were performed using FAA's AEDT, Version 3e: 1) contour analysis and 2) representative location point analysis. A noise contour presents a graphical illustration or "footprint" of the area potentially affected by the noise. Location point results present the metric results at specific points of interest. The NPS provided a list of 44 location points, geographically located across the entire park, where noise levels were to be evaluated. These locations are listed in Table 6 and indicated as blue dots in Figure 7.

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<sup>8</sup> FAA DOCUMENT NUMBER: AWP13-136A



**Figure 7. Location Points modeled for Haleakalā National Park**

**Table 6. Location points modeled for Haleakalā National Park**

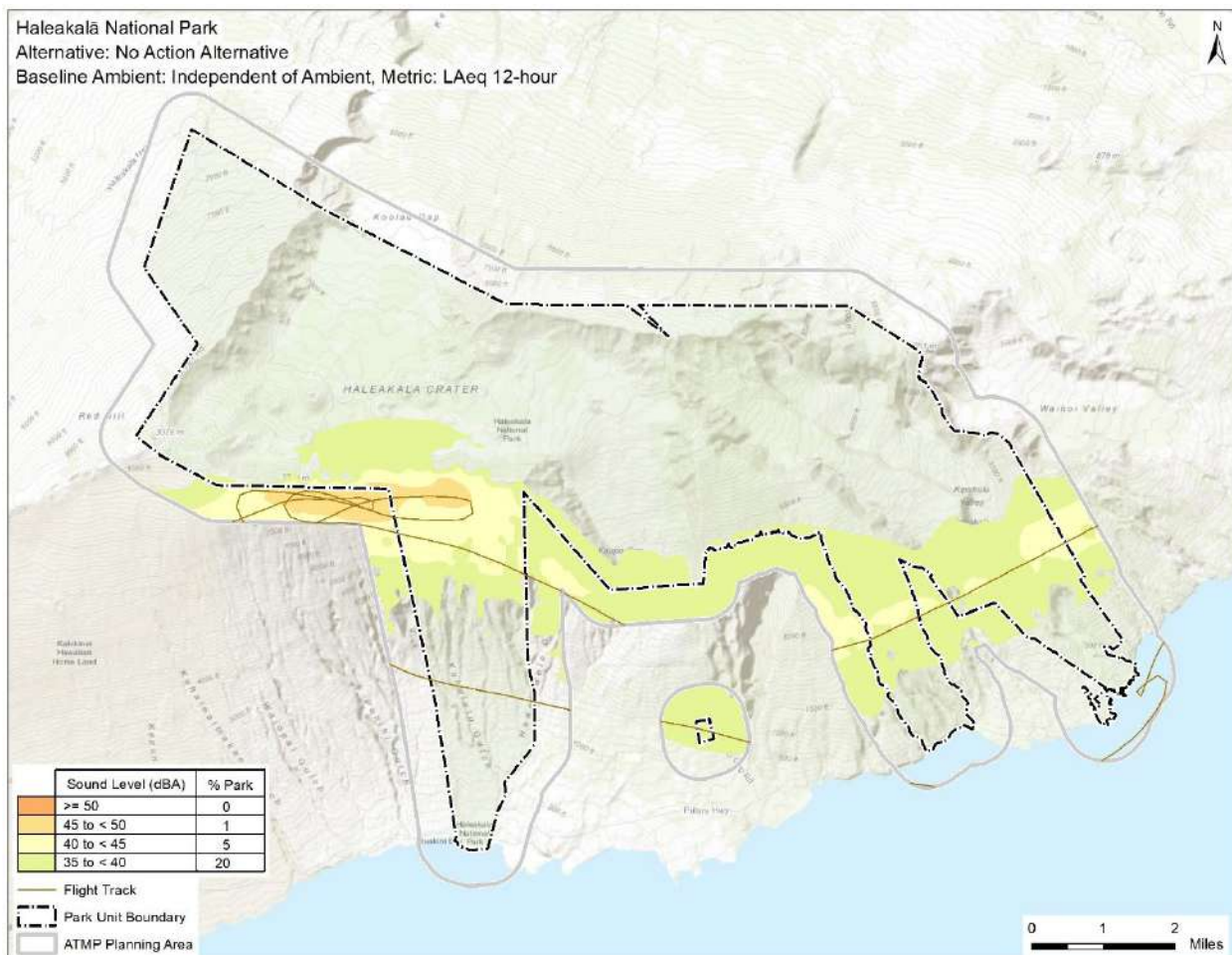
Location	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Natural Ambient L <sub>50</sub> (dBA)
1. Hosmer Grove	20.768	-156.238	25-30
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	20.756	-156.217	20-25
3. Kalahaku Overlook	20.737	-156.234	20-25
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	20.715	-156.250	20-25
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	20.717	-156.233	20-25
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	20.707	-156.213	20-25
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	20.707	-156.197	20-25
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	20.706	-156.184	20-25
9. Kawilinau	20.721	-156.196	20-25
10. Oili Pu'u	20.718	-156.160	20-25
11. Holua Cabin	20.742	-156.218	20-25
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	20.732	-156.150	30-35
13. Paliku Cabin	20.757	-156.223	20-25
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	20.681	-156.136	20-25
15. New Greensword Bog	20.736	-156.109	30-35
16. Smith Camp	20.731	-156.094	30-35
17. Charlie Camp	20.709	-156.107	30-35
18. Dogleg Camp	20.698	-156.079	30-35
19. Bravo Camp	20.678	-156.077	30-35
20. Ka'apahu Camp	20.686	-156.093	30-35
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	20.663	-156.042	45-50
22. Puhilele	20.653	-156.047	45-50
23. Kapahu Farm	20.666	-156.049	45-50
24. Waimoku Falls	20.678	-156.057	30-35
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	20.651	-156.081	45-50
26. Kaupo Trailhead	20.649	-156.135	25-30
27. Ka'apahu	20.673	-156.090	30-35
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	20.719	-156.181	20-25
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	20.757	-156.223	25-30
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	20.662	-156.060	45-50
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	20.713	-156.147	20-25
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	20.702	-156.207	20-25
33. Measurement Site ST6 (SILVERSWORD LOOP)	20.734	-156.218	20-25
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	20.738	-156.236	20-25
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	20.677	-156.054	45-50
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	20.698	-156.080	30-35
37. Measurement Site ST10 ('Ohe'o Coastal)	20.660	-156.040	45-50
38. Nu'u Coast	20.632	-156.190	45-50
39. Nu'u 4000 ft elev	20.679	-156.181	20-25
40. Nu'u 7500 ft elev	20.697	-156.188	20-25
41. Nu'u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	20.670	-156.195	20-25
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	20.699	-156.125	45-50
43. Ka'apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	20.672	-156.099	20-25
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	20.723	-156.130	20-25



## 6. Noise Model Results / Environmental Consequences

This section provides figures and tables showing the detailed noise results, organized by alternative. Presented first are the noise contour result maps for three metrics: 12-hour equivalent sound level (Figure 8 and Figure 11), time audible natural ambient (Figure 9 and Figure 12) and time above 35 dBA (Figure 10 and Figure 13), followed by tabular results (Table 7 and Table 8) for the location points for each of the five acoustic metrics modeled. The noise contour map legends include the percentage of the ATMP planning area covered by each contour level.

### Alternative 1 (No Action Alternative)



**Figure 8. 12-hour equivalent sound level (LAeq,12h) map for the No Action Alternative**

As there are no nighttime events, DNL would be 3 dB less than the 12-hour equivalent sound level.

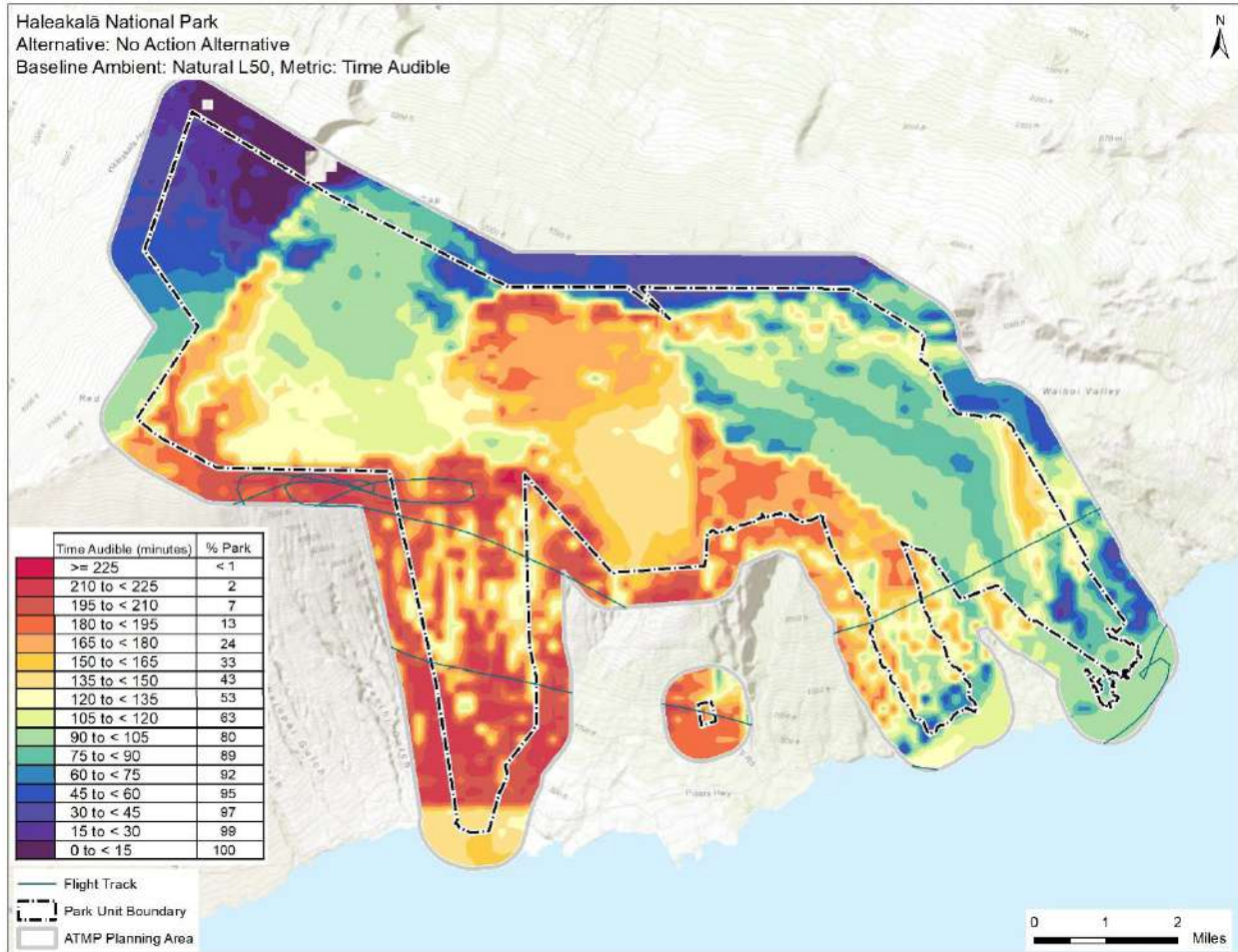


Figure 9. Time audible (for natural ambient) map for the No Action Alternative



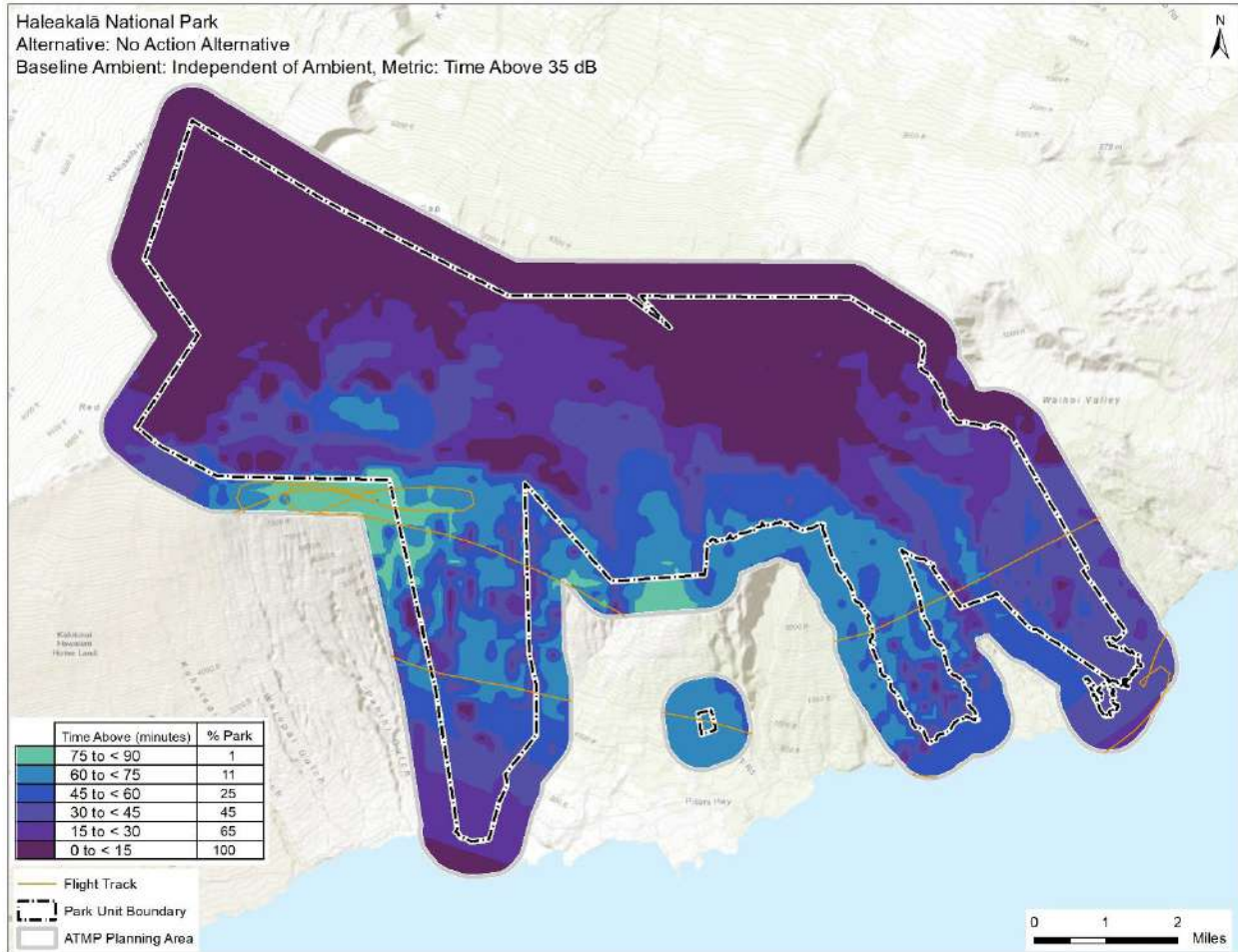


Figure 10. Time Above 35 dBA map for the No Action Alternative

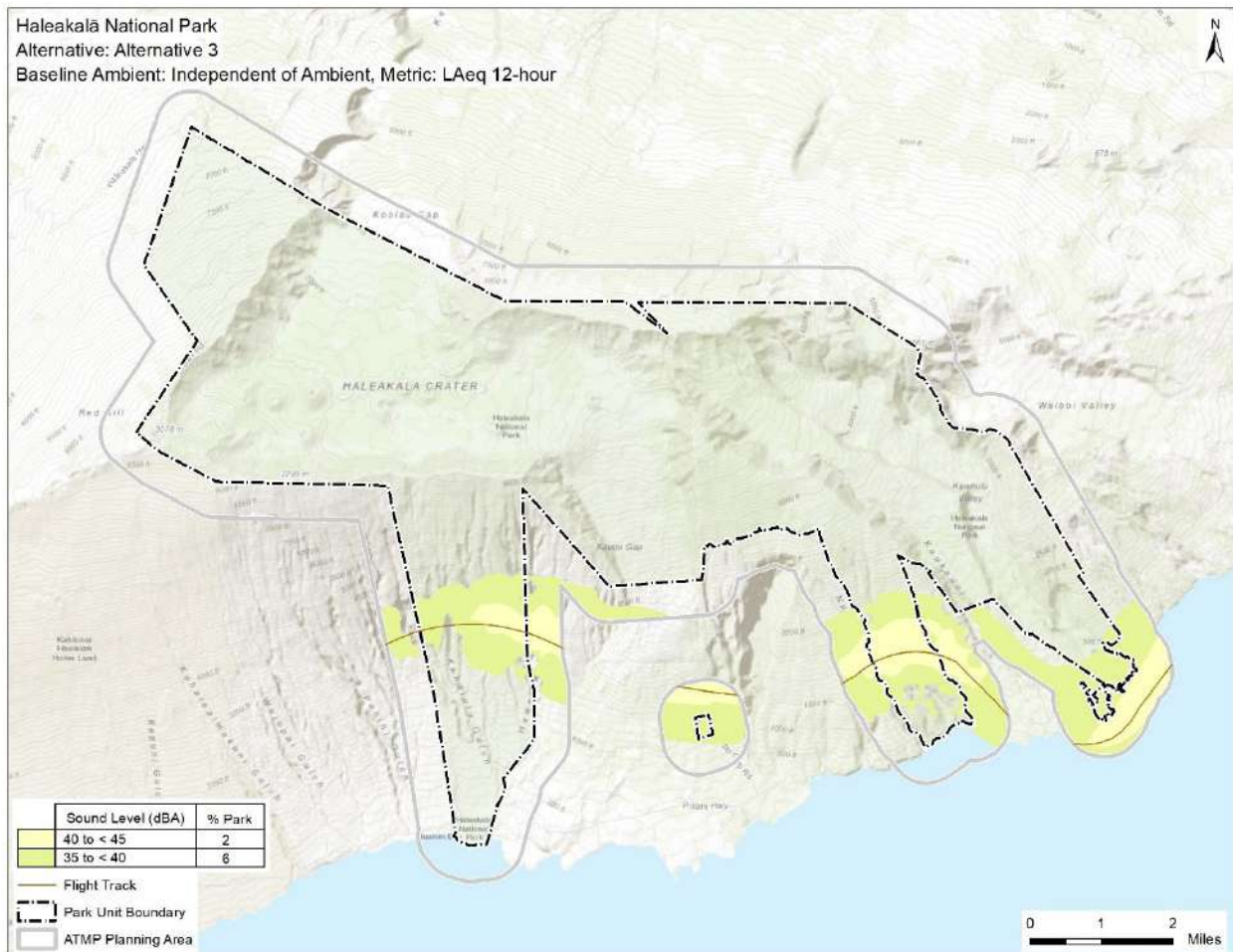
**Table 7. Location point results - No Action Alternative**

Location	12 Hour Equivalent Sound Level (dBA)*	Time Audible for Natural Ambient (minutes)	Time Above 35 dBA (minutes)	Time Above 52 dBA (minutes)	Maximum Sound Level (dBA)
1. Hosmer Grove	9.5	81.6	0.0	0.0	29.3
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	20.1	146.1	3.7	0.0	38.2
3. Kalahaku Overlook	16.3	173.9	1.1	0.0	36.7
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	21.1	219.0	2.8	0.0	42.9
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	12.6	148.4	0.0	0.0	33.2
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	37.0	155.0	30.4	4.7	59.3
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	39.2	151.5	50.1	10.5	60.5
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	30.9	156.4	6.6	1.7	60.4
9. Kawilinau	28.6	145.3	22.5	0.0	49.9
10. Oili Pu'u	26.1	157.9	17.5	0.0	46.2
11. Holua Cabin	22.6	126.6	9.0	0.0	41.6
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	16.5	168.9	0.2	0.0	35.7
13. Paliku Cabin	9.7	106.2	0.0	0.0	30.5
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	34.6	212.1	51.9	1.5	54.1
15. New Greensword Bog	14.2	99.0	0.0	0.0	32.0
16. Smith Camp	13.1	97.4	0.0	0.0	35.0
17. Charlie Camp	24.6	120.5	12.9	0.0	43.9
18. Dogleg Camp	33.1	117.3	35.5	0.9	53.1
19. Bravo Camp	39.9	125.4	61.4	8.0	63.1
20. Ka'apahu Camp	36.9	188.1	66.7	2.9	57.0
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	33.6	173.7	39.2	2.0	59.8
22. Puhilele	32.3	187.1	35.8	1.8	57.3
23. Kapahu Farm	32.7	155.7	44.1	1.0	55.9
24. Waimoku Falls	26.5	92.6	7.4	0.2	53.9
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	31.4	108.8	44.4	0.3	53.2
26. Kaupo Trailhead	35.4	210.6	68.5	1.3	57.2
27. Ka'apahu	40.3	175.8	70.5	8.2	64.0
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	28.5	182.9	18.7	0.0	50.5
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	9.7	106.2	0.0	0.0	30.5
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	32.2	180.7	50.6	0.0	51.4
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	27.8	168.4	31.0	0.0	43.9
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	37.9	155.9	35.2	4.9	64.6
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Silersword Loop)	25.1	131.5	16.3	0.0	44.0
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	16.2	125.6	1.3	0.0	36.9
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	35.2	171.4	46.1	1.1	53.6

Location	12 Hour Equivalent Sound Level (dBA)*	Time Audible for Natural Ambient (minutes)	Time Above 35 dBA (minutes)	Time Above 52 dBA (minutes)	Maximum Sound Level (dBA)
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	31.6	110.9	24.7	0.5	52.7
37. Measurement Site ST10 (‘Ohe‘o Coastal)	34.0	183.7	35.8	2.2	60.7
38. Nu‘u Coast	26.7	225.3	20.0	0.0	44.2
39. Nu‘u 4000 ft elev	38.6	229.8	73.9	6.1	58.3
40. Nu‘u 7500 ft elev	45.6	225.8	71.8	23.6	68.7
41. Nu‘u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	34.2	185.9	59.9	0.9	55.9
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	31.9	219.3	50.1	0.0	49.5
43. Ka‘apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	40.3	191.3	59.1	8.9	62.8
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	22.6	142.3	8.3	0.0	40.4

\* As there are no nighttime events, DNL would be 3 dB less than the 12-hour equivalent sound level.

### Alternative 3



**Figure 11. 12-hour equivalent sound level ( $L_{Aeq,12h}$ ) map for Alternative 3**

As there are no nighttime events, then DNL would be 3 dB less than the 12-hour equivalent sound level. If air tours are restricted to operating between 10 AM and 3 PM (i.e., 5 hours), then the 5-hour equivalent sound level would be 3.8 dBA greater than the 12-hour equivalent sound level.

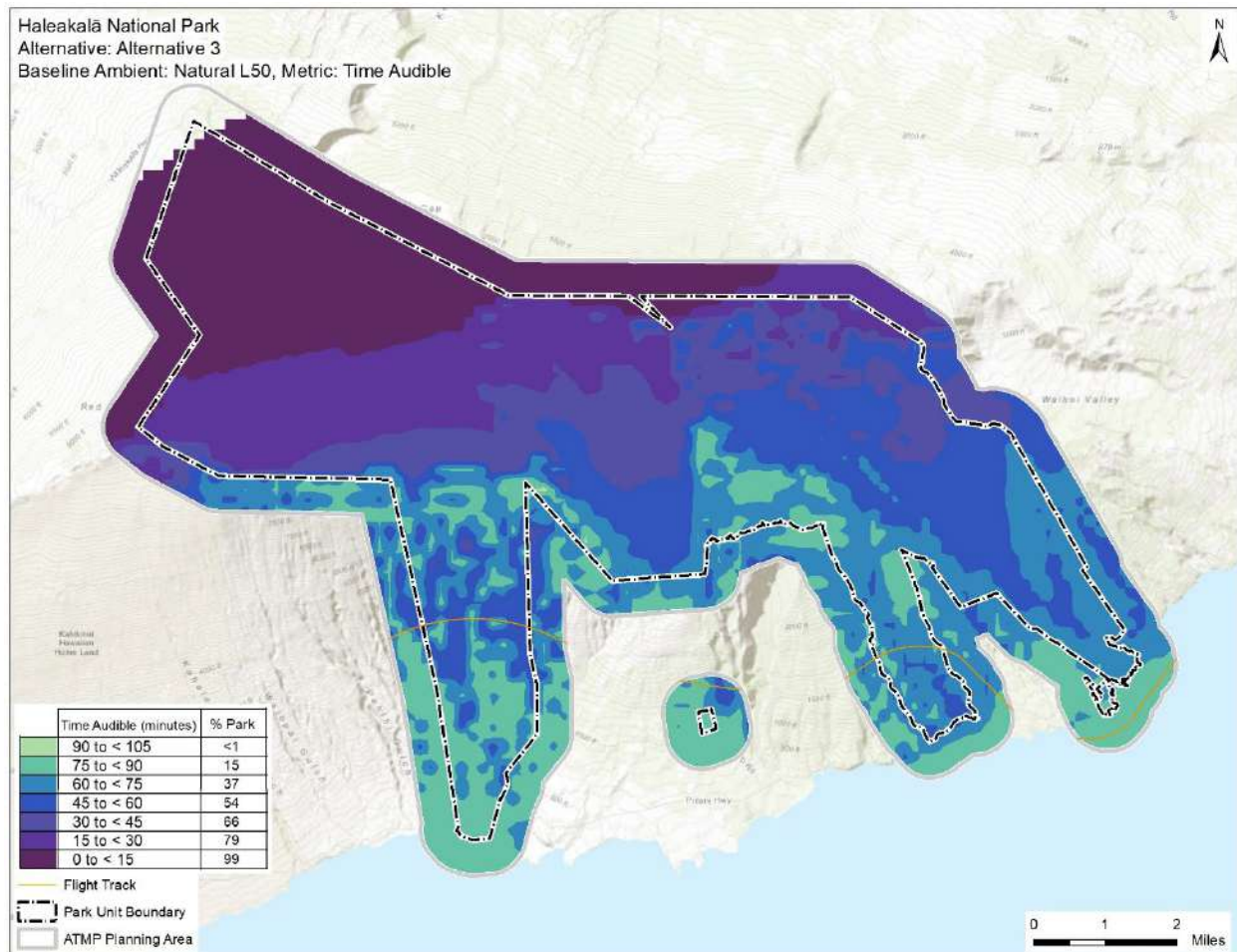


Figure 12. Time Audible (for natural ambient) map for Alternative 3



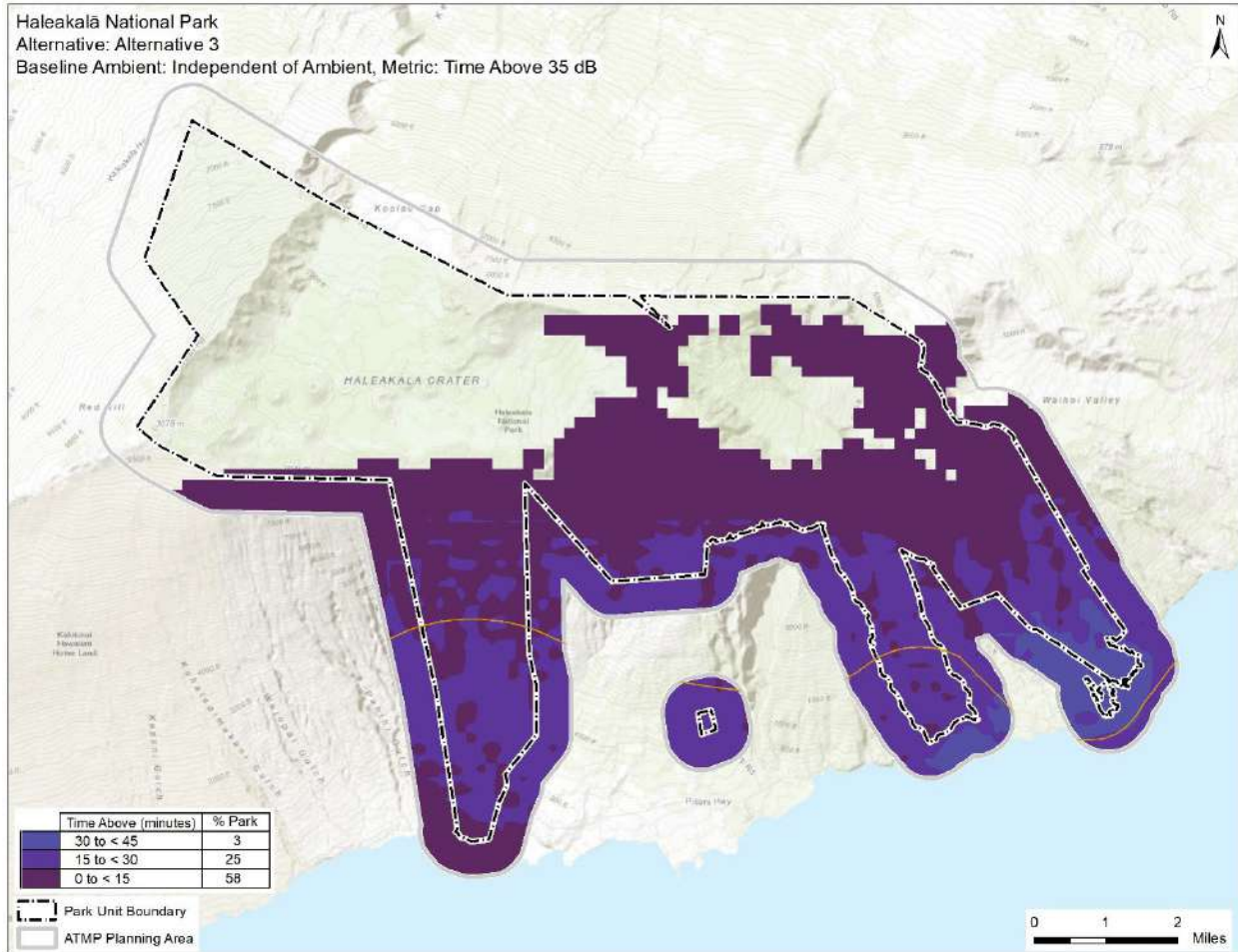


Figure 13. Time Above 35 dBA map for Alternative 3

**Table 8. Location point results for Alternative 3**

Location	12 Hour Equivalent Sound Level (dBA)*	Time Audible for Natural Ambient (minutes)	Time Above 35 dB (minutes)	Time Above 52 dB (minutes)	Maximum Sound Level dBA
1. Hosmer Grove	0	0.3	0.0	0.0	12.3
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	0	3.2	0.0	0.0	14.6
3. Kalahaku Overlook	0	7.6	0.0	0.0	15.5
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	0	24.8	0.0	0.0	19.1
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0	16.1	0.0	0.0	18.5
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	1.0	29.7	0.0	0.0	23.2
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	2.5	31.5	0.0	0.0	25.7
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	3.4	31.6	0.0	0.0	26.8
9. Kawilinau	0	18.5	0.0	0.0	22.0
10. Oili Pu'u	1.2	25.1	0.0	0.0	22.7
11. Holua Cabin	0	9.6	0.0	0.0	16.7
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0	15.7	0.0	0.0	23.1
13. Paliku Cabin	0	2.6	0.0	0.0	14.1
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	28.9	74.9	16.8	0.0	51.5
15. New Greensword Bog	0	18.9	0.0	0.0	19.5
16. Smith Camp	0	26.5	0.0	0.0	19.4
17. Charlie Camp	14.1	57.7	0.0	0.0	34.8
18. Dogleg Camp	13.6	56.2	0.7	0.0	37.9
19. Bravo Camp	34.0	63.2	21.5	2.4	57.8
20. Ka'apahu Camp	29.7	76.1	19.4	0.3	52.7
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	38.6	68.7	31.9	7.9	62.2
22. Puhilele	39.7	85.5	32.0	8.2	63.6
23. Kapahu Farm	35.2	65.5	33.8	2.8	56.6
24. Waimoku Falls	24.0	56.2	9.4	0.0	48.2
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	33.9	56.9	22.9	2.7	56.7
26. Kaupo Trailhead	35.6	81.4	22.5	4.1	57.5
27. Ka'apahu	38.9	73.0	19.8	6.6	63.9
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	2.0	30.4	0.0	0.0	23.3
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0	2.6	0.0	0.0	14.1
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	35.2	80.3	31.8	2.7	56.7
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	12.8	32.0	0.5	0.0	37.2
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	2.5	32.4	0.0	0.0	25.0
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Sword Loop)	0	12.4	0.0	0.0	17.9
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	0	6.5	0.0	0.0	15.3
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	30.7	67.8	29.5	0.0	50.8

Location	12 Hour Equivalent Sound Level (dBA)*	Time Audible for Natural Ambient (minutes)	Time Above 35 dB (minutes)	Time Above 52 dB (minutes)	Maximum Sound Level dBA
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	7.9	55.5	0.0	0.0	31.2
37. Measurement Site ST10 (‘Ohe‘o Coastal)	40.4	79.6	30.9	9.3	65.0
38. Nu‘u Coast	23.3	79.0	13.2	0.0	42.3
39. Nu‘u 4000 ft elev	37.1	85.1	18.2	4.9	63.7
40. Nu‘u 7500 ft elev	24.2	76.5	11.0	0.0	47.8
41. Nu‘u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	36.6	54.2	11.9	4.1	65.0
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	21.0	83.6	5.7	0.0	42.9
43. Ka‘apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	37.3	69.9	19.5	3.9	63.7
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	9.6	41.9	0.0	0.0	31.2

\* As there are no nighttime events, DNL would be 3 dB less than the 12-hour equivalent sound level. If air tours are restricted to operating between 10 AM and 3 PM (i.e., 5 hours), then the 5-hour equivalent sound level would be 3.8 dBA greater than the 12-hour equivalent sound level.



## 7. Comparison of Alternatives by Metric

This section provides tables showing the detailed noise results, organized by metric for each of the five acoustic metrics modeled. These tables allow for comparison across the alternatives. High-level observations of the differences between alternatives by metric include:

- **12-hour Equivalent Sound Level (Table 9 and Table 12):** Compared to the No Action Alternative, the average sound levels under Alternative 3 would be lower for the interior regions of the park, but may be higher in coastal regions. The noise footprint for Alternative 3 potentially affects 16% less of the ATMP planning area. See also results for points 21, 22, 23, 25, 30, 37, and 38.
- **Time Audible Natural Ambient (Table 10 and Table 13):** Compared to the No Action Alternative, the overall time audible noise footprint for Alternative 3 potentially would be only 1% smaller than the No Action Alternative; however, approximately 60% of the ATMP planning area would see a potential reduction in audibility between 37 and 194 minutes. The largest reductions would be at point 3 (Kalahaku Overlook) and point 4 (Haleakalā Visitor Center). The smallest reductions would be at point 24 (Waimoku Falls) and point 25 (Lelekea Stream Bridge).
- **Time Above 35 (Table 11 and Table 14):** Compared to the No Action Alternative, the time above 35 dBA under Alternative 3 would be up to 61 minutes less (see point 40, Nu'u 7500 ft elevation). Only at one point, 24 (Waimoku Falls), would time above 35 dBA be greater under Alternative 3 (2 minutes). The noise footprint for Alternative 3 would potentially affect 42% less of the ATMP planning area.
- **Time Above 52 (Table 15):** Compared to the No Action Alternative, the time above 52 dBA under Alternative 3 would be up to 24 minutes less (see point 40, Nu'u 7500 ft elevation). However, time above 52 dBA would be greater under Alternative 3 at 8 locations in the coastal regions (points, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 30, 37, and 41).
- **Maximum Sound Level (Table 16):** Compared to the No Action Alternative, the maximum sound levels under Alternative 3 would be lower for the interior regions of the park, but may be higher in coastal regions. See results for points 21, 22, 23, 25, 30, 37, and 38.

**Table 9. Comparison of contour results for 12-hour Equivalent Sound Level**

12 hour Equivalent Sound Level Contour Results		% Park for No Action	% Park for Alternative 3
	>- 50	0	0
	45 to < 50	1	0
	40 to < 45	5	2
	35 to < 40	20	6

**Table 10. Comparison of contour results for Time Audible for Natural Ambient**

Time Audible for Natural Ambient Contour Results		% Park for No Action	% Park for Alternative 3
	>- 225	< 1	0
	210 to < 225	2	0
	195 to < 210	7	0
	180 to < 195	13	0
	165 to < 180	24	0
	150 to < 165	33	0
	135 to < 150	43	0
	120 to < 135	53	0
	105 to < 120	63	0
	90 to < 105	80	<1
	75 to < 90	89	15
	60 to < 75	92	37
	45 to < 60	95	54
	30 to < 45	97	66
	15 to < 30	99	79
	0 to < 15	100	99

**Table 11. Comparison of contour results for Time Above 35 dBA**

Time Above 35 dBA Contour Results		% Park for No Action	% Park for Alternative 3
	75 < 90	1	0
	60 to < 75	11	0
	45 to < 60	25	0
	30 to < 45	45	3
	15 to < 30	65	25
	0 to < 15	100	58

**Table 12. Comparison of location point results for 12-hour Equivalent Sound Level**

Location	No Action, 12 hour Equivalent Sound Level (dBA)	Alternative 3, 12 hour Equivalent Sound Level (dBA)
1. Hosmer Grove	9.5	0
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	20.1	0
3. Kalahaku Overlook	16.3	0
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	21.1	0
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	12.6	0
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	37.0	1.0
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	39.2	2.5
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	30.9	3.4
9. Kawilinau	28.6	0
10. Oili Pu'u	26.1	1.2
11. Holua Cabin	22.6	0
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	16.5	0
13. Paliku Cabin	9.7	0
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	34.6	28.9
15. New Greensword Bog	14.2	0
16. Smith Camp	13.1	0
17. Charlie Camp	24.6	14.1
18. Dogleg Camp	33.1	13.6
19. Bravo Camp	39.9	34.0
20. Ka'apahu Camp	36.9	29.7
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	33.6	38.6
22. Puhilele	32.3	39.7
23. Kapahu Farm	32.7	35.2
24. Waimoku Falls	26.5	24.0
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	31.4	33.9
26. Kaupo Trailhead	35.4	35.6
27. Ka'apahu	40.3	38.9
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	28.5	2.0
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	9.7	0
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	32.2	35.2
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	27.8	12.8
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	37.9	2.5
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Silersword Loop)	25.1	0
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	16.2	0
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	35.2	30.7
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	31.6	7.9
37. Measurement Site ST10 ('Ohe'o Coastal)	34.0	40.4
38. Nu'u Coast	26.7	23.3
39. Nu'u 4000 ft elev	38.6	37.1
40. Nu'u 7500 ft elev	45.6	24.2
41. Nu'u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	34.2	36.6
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	31.9	21.0
43. Ka'apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	40.3	37.3
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	22.6	9.6

**Table 13. Comparison of location point results for Time Audible for Natural Ambient**

Location	No Action, Time Audible for Natural Ambient (minutes)	Alternative 3, Time Audible for Natural Ambient (minutes)
1. Hosmer Grove	81.6	0.3
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	146.1	3.2
3. Kalahaku Overlook	173.9	7.6
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	219.0	24.8
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	148.4	16.1
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	155.0	29.7
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	151.5	31.5
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	156.4	31.6
9. Kawilinau	145.3	18.5
10. Oili Pu'u	157.9	25.1
11. Holua Cabin	126.6	9.6
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	168.9	15.7
13. Paliku Cabin	106.2	2.6
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	212.1	74.9
15. New Greensword Bog	99.0	18.9
16. Smith Camp	97.4	26.5
17. Charlie Camp	120.5	57.7
18. Dogleg Camp	117.3	56.2
19. Bravo Camp	125.4	63.2
20. Ka'apahu Camp	188.1	76.1
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	173.7	68.7
22. Puhilele	187.1	85.5
23. Kapahu Farm	155.7	65.5
24. Waimoku Falls	92.6	56.2
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	108.8	56.9
26. Kaupo Trailhead	210.6	81.4
27. Ka'apahu	175.8	73.0
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	182.9	30.4
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	106.2	2.6
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	180.7	80.3
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	168.4	32.0
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	155.9	32.4
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Silersword Loop)	131.5	12.4
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	125.6	6.5
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	171.4	67.8
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	110.9	55.5
37. Measurement Site ST10 ('Ohe'o Coastal)	183.7	79.6
38. Nu'u Coast	225.3	79.0
39. Nu'u 4000 ft elev	229.8	85.1
40. Nu'u 7500 ft elev	225.8	76.5
41. Nu'u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	185.9	54.2
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	219.3	83.6
43. Ka'apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	191.3	69.9
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	142.3	41.9

**Table 14. Comparison of location point results for Time Above 35 dBA**

Location	No Action, Time Above 35 dBA (minutes)	Alternative 3, Time Above 35 dBA (minutes)
1. Hosmer Grove	0.0	0.0
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	3.7	0.0
3. Kalahaku Overlook	1.1	0.0
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	2.8	0.0
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0.0	0.0
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	30.4	0.0
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	50.1	0.0
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	6.6	0.0
9. Kawilinau	22.5	0.0
10. Oili Pu'u	17.5	0.0
11. Holua Cabin	9.0	0.0
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.2	0.0
13. Paliku Cabin	0.0	0.0
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	51.9	16.8
15. New Greensword Bog	0.0	0.0
16. Smith Camp	0.0	0.0
17. Charlie Camp	12.9	0.0
18. Dogleg Camp	35.5	0.7
19. Bravo Camp	61.4	21.5
20. Ka'apahu Camp	66.7	19.4
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	39.2	31.9
22. Puhilele	35.8	32.0
23. Kapahu Farm	44.1	33.8
24. Waimoku Falls	7.4	9.4
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	44.4	22.9
26. Kaupo Trailhead	68.5	22.5
27. Ka'apahu	70.5	19.8
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	18.7	0.0
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0.0	0.0
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	50.6	31.8
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	31.0	0.5
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	35.2	0.0
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Silersword Loop)	16.3	0.0
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	1.3	0.0
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	46.1	29.5
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	24.7	0.0
37. Measurement Site ST10 ('Ohe'o Coastal)	35.8	30.9
38. Nu'u Coast	20.0	13.2
39. Nu'u 4000 ft elev	73.9	18.2
40. Nu'u 7500 ft elev	71.8	11.0
41. Nu'u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	59.9	11.9
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	50.1	5.7
43. Ka'apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	59.1	19.5
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	8.3	0.0

**Table 15. Comparison of location point results for Time Above 52 dBA**

Location	No Action, Time Above 52 dBA (minutes)	Alternative 3, Time Above 52 dBA (minutes)
1. Hosmer Grove	0.0	0.0
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	0.0	0.0
3. Kalahaku Overlook	0.0	0.0
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.0	0.0
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0.0	0.0
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	4.7	0.0
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	10.5	0.0
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	1.7	0.0
9. Kawilinau	0.0	0.0
10. Oili Pu'u	0.0	0.0
11. Holua Cabin	0.0	0.0
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.0	0.0
13. Paliku Cabin	0.0	0.0
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	1.5	0.0
15. New Greensword Bog	0.0	0.0
16. Smith Camp	0.0	0.0
17. Charlie Camp	0.0	0.0
18. Dogleg Camp	0.9	0.0
19. Bravo Camp	8.0	2.4
20. Ka'apahu Camp	2.9	0.3
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	2.0	7.9
22. Puhilele	1.8	8.2
23. Kapahu Farm	1.0	2.8
24. Waimoku Falls	0.2	0.0
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	0.3	2.7
26. Kaupo Trailhead	1.3	4.1
27. Ka'apahu	8.2	6.6
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	0.0	0.0
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0.0	0.0
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.0	2.7
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	0.0	0.0
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	4.9	0.0
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Sword Loop)	0.0	0.0
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	0.0	0.0
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	1.1	0.0
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	0.5	0.0
37. Measurement Site ST10 ('Ohe'o Coastal)	2.2	9.3
38. Nu'u Coast	0.0	0.0
39. Nu'u 4000 ft elev	6.1	4.9
40. Nu'u 7500 ft elev	23.6	0.0
41. Nu'u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	0.9	4.1
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	0.0	0.0
43. Ka'apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	8.9	3.9
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	0.0	0.0

**Table 16. Comparison of location point results for Maximum Sound Level**

Location	No Action, Maximum Sound Level (dBA)	Alternative 3, Maximum Sound Level (dBA)
1. Hosmer Grove	29.3	12.3
2. Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	38.2	14.6
3. Kalahaku Overlook	36.7	15.5
4. Haleakalā Visitor Center	42.9	19.1
5. Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	33.2	18.5
6. Base of Sliding Sands Trail	59.3	23.2
7. 5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	60.5	25.7
8. Kapalaoa Cabin	60.4	26.8
9. Kawilinau	49.9	22.0
10. Oili Pu'u	46.2	22.7
11. Holua Cabin	41.6	16.7
12. Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	35.7	23.1
13. Paliku Cabin	30.5	14.1
14. Kaupō Trail (at park boundary)	54.1	51.5
15. New Greensword Bog	32.0	19.5
16. Smith Camp	35.0	19.4
17. Charlie Camp	43.9	34.8
18. Dogleg Camp	53.1	37.9
19. Bravo Camp	63.1	57.8
20. Ka'apahu Camp	57.0	52.7
21. Pools of 'Ohe'o	59.8	62.2
22. Puhilele	57.3	63.6
23. Kapahu Farm	55.9	56.6
24. Waimoku Falls	53.9	48.2
25. Lelekea Stream Bridge	53.2	56.7
26. Kaupo Trailhead	57.2	57.5
27. Ka'apahu	64.0	63.9
28. Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	50.5	23.3
29. Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	30.5	14.1
30. Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	51.4	56.7
31. Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	43.9	37.2
32. Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	64.6	25.0
33. Measurement Site ST6 (Silersword Loop)	44.0	17.9
34. Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	36.9	15.3
35. Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	53.6	50.8
36. Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	52.7	31.2
37. Measurement Site ST10 ('Ohe'o Coastal)	60.7	65.0
38. Nu'u Coast	44.2	42.3
39. Nu'u 4000 ft elev	58.3	63.7
40. Nu'u 7500 ft elev	68.7	47.8
41. Nu'u 3000 ft elev (West Boundary)	55.9	65.0
42. Manawainui 6200 ft elev	49.5	42.9
43. Ka'apahu 2600 ft elev (West Boundary)	62.8	63.7
44. West Camp (6400 ft elev)	40.4	31.2



## **8. Indirect Effects of potential displacement of air tours outside of the ATMP planning area**

For alternatives that limit the number of flights per year to a level below existing conditions (4,824 flights per year), it is reasonably foreseeable that current air tour operators could seek to make up lost revenue in other ways. One of the ways that operators could potentially generate revenue is by offering air tours outside of the ATMP planning area, as these would not be regulated by the ATMP. This type of shift in air tour activity is referred to as “air tour displacement,” and could consist of air tour operators shifting routes or altitudes to just outside the ATMP boundary. This could result in impacts to resources to the extent that they are present near the locations where displaced air tours would occur.

### **Indirect effects to ATMP planning area**

Displaced air tours above the ATMP boundary (above 5,000 ft. AGL) would result in noise within the ATMP boundary. Compared to current conditions, the noise would be spread over a larger geospatial area and would be audible for a longer period, but at lower intensity. Thus, under Alternatives 2 and 3, some locations within the ATMP planning area may experience less intense noise but for a longer period when compared to current conditions. Additionally, other locations within the ATMP planning area not currently experiencing air tour noise may experience some noise under these alternatives when compared to current conditions. However, in both cases, the intensity of noise would likely be low given the aircraft altitude; any noise that might result could also be more easily masked by opportunistic sounds such as wind and various anthropogenic noise sources. In summary, while the area of noise could be greater under these alternatives, the intensity of noise, especially when compared to current conditions at locations near or directly below existing air tour routes, would be less.

### **Indirect effects outside the ATMP boundary**

Displaced air tours have the potential to affect noise-sensitive locations outside the ATMP boundary. However, it is unlikely that displaced air tours would generate noise at or above DNL 65 dB. To illustrate this, a conservative, screening-level noise analysis was conducted. The analysis considers the air tour aircraft types currently operating at the park, and assesses the activity threshold that would generate noise at or above DNL 65 dB. For the purposes of this illustration only, the analysis assumes a hypothetical, worst-case scenario where all operations occur at a low (500 ft.) altitude on a common route outside the ATMP boundary. The noise analysis considers aircraft activity in two ways:

- For the aircraft type with the loudest noise level, what is the activity level that would generate a noise level at or above DNL 65 dB?
- For the aircraft types and fleet mix distribution within the 2017-2019 peak-month average day PMAD, what is the activity level that would generate a noise level at or above DNL 65 dB?

#### *Analysis for aircraft with loudest noise level*

The aircraft with the loudest noise level<sup>9</sup> currently operating at the park is the Aerospatiale SA350D. For overflight operations at 500 ft. AGL, the number of operations over a 12-hour period to exceed a DNL 65 dB level is 1,654 (see Table 17). Other aircraft operating at the park are the Eurocopter EC-130. The number of operations over a 12-hour period to exceed a DNL 65 dB level for this aircraft is 11,534.

**Table 17. Overflight sound exposure levels and number of daily flights of each aircraft type that would generate a cumulative noise exposure level at or above DNL 65 dB**

Aircraft	Altitude, AGL (ft.)	Overflight Sound Exposure Level (dB)	# daily flights for DNL to exceed 65 dB
SA350D	500	82.2	1,654
EC130	500	73.7	11,534

#### *Analysis for the aircraft types and fleet mix distribution within the 2017-2019 reporting data*

This analysis compares the number of PMAD operations and peak day operations, since they could occur outside the ATMP boundary as a result of Alternatives 2 and 3, to the number of daily flights it would take to exceed DNL 65 dB. Based on the fleet mix assessed for the PMAD, it would take at least 3,861 operations at 500 ft AGL over a 12-hour period to exceed a DNL 65 dB level (see Table 18). This activity level represents an increase in daily operations of 3,843 compared to the PMAD (18 operations) and an increase of 3,811 compared to the peak day (50 operations). This, coupled with the likely dispersal of air tours outside the boundary for the reasons discussed previously, indicates that it would be highly unlikely that air tours that are displaced to outside the boundary under these Alternatives would generate noise at or above DNL 65 dB.

**Table 18. Number of daily flights of each aircraft type that would generate a cumulative noise exposure level at or above DNL 65 dB for the aircraft types and fleet mix distribution within the 2017-2019 PMAD**

Aircraft	Altitude, AGL (ft)	Overflight Sound Exposure Level (dB)	# daily flights in 2017-2019 PMAD	2017-2019 PMAD Fleet Distribution %	# daily flights for DNL to exceed 65 dB
SA350D	500	82.2	6	33.3%	1,287
EC130	500	73.7	12	66.6%	2,574
Total			18	100%	3,861

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<sup>9</sup> The determination of loudest is based on the aircraft with the highest overflight sound exposure level at 500 ft within the noise-power-distance data that form the basis of FAA's AEDT. Sound exposure level describes the cumulative noise exposure from a single overflight. It is represented by the total A-weighted sound energy during the overflight, normalized to a 1-second interval.

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## ATTACHMENT E

### Connection Information for April 20, 2023, Consulting Party Meeting for Haleakalā National Park

The consulting party meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20th, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. HST over Zoom.

**Web link:**

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## **NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

September 29, 2023

Re: Continuing Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the development of an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park

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Greetings:

The FAA is in receipt of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) requests to put the Section 106 Process on hold as well as their concerns regarding the Section 106 consultation process. This letter is in response to the misrepresentations and request made by the NTHP and the NPCA in their August 21, 2023, letter.

On July 26, 2023, due to a minor scope change that expanded the area of potential effects (APE) at Haleakalā National Park, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in coordination with the National Park Service (NPS) requested input from the consulting parties regarding identifying historic properties and any potential effects within the new areas of the APE. The FAA had not assessed the effects of the undertaking within the new APE yet. The FAA requested a response by August 11, 2023.

### **The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) Request**

On August 11, 2023, the NPCA requested that the Section 106 process for Haleakalā National Park be put on hold due to the emergency situation on Maui. Because the agencies are completing this ATMP under court supervision in the matter *In Re: Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER)*, 957 F.3d 267 (D.C. Cir. (2020) and must complete it by December 31, 2023, the agencies asked counsel for PEER if they had any objection to extending the timeframe by thirty days to accommodate the requests for a hold to the Section 106 process due to the Maui fires. With PEER's agreement, the agencies requested a thirty-day extension to the process, which the Court granted. Consequently, the agencies have extended the consulting party review period 30 days for the proposed finding of no adverse effect for the undertaking. Comments concurring or objecting to the proposed finding are now due on Oct. 15, 2023.

Although the agency was not required to, a summary of the NPCA's request was included in the notification to all consulting parties that the review period for the proposed finding was extended.

### **The National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) Comment**

The NTHP's comments were not included in the agencies finding of effect letter that was sent to the consulting parties on August 14, 2023, because the submission was late. The emailed submission was received on August 12, 2023. The NTHP late submission included a request to suspend the consultation process and attached the NTHP's earlier objection to the agencies earlier proposed finding of no adverse effect. Although the agency was not required to, a summary of the NTHP's letter was included in the notification to all consulting parties that the review period for the proposed finding was extended.

### **NTHP and NPCA Misstatements**

The NTHP and the NPCA state that the "FAA has taken an unorthodox approach to this consultation that has repeatedly resulted in the exclusion of consulting parties from communications, meetings, and consideration." This statement is not supported by the facts. The FAA has been very transparent in carrying out its Section 106 obligations with respect to this undertaking.

The FAA initiated consultation with consulting parties for the undertaking (ATMP) in April 2021. The FAA sent a preliminary APE and property identification list to all the consulting parties on Oct. 31, 2022. As a result of consultation party meeting for the ATMP for Haleakalā National Park held on November 10, 2022, the APE was revised. The FAA sent to all consulting parties a description of the revised APE, a map of the revised APE, a revised historic property list, written responses to consulting party questions that were raised at the consulting party meeting, and a request for input. The FAA did not receive any comments or concerns regarding the revised APE. The FAA included any additional properties identified by the consulting parties in the revised APE in subsequent consultation. On March 27, 2023, the FAA sent a letter with the proposed finding of effect for the undertaking to all the consulting parties in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.5(c). The letter requested that the consulting parties state whether they concur with the proposed finding within 30 days of receipt of the letter. The FAA held an informational meeting for all the consulting parties to explain how the agency assessed effects and arrived at the proposed finding. The FAA made clear to the consulting parties that these meetings were informational and that any objections to the proposed finding needed to be in writing and submitted within 30 days of receipt of the finding of effect letter. The FAA responded to questions raised at the informational meeting both verbally and in writing. The only time the FAA met with consulting parties individually was if the party objected to the proposed finding. This was done in order to resolve objections.

The NTHP and the NPCA characterize the FAA consultations with objecting parties as "a divide and conquer approach." This characterization is not accurate. The FAA was not required to conduct consultation with the objecting parties at all. Furthermore, the FAA's consultation with each objecting party is supported in the Section 106 regulations (*see* 36 CFR § 800.5(c)(2)) and allowed the FAA to conduct meaningful consultation with all consulting parties. When the agencies held consultation meetings that included all of the objecting parties, some individual objectors were not able to discuss their concerns. In one case, comments from one of the objecting parties only served to add confusion to the discussion the agency was having with another objecting party. The FAA found that consultation with each objecting party individually allowed that party and the FAA to conduct meaningful consultation with the goal of resolving the disagreement related to the proposed finding. While the

NTHP and the NPCA note the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) recommendation<sup>1</sup>, it is also important to note that the ACHP acknowledged that the FAA including additional consulting parties in the consultation(s) with the objecting parties was discretionary.

The NTHP and the NPCA contend that the FAA excluded the Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF) "from important consultation meetings, and from all mention as an objecting party, under the pretense that [HHF's] initial letter to the FAA, which explained their objections in great detail, somehow expired." This is factually inaccurate. All consulting parties, including HHF, have been invited to consulting party meetings and informational meetings for this undertaking. In a letter dated Nov. 18, 2022, the HHF provided input on the initial APE for the undertaking at Haleakalā National Park and the request for the identification of properties. The HHF has also attended consulting party meetings as well as informational meetings for the undertaking at the Park. The FAA responded in writing to all of the concerns the HHF had raised in its letter and comments made during meetings regarding the undertaking in letters dated February 10, 2023, and April 28, 2023. The FAA's responses were sent to all the consulting parties. The HHF did not raise any additional issues or provide any additional comments on the Section 106 process for this undertaking. The FAA did not treat the HHF as an objecting party because the HHF did not object to the agency's proposed finding of no adverse effect, nor have they provided any indication that their past concerns had not been addressed. The HHF, like some other consulting parties, did not respond to the FAA's request for concurrence on the proposed finding of no adverse effect regarding assessment of effects of the undertaking on historic properties within the APE. The HHF, as well as all the other consulting parties, has had every opportunity afforded under the Section 106 regulations to provide input on the undertaking and concur or object to the proposed finding the agency had made.

Finally, the NPCA and the NTHP assert that the FAA has "refused to acknowledge the adverse effects caused by this ATMP in a way consistent with other ATMPs." The NPCA and NTHP go on to state that "it is unclear whether the FAA's refusal to acknowledge the adverse effects of the ATMPs in Hawai'i national parks (vs. national parks in the mainland) is a reflection of less weight being given to the objections of Native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiian Organizations (vs. Native American Tribes)." This claim is not supported by facts. Under the National Parks Air Tour Management Act, (NPATMA) the FAA in cooperation with the NPS must develop an air tour management plan (ATMP) or voluntary agreement (VA) for each park where commercial air tour operations occur or are proposed. The agencies have completed ten ATMPs covering thirteen parks, not including Badlands National Park, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, all of which are scheduled to be completed by Dec. 31, 2023, as well as Haleakalā National Park, which is now scheduled to be completed by January 30, 2024. For all the ATMPs that have been completed, the FAA has been consistent in how the effects of the undertaking on historic properties were assessed under Section 106. The FAA found that none of the completed ATMPs had an adverse effect on historic properties. Furthermore, most of the completed ATMPs retain some level of air tour operations.

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<sup>1</sup> The ACHP advised that 36 CFR § 800.5(c)(2)(i) does not require the agency to consult with only consulting parties that objected to the agency's proposed finding of no adverse effect. The FAA could at its discretion, invite all parties who have been participating in the consultations with the FAA throughout the Section 106 process to the consultations with objecting parties.



The FAA will continue to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act and the Section 106 process. Should you have any questions regarding the Section 106 process for Haleakalā National Park, please feel free to contact me at [judith.walker@faa.gov](mailto:judith.walker@faa.gov) and copy the ATMP team at [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judith Walker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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On behalf of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), I am writing to confirm our disagreement with the FAA's proposed finding of No Adverse Effect for the draft Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) at Haleakala National Park, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 800.5(c)(2)(i). Since the date by which the FAA requested a response to its September 1 email fell on a Sunday (October 15), we are submitting this response on the next business day.

We appreciate the FAA's acknowledgement in the email below that comments from the National Trust and NPCA had been omitted from the FAA's August 14, 2023 letter, and the FAA provided one-sentence summaries of those comments (which had been submitted to the FAA by email on August 11, 2023).

In addition, I am attaching a four-page letter that was sent jointly by the National Trust and NPCA on August 19, 2023, which criticized the FAA for failing to acknowledge our August 11 comments in the FAA's August 14 letter. Our joint August 19 letter also reiterates in detail the basis for our disagreement with the proposed No Adverse Effect finding, and includes quotes from Congressman Ed Case and the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Office, which also criticized the proposed No Adverse Effect finding.

We continue to stand behind our disagreement, and we urge the FAA to revise its finding in order to acknowledge the potential for adverse effects as a result of this ATMP.

In the event that the FAA declines to modify its proposed No Adverse Effect determination, we await notification of the FAA's referral to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 800.5(c)(2)(i).

Thank you for considering these comments from the National Trust and NPCA.

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**Re: Request for Correction to FAA's August 14, 2023 Letter to Consulting Parties for Air Tour Management Plan at Haleakalā National Park**

Dear Ms. Walker,

The National Trust for Historic Preservation ("NTHP") and the National Parks Conservation Association ("NPCA") write regarding the August 14, 2023 letter from the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") to Section 106 consulting parties, including our organizations, and requesting responses within 30 days regarding whether consulting parties concur with the FAA's renewed finding of no adverse effect for the proposed Air Tour Management Plan ("ATMP") at Haleakalā National Park.

The FAA's previous letter dated July 26, 2023 had requested responses by August 11, 2023 "regarding the identification of historic properties and potential effects within the new areas of the APE." Our organizations both went out of our way to submit written responses by August 11, even though we didn't have specific information about newly identified historic properties or effects within the expanded areas of the APE, because of the FAA's previous action in which it excluded the Historic Hawaii Foundation ("HHF") from the consultation process simply because HHF had assumed that its earlier comment letter describing its objections in thorough detail was still in effect, and did not submit a new comment reiterating its concerns. The FAA's response to HHF's reliance on its earlier letter was wrong. But we didn't want to risk being subjected to a similar penalty from the FAA, so we submitted responses on August 11, even though they weren't very detailed.

The FAA's August 14 letter specifically stated that it received responses to its July 26 letter from only three consulting parties. **However, this statement from the FAA is incorrect because our organizations both submitted timely responses to the FAA's July 26 letter, but the August 14 letter failed to acknowledge or mention those two timely responses. The FAA's selective reporting of responses has the effect of misleading consulting parties and subverting the Section 106 consultation by creating the false impression that our organizations, (which have been very engaged, and critical of the ATMP), were losing interest in the**

**consultation and disengaging.** We write to seek an immediate correction from the FAA, and we ask the FAA to circulate a corrected letter to all consulting parties.

On August 11, 2023,<sup>1</sup> the NTHP wrote to the FAA, stating:

“Dear ATMP Team,

In response to the revised Area of Potential Effects proposal for the Haleakala ATMP [i.e., the July 26 letter, which was attached], the National Trust for Historic Preservation continues to have concerns about the proposed undertaking, and we continue to disagree with the FAA's proposed determination of no adverse effect. Attached is a copy of our earlier letter dated April 28, 2023, describing in more detail the basis for our disagreement.

We wish to continue our participation as a consulting party, but we respectfully recommend that it may be appropriate for the FAA to suspend the consultation process for the time being, in the wake of the recent tragic fires that have occurred on Maui.

Sincerely,  
Betsy Merritt”

And on August 11, 2023,<sup>2</sup> the NPCA wrote to the FAA, stating:

“Hello FAA/Judith,

Considering the emergency situation on Maui with the fires, and the request for responses by today, we request this Haleakala 106 process be put on hold. Please let us know. Thank you,  
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Since our organizations advocate on behalf of our members, including members living in Hawai‘i, on critical national park issues such as the ATMPs, we called attention to the tragic fires that have impacted communities and led President Biden to approve an emergency disaster declaration the day before on August 10, 2023. The NTHP’s August 11, 2023 response also stated its ongoing disagreement with the FAA’s proposed determination of no adverse effect, and ongoing concerns about the proposed undertaking. The NTHP attached and resubmitted to the FAA its April 28, 2023 letter describing its concerns in detail.

**None of this was reported by the FAA in its August 14, 2023 letter to the consulting parties and the other agencies.**

In contrast, the FAA referenced in its August 14, 2023 letter a response it received from a consulting party who the FAA characterized as having “no comments at this time but requested that the agencies also confer with the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.” It is

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<sup>1</sup> The NTHP email was sent at 8:42 PM Hawaii time on August 11.

<sup>2</sup> The NPCA email was sent at 9:36 AM Hawaii time on August 11.

unclear to us why the FAA would selectively mention certain consulting parties who had “no comments at this time,” but fail to mention the comments received from two highly engaged consulting parties – NPCA and NTHP – that are on record objecting to the FAA’s proposed determination of effects.

It is also unclear whether the FAA’s refusal to acknowledge the adverse effects of the ATMPs in Hawai‘i national parks (vs. national parks on the mainland) is a reflection of less weight being given to the objections of Native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiian Organizations (vs. Native American Tribes).<sup>3</sup>

In sum, we request that the FAA correct and reissue its August 14 letter to include a reference to the comments received from both of our organizations in response to the FAA’s July 26 letter. Thank you very much for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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<sup>3</sup> *August 17, 2023 Letter from Congressman Case to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.* “It is unacceptable that the FAA, in the draft ATMPs for Badlands National Park and Mount Rushmore National Memorial, concedes that air tours cause additional adverse effects that make them incompatible based on concerns raised during consultation there, yet completely disregards the significant concerns raised during consultation at the Hawaii’s parks.”

*July 26, 2023 letter from Hawai‘i State Historic Preservation Division to the FAA and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.* “Despite holding numerous consultation meetings, FAA has not made a good faith effort to consult, rather they have only moved through the motions to comply with the four-step process and 36 CFR § 800. The FAA has not taken into consideration how the air tour management plan could be amended to avoid, minimize, or mitigate effects to historic properties, nor have they amended their determination of effect to consider these effects, which have been raised by the SHPO and consulting parties throughout the consultation meetings including those held recently as referenced above.”

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Dear Consulting Party:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in coordination with the National Park Service (NPS), is continuing consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the development of an air tour management plan (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Park. On August 14, 2023, the FAA sent you the attached letter that details the finding of effects analysis for the undertaking within the expanded area of potential effects (APE).

The agencies understand that consulting parties on this project may be directly impacted by the devastating wildfires on Maui or involved in the efforts to support their community during this tragedy. Therefore, the FAA is extending the review period for this letter an additional 30 calendar days.

The FAA received two additional consulting party responses to the July 27, 2023, APE letter for the expanded boundary that were not noted in the August 14, 2023 finding of effects letter and are providing summaries of those comments to consulting parties. The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) requested that the Section 106 process for Haleakalā National Park be put on hold due to the emergency situation on Maui. The National Trust for Historic Preservation also sent a request to suspend the consultation process and attached their objection to the agencies' March 27, 2023, proposed finding of no adverse effect.

We appreciate your participation in this process and ask that you review the information and respond whether you concur with the proposed finding by **October 15, 2023**. Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Judith Walker at 202-267-4185 or [Judith.Walker@faa.gov](mailto:Judith.Walker@faa.gov) and copy the ATMP team at [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov).

Best regards,  
Judith Walker



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**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**  
Office of Policy, International Affairs & Environment  
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## **NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

October 18, 2023

Re: Request for Review from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Pursuant to 36 CFR §800.5(c)(2) of the Federal Aviation Administration's Proposed Finding of No Adverse Effect on Historic Properties from the Implementation of an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park

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Dear Ms. Loichinger:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as the lead Federal agency and in coordination with the National Park Service (NPS), respectfully requests that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) review the FAA's proposed finding of no adverse effect on historic properties from the implementation of an Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Park (Park) made under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The FAA submits this request in accordance with 36 CFR §800.5(c)(2)(i) in response to objections from consulting parties, specifically, Haleakalā Conservancy, the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), Friends of Haleakalā National Park, National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), and Mr. Stanley Kī'ope Raymond, to the proposed finding. The FAA is concurrently notifying all consulting parties about this request and will make the request documentation available to the public at:

[https://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ara/programs/air\\_tour\\_management\\_plan](https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ara/programs/air_tour_management_plan).

Enclosed is the correspondence sent to, and received from, consulting parties throughout the consultation process (see **Exhibits 1 through 10**). In particular, **Exhibits 8 and 10** contain the agency's finding of effect letters, which meet the requirements of 36 CFR §800.11(e). The finding of effect letters describe the undertaking, the Area of Potential Effects (APE), the steps taken to identify historic properties, the historic properties in the APE and the characteristics that qualify them for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register), and explain why the criteria of adverse effect do not apply to this undertaking. They also describe the Section 106 consultation process and public involvement for this undertaking.



Included in **Exhibit 9** are the responses to FAA’s March 27, 2023, letter received from consulting parties. As further detailed in the Section 106 Consultation Summary section below, the FAA continued consultation in July 2023, due to a minor scope change. **Exhibit 10** contains the updated APE letter, sent July 26, 2023; updated finding of effect letter, sent August 14, 2023; and responses to the FAA’s August 14, 2023, letter received from consulting parties. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), Haleakalā Conservancy, NTHP, Friends of Haleakalā National Park, NPCA, SHPD, and Mr. Raymond objected to the FAA’s determination. As further detailed in the Consulting Party Objections section below, the FAA was able to resolve OHA’s objection through continued consultation.

This letter includes background about the National Parks Air Tour Management Act (NPATMA), describes the undertaking and the history of air tours over the Park, provides an overview of the Section 106 consultation process for the undertaking, and addresses the objections that were made and provides the FAA’s response.

### **The National Parks Air Tour Management Act**

NPATMA requires that all commercial air tour operators conducting or intending to conduct a commercial air tour operation over a unit of the National Park System apply to the FAA for authority to undertake such activity. 49 U.S.C. §40128(a)(2)(A). As amended by the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, NPATMA further requires the FAA, in cooperation with the NPS, to establish an ATMP or voluntary agreement for each park for which applications were made, unless a park has been exempted from this requirement. *Id.* §40128(b)(1)(A), (b)(7). The objective of an ATMP is to “develop acceptable and effective measures to mitigate or prevent the significant adverse impacts, if any, of commercial air tour operations upon the natural and cultural resources, visitor experiences, and tribal lands.” *Id.* §40128(b)(1)(B).

FAA regulations define a commercial air tour as:

[A]ny flight, conducted for compensation or hire in a powered aircraft where a purpose of the flight is sightseeing over a national park, within ½ mile outside the boundary of any national park, or over tribal lands during which the aircraft flies:

- (i) Below 5,000 feet above ground level (except for the purpose of takeoff or landing, or as necessary for the safe operation of an aircraft as determined under the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration requiring the pilot-in-command to take action to ensure the safe operation of the aircraft); [or]
- (ii) Less than 1 mile laterally from any geographic feature within the park (unless more than ½ mile outside the boundary). . . .

14 CFR §136.33(d).

Because Congress anticipated that the development of ATMPs would take time, it provided in NPATMA that prior to the establishment of an ATMP, the FAA “*shall* grant interim operating authority” to existing air tour operators that apply for prospective operating authority. 49 U.S.C. §40128(c)(1) (emphasis added). NPATMA required that interim operating authority (IOA) was the greater of the number of commercial air tour flights over the park during the 12-month period, or the average number of commercial air tour flights within the 36-month period, prior to the enactment of NPATMA. *Id.* §40128(c)(2).

## The History of Air Tours at the Park

Commercial air tours have been operating over the Park for more than 40 years. Prior to NPATMA's enactment in 2000, the FAA did not regulate air tours over national parks, and the NPS did not have authority to regulate commercial air tours. Air tour operators were subject only to FAA's general safety regulations and Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) No. 71, Special Operating Rules for Air Tour Operators in The State of Hawai'i (14 CFR 136 Appendix A). Per SFAR-71, commercial air tour operators could not operate below 1,500 ft. above the surface in all areas of the State of Hawai'i, unless otherwise authorized by the FAA. At that time there were no limits on the number of air tours that could be conducted per year and no designated routes or altitudes for flights, other than some voluntary measures per a Letter of Agreement that was signed by the NPS and air tour operators in 1998. The voluntary measures included no flights over the Haleakalā Crater and a flight path across Kīpahulu. Since 2005, most commercial air tours over national parks, including Haleakalā National Park, have been conducted pursuant to IOA issued by the FAA in accordance with NPATMA. See 70 Fed. Reg. 36,456 (June 23, 2005). Because the FAA's grant of IOA was a non-discretionary agency act mandated by Congress, compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the NHPA was not required. See *Sugarloaf Citizens Ass'n v. FERC*, 959 F.2d 508, 513 (4th Cir. 1992) (holding that where an agency did not have the discretion to deny certification to a facility that met certain criteria, compliance with NEPA and Section 106 was not required); *Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri v. Norton*, 240 F.3d 1250, 1263 (10th Cir. 2001) (compliance with Section 106 and NEPA is not required for nondiscretionary actions).

In 2008, the FAA published an operational guidance document, the Hawai'i Air Tour Common Procedures Manual (Manual), AWP13-136A, for commercial air tour operations below 1,500 feet above ground level within the state of Hawai'i. All commercial air tour operators with authorization to conduct operations below 1,500 feet above ground level must comply with the requirements and limitations set forth in the Manual. Appendix B of the Manual details the operational requirements for the Island of Maui.

Currently, five<sup>1</sup> operators hold IOA to conduct 20,145 air tours each year over the Park and within ½ mile of the Park's boundary. The agencies consider the existing operations for commercial air tours to be an average of 2017-2019 annual air tours flown, which is 4,824 air tours. A three-year average is used because it reflects the most accurate and reliable air tour conditions and accounts for variations across multiple years. Under existing conditions, there are no designated flight routes or no-fly zones that operators must adhere to; however, commercial air tours are generally concentrated south of the Haleakalā Crater and along the southern portions of the Park according to automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast (ADS-B) systems data<sup>2</sup> of flight paths. Minimum altitudes for commercial air tours within the ATMP planning area are flown in accordance with the Manual, from 500 to 1,500 ft. above ground level (AGL), weather dependent and contingent on location over the island. In most locations over the Park, the Manual allows helicopters to fly at a minimum of 500 ft. AGL if they have received authority to do so.

In accordance with NPATMA and a plan mandated and approved by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (Court), the FAA and the NPS are developing an ATMP for the Park. The Court retained jurisdiction to monitor the agencies' progress consistent with the approved plan. Thus,

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<sup>1</sup> The finding of effect letter stated that six operators had IOA for a total of 25,827 air tours over the ATMP planning area. One of the operators no longer conducts commercial air tours in Hawai'i and no longer holds IOA.

<sup>2</sup> ADS-B systems periodically transmits aircraft location data in real-time.

the planning process to implement an ATMP for the Park has proceeded, and remains, under Court supervision.

### **The Undertaking**

The FAA has determined that the development and implementation of an ATMP for the Park is an undertaking under the NHPA. The ATMP for the Park includes the following:

- Reduces the annual number of commercial air tours permitted within the ATMP planning area to 2,224 flights with a daily limit of 14 flights across all operators.<sup>3</sup>
- Designates a single flight path with four segments within the ATMP planning area. The flight path is intended to protect visitor experience, natural and cultural resources, and acoustic resources of the Park by adopting, where appropriate for resource protection, existing transportation corridors and avoiding noise-sensitive wildlife habitat and historic properties;
- Sets a minimum altitude of 2,000 ft. AGL over land and 3,000 ft. AGL over the ocean;
- Sets time-of-day restrictions for flights to 11 AM – 2 PM for non-quiet technology flights and 11 AM – 4 PM for quiet technology flights;
- Establishes no-fly days on Sunday and Wednesday;
- Prohibits hovering and/or circling;
- Provides incentives for operators to adopt and use quiet technology and requires all air tours to be conducted using quiet technology aircraft by 2033;
- Provides for operator training and education;
- Provides for mandatory annual meetings between the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), Park staff, and the operators. The agencies may also invite other stakeholders, such as Native Hawaiian Organizations, to attend;
- Establishes six no-fly days per year based on the Park's existing commercial-free days that follow the Hawaiian Moon Calendar and Makahiki Season and two no-fly days per year based on culturally significant Hawai'i State holidays;
- Establishes six additional no-fly days per year to be identified at the mandatory annual meeting;<sup>4</sup>
- Permits the NPS to establish additional temporary no-fly periods for special events or planned park management with two months' notice to the operators. Special events may include Native Hawaiian events or other natural and cultural resource programs;
- Authorizes specific types of aircraft to be used on the tours and specifies that any new or replacement aircraft must not be noisier than the aircraft being replaced;
- Requires operators to provide semi-annual reports to the agencies including flight monitoring data;
- Includes protocols relating to in-flight communications;
- Allows for minor modifications to the ATMP through adaptive management as long as the environmental impacts of such changes have been previously analyzed;
- Outlines a process for amending the ATMP;
- Provides information regarding the process for operators to apply for operating authority as a new entrant; and

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<sup>3</sup> The ATMP has been changed since the noise modeling and assessment of effects in the finding of effect letters to further reduce air tours from 2,412 to 2,224 flights per year. The reduction in the number of tours per year also reduces the maximum number of daily from 16 to no more than 14 tours per day across all operators. The ATMP still limits the number of tours each operator could conduct on the days when air tours are permitted.

<sup>4</sup> The additional no fly days were added as a result of comments received from consulting parties and through the NEPA process.

- Sets forth a general process for conducting competitive bidding for air tour allocations, where appropriate.

For further details related to the various elements of the ATMP for the Park, refer to the summary in the FAA's March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter (see **Exhibits 8 and 10**).

In summary, the number of air tours authorized under the ATMP is 11% of those currently allowed under IOA, or 46% of the 3-year average, and the ATMP requires that operators fly on a designated flight path that has been delineated to avoid flying over noise sensitive resources, including historic properties. Figure 2 in **Exhibit 4** to this letter depicts ADS-B systems data of flight tracks within the APE under existing conditions. The single designated flight path under the ATMP is depicted in **Exhibit 8** (Attachment B of the FAA's finding of effect letter).

Under NPATMA, all IOA for the Park terminates by operation of law 180 days after the establishment (effective date) of the ATMP, 49 U.S.C. § 40128(c)(2)(E), after which time no operator may continue to rely on any operating specifications issued under IOA as authority to conduct commercial air tours within the ATMP planning area.

## **Section 106 Consultation Summary**

### *Consultation Initiation*

The FAA initiated Section 106 consultation with the Hawai'i SHPD, Native Hawaiians (including Native Hawaiian Organizations and members of the Park's Kūpuna consultation group), operators, and other consulting parties by letter between March and August of 2021, inviting them to participate in Section 106 consultation and requesting their expertise regarding historic properties, including properties of significance to Native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiian Organizations, such as TCPs, that may be located within the ATMP planning area (see **Exhibit 1**). The agencies received responses from one consulting party expressing interest in consultation and one consulting party opting out of consultation (see **Exhibit 1**). Additional newly identified consulting parties were invited throughout the Section 106 process.

### *Consulting Party Meetings, Initial APE and Historic Property Identification*

The agencies have held listening sessions and consulting party meetings to discuss the ATMP planning process, the range of alternatives, and Section 106 consultation. The agencies held an informational webinar on October 28, 2021, to provide background on the ATMP development process at the Park and held a listening session for the Park's Kūpuna consultation group on December 9, 2021 (see **Exhibit 2**).

The FAA provided a preliminary list of historic properties in the Park to the SHPD for their review and comment in the scoping cover letter dated March 7, 2022 (see **Exhibit 3**). In a letter dated April 18, 2022, the SHPD confirmed receipt of the scoping letter and provided recommendations for additional consulting parties (see **Exhibit 3**).

A consulting party meeting with all consulting parties was held on November 10, 2022 (see **Exhibit 4**). A preliminary APE, historic property identification list, and maps of the proposed alternatives were included in the invitations and meeting materials for the November 2022 consulting party meeting. The agencies sent a follow-up letter, dated November 14, 2022, requesting comments on the APE and historic properties list (see **Exhibit 5**). In November 2022 and December 2022, the FAA received comments from Friends of Haleakalā National Park, Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), Tweetie Lind, OHA, and NTHP. These comments are included in **Exhibit 5**.

### *Expanded APE, Revised Historic Properties List, and Comment Response Letter*

The FAA expanded the APE following consulting party feedback during and after the November 10, 2022, meeting. The FAA sent a letter dated December 23, 2022, to the SHPD with a description of the expanded APE and a revised APE map to incorporate additional areas potentially affected by the undertaking (see **Exhibit 6**). The SHPD responded on January 27, 2023, that they did not object to the APE (see **Exhibit 6**). On February 10, 2023, the FAA sent a Section 106 consultation letter to all consulting parties that provided responses to comments received during and following the November 2022 consulting party meeting, a revised APE map, and a revised historic properties list and asked for assistance in identifying cultural resources within the revised APE (see **Exhibit 7**). The FAA did not receive any responses to the February 10, 2023, letter.

### *Finding of Effect Letter and April Informational Meeting*

The FAA thoroughly analyzed the effects of the undertaking and supported its determination of “no adverse effect” in its March 27, 2023, letter (see **Exhibit 8**). In accordance with 36 CFR § 800.5(c), the FAA sent the correspondence to all 58 consulting parties, requesting that they concur with the agency’s finding. The letter included an invitation to an informational meeting on April 20, 2023, to explain how the FAA arrived at the proposed finding of no adverse effect on historic properties as well as the documentation specified in 36 CFR § 800.11(e). The agencies sent a meeting summary and Question and Answer (Q&A) document with agency responses to questions asked during the informational meeting to all consulting parties on April 28, 2023 (see **Exhibit 8**). As further detailed in the Consulting Party Objections section, the FAA received objections from OHA, Haleakalā Conservancy, NTHP, Friends of Haleakalā National Park, and NPCA (see **Exhibit 9**).

In a letter dated April 21, 2023, the SHPD stated that in order to determine whether to concur with the FAA’s proposed effect determination, it must take into account information received during the April 20, 2023, informational meeting. In the same letter, the SHPD requested all of the consulting parties’ responses received by the agency to the finding of effect letter as well as comments provided during the April 2023 informational meeting for the ATMP (see **Exhibit 9**) and that it would respond to the FAA’s March 27, 2023, letter following receipt of this information. The FAA responded in a letter dated April 28, 2023, providing the meeting summary and Q&A document from the April 20, 2023, informational meeting. The FAA noted that the finding of effect letter provided the SHPD with the documentation specified in 36 CFR § 800.11(e) and requested SHPD’s response to the finding of no adverse effect by May 1, 2023 (see **Exhibit 9**). Although not required under 36 CFR § 800.11(d), the FAA also provided consulting party responses to the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter.

The federal agencies held a meeting on June 15, 2023, to continue consultation with the parties that had objected in an effort to resolve the objections in accordance with 36 CFR §800.5(c)(2). Representatives from the FAA and the NPS met with all four parties that had objected to the finding at that time, as well as representatives of the SHPD and ACHP. The meetings were held to allow for any clarification on the objecting points and seek resolution. The agencies were not able to discuss all comments within the timeframe allotted by this meeting. In order to ensure meaningful consultation with each party, the FAA continued consultation by holding individual meetings with the consulting parties that objected to the agency’s proposed finding, as well as the SHPD. Individual meetings were held with Friends of Haleakalā National Park, the SHPD, NTHP, Haleakalā Conservancy, OHA, and the NPCA.<sup>5</sup> The individual meetings

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<sup>5</sup> During the meeting with the SHPD they informed the agencies that they would like to be included in all of the individual objecting party consultation meetings. The SHPD was invited to all of the individual objecting party meetings except for Friends of Haleakalā National Park, which occurred prior to this request, but did not attend.

included a full discussion of the points made by each party and the agencies' responses, but all parties except for OHA maintained their opposition to the FAA's proposed finding. At the conclusion of the individual consultations the agency held a meeting on July 20, 2023, inviting all parties that have objected to the agency's proposed findings, to brief them on the outcome of the consultations and discuss the next steps in the Section 106 process.

On June 14, 2023, the NPCA requested to be added as a consulting party for the Section 106 process for the Park. In response, the FAA invited the NPCA to be a consulting party and sent them the finding of effect letter on June 15, 2023. The FAA sent its previous consultation documentation to the NPCA on June 22, 2023, and held a meeting to listen to their comments on July 7, 2023. During that meeting, the NPCA noted that their objections were the same as those stated by other objecting parties, particularly the NTHP. The NPCA sent their written objection to the FAA on July 11, 2023, including a letter dated June 20, 2023, which was also submitted to the agencies through the NEPA public comment process (see **Exhibit 9**). The agency found only one issue relevant to the Section 106 process in the June 20, 2023, letter, which was their concern regarding the noise analysis, specifically that the modeling assumptions could be incorrect because air tour operators could use larger, noisier aircraft in order provide more passengers air tours (see **Exhibit 9**).

#### *Parcel Acquisitions, Expanded APE, and Updated Effects Analysis*

In July 2023, the agencies expanded the APE after the Park acquired two new parcels that expanded the Park boundary by 8.18 acres, and consequently, the ATMP planning area. When reviewing the changes needed for new parcels, the NPS also found other small parcels that needed to be added to the maps and found that remapping of the Denman parcel reduced it by 1.971 acres. Consequently, these parcels expanded the ATMP planning area (the Park and a ½ mile buffer around the Park) by 236.3 acres (+0.18% change). The agencies adjusted the APE to include the areas of expanded buffer and sent an APE letter to all 61<sup>6</sup> consulting parties on July 26, 2023, with a map showing the new areas within the APE and requesting comments on historic properties and potential effects within these new areas (see **Exhibit 10**). The APE description remained the same as what was provided in the March 27, 2023, finding of effect letter.

In response to the July 2023 APE letter, the FAA received comments from the George K. Cypher 'Ohana, Hōkūlani Holt, and Mr. Raymond (see **Exhibit 10**). On August 11, 2023, and August 12, 2023, respectively, the NPCA and NTHP requested a suspension of the consultation process due to the emergency situation on Maui. The NTHP also reiterated their comments provided in their April 28, 2023, letter (see **Exhibit 10**). No new historic properties were identified through consultation.

The FAA analyzed the effects of the undertaking in the expanded areas of the APE and maintained a finding of "no adverse effect" in an August 14, 2023, letter sent to all 61 consulting parties (see **Exhibit 10**). In a letter dated August 21, 2023, the NPCA and NTHP reiterated their request to suspend the consultation process and expressed concerns regarding the Section 106 consultation process. The agencies extended the comment period for the finding of effect letter an additional 30 days, for a total of 60 days, on September 1, 2023, and provided a letter detailing the FAA's response to the NPCA's and NTHP's comments on September 29, 2023 (see **Exhibit 10**). In response to the August 14, 2023, letter, the FAA received a concurrence from the National Solar Observatory (Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope), and Nu'u Mauka Ranch noted that they have no issues with the ATMP (see **Exhibit 10**). As further

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<sup>6</sup> Two newly identified consulting parties, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and Ms. Nan Cabatbat, were invited to consult on July 26, 2023, and were sent all prior correspondence on the undertaking at that time (see Exhibits 8 and 10).

detailed in the Consulting Party Objections section, the FAA received additional objections from the SHPD and Mr. Raymond (see **Exhibit 10**). On October 16, 2023, the FAA received an email from the NTHP and NPCA reiterating their objections and a letter dated August 19, 2023, that made the same points as the August 21, 2023, letter noted above.<sup>7</sup>

### **Consulting Party Objections**

The FAA sent its finding of effect letters on March 27, 2023, and August 14, 2023, to all consulting parties requesting that they concur with the agency's finding. The FAA received objections from seven consulting parties during the review periods: OHA, Haleakalā Conservancy, NTHP, Friends of Haleakalā National Park, NPCA, SHPD, and Mr. Raymond. Through continuing consultation, the FAA was able to resolve the objections with OHA. As such, their concerns will not be further addressed in this document. **Exhibit 9** shows the commitments the agency made to resolve the disagreement with OHA. The remaining objections are summarized below:

Haleakalā Conservancy bases its objection on two issues: (1) that air tours compromise the silence of the Park; and, (2) it argues that continuing to allow air tours dismisses concerns expressed by the community and Kānaka Maoli about the impacts of flights to sacred lands and cultural practices (see **Exhibit 9**). The NTHP bases its objection on three issues: (1) it contends that the FAA used an incorrect baseline to assess the effects of the undertaking; (2) it claims that the FAA did not consider cumulative effects when assessing the effects of the undertaking; and, (3) it argues that a finding of adverse effects is the appropriate finding if the undertaking permits air tours (see **Exhibit 9**).<sup>8</sup> In its objection, Friends of Haleakalā National Park argues that although the ATMP would reduce the effects of air tours compared to existing conditions, continuing to allow air tours also continues adverse audible and visual effects on visitors and historic sites that are renowned for their silence and/or wilderness character (see **Exhibit 9**). As noted in the above Section 106 Consultation Summary, the FAA found only one issue relevant to the Section 106 process in the NPCA's June 20, 2023, letter, which was their concern regarding the noise analysis, specifically that the modeling assumptions could be incorrect because air tour operators could use larger, noisier aircraft in order provide more passengers air tours (see **Exhibit 9**). In his objection, Mr. Raymond reiterated and clarified his prior comment in response to the finding of effect letter, indicating that he did not consider the reduction of flights to be adequate. Mr. Raymond argues that noise disturbance has an adverse effect on some Native Hawaiian religious practices, and reducing the likelihood of noise is not sufficient (see **Exhibit 10**). The SHPD also did not concur with the FAA's proposed finding. The SHPD determined that the ATMP will have an adverse effect on TCPs and traditional cultural practices (see **Exhibit 10**).

### **FAA's Response to Consulting Party Objections**

The following sections provide the FAA's response to the objections that were not resolved through consultations with the objecting parties.

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<sup>7</sup> Contrary to the NTHP's claim in their October 16, 2023, email, the FAA did not receive a letter from the NTHP/NPCA on August 19, 2023. The FAA received a similar letter from Neil Desai on behalf of the NTHP/NPCA on August 21, 2023.

<sup>8</sup> The NTHP, in its April 28, 2023, objection letter, expressed its support for comments and concerns raised by other consulting parties during past consultations. The agencies do not consider NTHP's expression of support for these comments as a part of NTHP's objection. The agencies consider the comments resolved because they have been addressed and the commentors did not raise them again (see Exhibits 7 and 9).

### *Baseline Conditions*

The NTHP asserts that the baseline for the undertaking (developing and implementing an ATMP for the Park) should be an environment where there are no air tours occurring over the Park. To support this NTHP states that

[t]his undertaking is being developed pursuant to the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-181) and its implementing regulations contained in 14 C.F.R. Part 136. Nowhere in either the statute or the regulations are ATMPs required to permit adverse effects. The development of this ATMP is instead a *de novo* evaluation of appropriate air tour uses within Haleakala National Park. It is an exercise of federal jurisdiction and management authority. There is thus no baseline that is required to be accepted in the Section 106 process, and *all* adverse effects resulting from this undertaking must be taken into account.

The NTHP cites no authority for their legal argument that the development of an ATMP was required to be a *de novo* evaluation of air tour uses over the Park. At the time NPATMA was enacted, commercial air tours were occurring over national parks, including the Park. The legislation, as originally enacted, authorized the agencies to address the impacts of those air tours by establishing ATMPs for parks (with certain exceptions). However, Congress also required the FAA to grant IOA to existing air tour operators. 49 U.S.C. §40128(c)(1). Given that Congress expressly preserved the status quo of existing air tour operations pending the establishment of an ATMP, had it intended to require the agencies to evaluate the impacts of regulating air tours under an ATMP against a condition of no air tours, it would have done so expressly.

The NTHP incorrectly presumes that under NPATMA air tour operations are considered adverse and therefore any ATMP that would allow air tours would result in an adverse effect. The NTHP's argument conflates the agencies' authority to regulate air tours through an ATMP under NPATMA with the determination of the effects of the undertaking (the ATMP) on historic properties under Section 106 of the NHPA and its implementing regulations. Under NPATMA, the agencies have the authority to prohibit commercial air tours over national parks in whole or in part, but they are not required to do so. See 49 U.S.C. § 40128. NPATMA requires the agency to assess the environmental impacts of the ATMP (the undertaking) and not the operations of air tours generally. *Id.* § 40128(b)(2). Neither NPATMA nor the NHPA require the effects of the undertaking (an ATMP) to be measured against a condition under which no air tours are occurring.

The FAA correctly measured the effects of the ATMP against the existing condition of commercial air tours over the Park. As discussed above, air tours have been occurring over the Park for more than 40 years. Prior to NPATMA, the FAA did not regulate air tours over national parks, and the NPS did not have the authority to regulate commercial air tours. After the passage of NPATMA, the FAA granted IOA to existing operators pursuant to Congress's mandate, which, as a non-discretionary act, did not necessitate Section 106 compliance. See *Sugarloaf Citizens Ass'n v. FERC*, 959 F.2d at 513. Consequently, neither the FAA nor the NPS had any compliance obligations under Section 106 related to air tours over the Park, until the undertaking. Therefore, the agencies identified the existing condition of air tours occurring within the ATMP planning area based on a three-year average of operator-reported tours (4,824 air tours per year), including other general operating conditions such as flight paths and altitudes. The FAA then took into account the effects of the ATMP by comparing them to this existing condition. The ATMP includes measures designed to avoid or reduce impacts to historic properties compared to the existing condition of air tours over the Park, including limiting the number of air tours permitted annually and daily, setting a designated flight path, increasing minimum altitudes for tours, setting no-fly



days, and establishing the potential to set no fly periods for special events, among other conditions. For these reasons, the FAA's use of existing conditions as the baseline against which to measure the impacts of its undertaking is appropriate.

#### *ATMP Continues to Allow Adverse Effects*

Comments received from the NTHP, Mr. Raymond, Haleakalā Conservancy, and the SHPD imply the mere existence of air tours is an adverse effect. In clarifying their comments, it became evident that the commenters were noting their preference for a ban of air tours. For instance, in their April 28, 2023, letter, the NTHP writes that the ATMP is permitting existing adverse effects and that there are existing adverse effects from air tours. Specifically, NTHP has stated:

The National Trust specifically asserts that the permitting of air tours within Haleakala National Park would cause adverse effects by diminishing the integrity of "setting ... feeling, or association" of the park's historic resources per 36 C.F.R. § 800.5(a)(1). Air tours within the park also result in an "[I]ntroduction of visual, atmospheric or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the property's significant historic features;" per 36 C.F.R. § 800.5(a)(2)(v).

Permitting air tours or the presence of air tours is not the standard the regulations implementing the NHPA impose when assessing visual and auditory effects from an undertaking. Rather, the standard set out in the ACHP's regulations for assessing visual and audible effects is whether there is an *introduction* of visual or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the property's significant historic features. See 36 CFR §800.5(a)(2)(v). The FAA's assessment of the effects of the undertaking is consistent with this standard. The undertaking is not introducing new noise impacts or new visual impacts, as air tours already exist in the ATMP planning area and have for over 40 years.

However, the ATMP would instead *reduce* noise and visual impacts when compared to existing conditions. While noise intensity may increase at some points under the ATMP near the proposed flight path, any increases in the time above metrics and  $L_{Amax}$  at these points are minor, and the overall time that air tours are audible would significantly decrease under the ATMP at all of these points. For example, the largest increase in time above 52 dBA is at noise point 37, which would experience an increase of just 7 minutes (spread out over operating hours) compared to existing conditions. At this same point, the overall time that air tours will be audible under the ATMP would decrease by 104 minutes compared to existing conditions (see **Exhibits 8 and 10**). When combined with the other minimization measures such as time-of-day restrictions and no-fly days, any increases in noise intensity do not diminish the integrity of historic properties in the area. Visual impacts to historic properties would decrease due to the decrease in commercial air tour operations overall. As further described in the finding of effect letters (see **Exhibits 8 and 10**), the undertaking would not directly or indirectly alter the integrity of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association. 36 CFR § 800.5(a)(1). Therefore, the FAA has determined that the implementation of the ATMP will not result in adverse effects on any historic properties.

#### *Cumulative Impacts*

The NTHP also alleges that the FAA failed to consider cumulative impacts in assessing the effects of the undertaking and proposing a finding that the undertaking will have no adverse effects (see **Exhibit 9**). This is incorrect. The FAA did consider reasonably foreseeable cumulative effects in the assessment of the effects of the undertaking. The regulations describe an adverse effect as:

an undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association. . . . Adverse effects may include reasonably foreseeable effects caused by the undertaking that may occur later in time, be farther removed in distance or be cumulative.

#### 36 CFR § 800.5(a)(1)

Here, the undertaking reduces the number of commercial air tours that may occur within the ATMP planning area by 46% compared to the current condition. It restricts the air tours that will be permitted to a single designated flight path at increased altitudes than are flown under existing conditions (minimum 1,500 – 2,000 ft. AGL, depending on weather and location over the Park and ATMP boundary). The ATMP authorizes the use of specific helicopters and requires that any new or replacement aircraft must not exceed the noise level produced by the aircraft being replaced (see **Exhibit 8**). As a result of these and other provisions in the ATMP, implementation of the undertaking would result in a noticeable reduction of noise and viewshed impacts compared to existing conditions. Air tours will no longer be allowed in the areas within the ATMP planning area with the densest flights under current conditions. Air tour flights themselves and their impacts are transient in nature. Commercial air tours do not cause physical impacts that build upon past impacts. For these reasons, the incremental effect from the implementation of the undertaking when added to any reasonably foreseeable effects of the undertaking would not be adverse.

#### *Listening to Cultural Practitioners*

The FAA has been very transparent in its consultation and has openly shared relevant information with all consulting parties, including those not in attendance at the meetings. The FAA has also taken the comments provided by all consulting parties into consideration in delineating the APE, identifying historic properties, and assessing the effects of the undertaking on historic properties. In accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(2)(ii)(A), the agency ensured that consultation in the Section 106 process provided the consulting parties, including Native Hawaiian Organizations, a reasonable opportunity to identify their concerns about historic properties, advise on the identification and evaluation of historic properties, including those of traditional religious and cultural importance, and articulate their views on the undertaking's effects on such properties. As noted above, the federal agencies held consultation meetings and listening sessions for the Park's Kūpuna consultation group on December 9, 2021, and November 10, 2022; an informational meeting to go over the finding of effect with consulting parties, including Native Hawaiian Organizations and the Park's Kūpuna consultation group, was held on April 20, 2023. A summary of previous Kūpuna comments was provided along with the invitation to the December 2021 listening session. Comments received during and following the November 2022 consulting party meeting along with agency responses were shared with all consulting parties in a letter dated February 10, 2023 (see **Exhibit 7**). Following the April informational meeting, the agencies provided a meeting summary and Q&A to all consulting parties on April 28, 2023; this included all questions asked during the meeting and agency responses to the questions (see **Exhibit 8**). Summaries of all comments received as part of the Section 106 process are included in the finding of effect documentation and were considered in the assessment of effects (see **Exhibit 8**).

Some of the consulting parties imply that because the no air tour alternative is not the undertaking they have not been heard. Specifically, the Haleakalā Conservancy states that continuing air tours dismisses the concerns expressed by the community and the Kanaka Maoli about the impacts of flights to sacred lands and cultural practices. However, compliance with the Section 106 process does not dictate

selection of a specific outcome. Comments received from Native Hawaiian Organizations and Kūpuna, including those received during earlier consultations since the passage of NPATMA in 2000, were taken into consideration throughout the ATMP development and Section 106 processes. In particular, these comments were considered regarding identification of historic properties, including the consideration of the entire park as a TCP, and in determining the restrictions to be included in the ATMP. The agencies received comments noting that the silence on Haleakalā Summit is sacred and noting Kīpahulu Valley as a particular area of concern, so the undertaking does not authorize air tours over Haleakalā Summit and Kīpahulu Valley and moves them further away from these areas. Commenters also noted that they preferred air tours over the ocean instead of the land, and the ATMP shifts the designated flight path in the southeast side of the ATMP planning area over the ocean. Commenters also expressed concerns regarding monitoring; the ATMP includes provisions regarding monitoring and enforcement. In response to commenters' requests, an additional six no fly days were added to the ATMP. Furthermore, the undertaking implements annual and daily limits, time-of-day restrictions, and no-fly days to reduce the likelihood that an air tour would interrupt Native Hawaiian traditional practices.

Comments on matters outside the scope of Section 106 considerations have been sent in full to NPS's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) site on behalf of the commenters for consideration in the continued development of the ATMP. Specifically, comments from the Haleakalā Conservancy regarding the undertaking effects on wilderness areas were considered outside the scope of Section 106 and have been sent to PEPC for consideration under the NEPA process.

#### *Modeling Assumptions*

The NPCA contends that the initial noise modeling assumptions could be incorrect because air tour operators may use larger noisier aircraft that can hold more passengers in order to make up for limitations on air tours imposed by the undertaking. However, the NPCA's assumption that air tour operators independently determine to use larger, noisier aircraft is incorrect. The assumptions made in the noise technical report for the Park are accurate and based on the approved aircraft for the Park. Section 3.3, Aircraft Type, of the ATMP or the undertaking authorizes which type of aircraft may be used for commercial air tours. Furthermore, the undertaking specifies that operators must notify the FAA and NPS in writing of any prospective new or replacement aircraft and obtain concurrence before initiating air tours with the new or replacement aircraft. In addition, new or replacement aircraft must not exceed the noise level produced by the aircraft being replaced.

#### **Request for Review and Concurrence**

For the reasons stated in the finding of effect letters and as stated above, the FAA has proposed a finding of no adverse effect on historic properties. The FAA respectfully requests the ACHP's review of its proposed finding in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.5(c)(3).

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact me at 202-267-4185 or [Judith.Walker@faa.gov](mailto:Judith.Walker@faa.gov) and copy the ATMP team at [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov).

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Enclosures:

Exhibit 1 – March 29, 2021, Consultation Initiation Letter and Responses  
Exhibit 2 – Invitation to December 9, 2021, Listening Session  
Exhibit 3 – March 7, 2022, Scoping Letter and Responses  
Exhibit 4 – Invitation to November 10, 2022, Consulting Party Meeting  
Exhibit 5 – November 14, 2022, Request for Comments Letter and Responses  
Exhibit 6 – December 23, 2022, APE Letter to the HI SHPD and Response  
Exhibit 7 – February 10, 2023, Response to Comments Letter  
Exhibit 8 – March 27, 2023, Finding of Effect Letter with Invitation to April 20, 2023, Informational Meeting; Meeting Reminder; and Meeting Summary and Q&A  
Exhibit 9 – Responses to Finding of Effect Letter; National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) Consulting Party Request; and Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Objection Resolution  
Exhibit 10 – ATMP Boundary Expansion: APE Letter; Responses to APE Letter; Effects Assessment; and Responses to Effects Assessment



November 20, 2023

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Ref: *Proposed Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) at Haleakalā National Park*  
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*ACHP Project Number: 020182*

Dear Ms. Marks:

On October 19, 2023, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requested that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) review its finding of “no adverse effect” for the referenced undertaking. The ACHP’s opinion was requested pursuant to 36 CFR §§800.5(c)(2) and (3) of the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), “Protection of Historic Properties” (36 CFR Part 800). On October 23, 2023, the ACHP notified the FAA that it was extending its review period for an additional 15 days pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.5(c)(3)(i). Seven consulting parties have objected to the FAA’s finding including the Haleakalā Conservancy, the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), Friends of Haleakalā National Park, National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), Hawai’i State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and Mr. Stanley Kī‘ope Raymond. The FAA was able to resolve the objection of one consulting party, OHA, through continued consultation; the other six objections remain unresolved.

Based on the documentation submitted, it appears FAA has not provided clear documentation on the identification of historic properties in the Area of Potential Effects (APE) and has not appropriately applied the criteria of adverse effect [36 CFR § 800.5(a)(1)] for this undertaking; therefore, a finding of adverse effect, based on the potential for adverse effects to occur from the continuation of air tours over portions of the Park, is appropriate. While we acknowledge the FAA has attempted to reduce the potential for adverse effects through imposition of several conditions, these conditions do not avoid the possibility for adverse effects to result. The rationale for this advisory opinion follows.

### ***Background***

FAA’s undertaking consists of the development and implementation of an Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) for the Haleakalā National Park (Park) to regulate commercial air tours within the ATMP planning area. The undertaking does not include the operation of air tours themselves but implementing a plan that applies to all commercial air routes over the Park and within ½ mile outside the boundary of the Park. Commercial air tours subject to the ATMP are those conducted for compensation or hire in a powered aircraft for the purposes of sightseeing during which the aircraft flies below 5,000 feet (ft.) above ground level (with minor safety exceptions) and less than one mile laterally from any geographic feature within the park.

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Development of this ATMP or a voluntary agreement is required to comply with the National Parks Air Tour Management Act (NPATMA) enacted in 2000. While commercial air tours have been operating over the Park prior to NPATMA and the federal undertaking, air tour operators were subject only to FAA's general safety regulations, Special Operating Rules for Air Tour Operators in The State of Hawai'i, and a Letter of Agreement that was signed by the National Park Service (NPS) and air tour operators in 1998 with voluntary measures including no flights over the Haleakalā Crater and a flight path across Kīpahulu. After 2005, air tours operated in accordance with an interim operating authority (IOA), also required by NPATMA, for which compliance with Section 106 was not required because it did not impose any conditions other than an annual limit on the number of flights. A 2008 Manual provided authorization for operators below 1,500 feet above ground level (AGL) to comply with requirements in the Manual which included details specific to the Island of Maui.

In initiating consultation under Section 106, FAA has stated that the baseline or existing condition against which it is assessing the potential effects of the undertaking is air tour operation prior to the implementation of the ATMP (i.e., following the interim operating authority and the 2008 Manual), not a condition in which no air tours operate. Currently, five operators hold IOA to conduct 20,145 air tours each year over the Park and within ½ mile of the Park's boundary, but FAA based its analysis on a three-year average (2017-2019) of commercial air tours, which is 4,824 tours per year. Currently, there are no designated flight routes and no no-fly zones that operators must adhere to; however, commercial air tours are generally concentrated south of the Haleakalā Crater and along the southern portions of the Park. Minimum altitudes range from 500 to 1,500 ft. AGL following the 2008 Manual, and are weather dependent and contingent on location over the island.

FAA, in consultation with the National Park Service (NPS) and consulting parties, including the Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Native Hawai'ian Organizations (NHO), members of the Park's Kūpuna consultation group, operators, and other consulting parties, delineated the Area of Potential Effects (APE), modified during consultation in response to consulting party comments and Park acquisitions, and identified 32 historic properties including cultural landscapes, historic districts, sites and structures, archaeological sites, and a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP). The identification effort focused on identifying properties where setting and feeling are characteristics contributing to a property's National Register eligibility, as they are the type of historic properties most sensitive to the effects of aircraft overflights. The majority of these are properties of religious and cultural significance to Native Hawaiians, significant for their association with Native Hawai'ian culture, traditions, and sacred uses. In particular, the Haleakalā Summit TCP, including the Kīpahulu Valley and Kaupō Gap, is individually eligible as a TCP for its association with native Hawaiian culture, traditions, and sacred uses. The exceptional stillness and serenity of the Summit of Haleakalā are significant characteristics of the TCP that allow Native Hawaiians to continue conducting traditional ceremonies, which require a quiet setting.

The ATMP proposes a reduction in air tours from existing conditions to only 46 percent of the three-year average, reducing the number to 2,224 flights with a daily limit of 14 flights across all operators. Further, the ATMP proposes conditions that require operators to fly on a single designated flight path with four segments within the ATMP planning area that *avoids noise sensitive resources, including historic properties* (emphasis added); set a minimum altitude and time- of- day restrictions that incentivize the use of quiet technology aircraft, establish regular no- fly days with allowances for additional temporary no-fly periods, prohibit hovering and circling, and require operator training, annual reporting, and meetings.

The FAA determined that the undertaking would have “no adverse effect” on historic properties, basing its finding on the aforementioned reduction in tours and other conditions, and because aircraft are transitory elements in a site or viewshed, meaning that effects would be relatively short in duration. The FAA recognized that noise and visual intrusions from air tours can be disruptive to traditional practices, and reiterated its assertion that these effects are temporary and transitory in nature, and would not result in a diminishment of the characteristics of the properties that qualify them for inclusion in the NRHP.

### ***ACHP’s Review of Finding***

Regarding the adequacy of documentation on the identification of historic properties (36 CFR 800.11(e)(3)), the ACHP finds that the FAA omitted identification of an historic property in its Finding of Effect (Exhibit 8: March 27, 2023 letter, Attachments B and C) that limit an accurate assessment of effects. In responding to comments in a November 28, 2022 letter from OHA, FAA states in its February 10, 2023 letter, Attachment 2, Response to Comments, that “for the purposes of the Section 106 assessment, the entire Park is being considered a TCP. However, due to the time needed to conduct a TCP study and the agencies’ December 31, 2023 deadline to complete an ATMP or voluntary agreement for the Park, a TCP study will not be accomplished.” If the FAA intended to assure OHA and other consulting parties that the Park is being treated as a TCP, considered eligible for the NRHP for the purposes of the FAA’s Section 106 review, it is unclear why the entirety of the Park is not identified as a NRHP-eligible TCP in the map (Attachment B) and table of historic properties (Attachment C) of its Finding of Effect letter or subsequent updates and whether the FAA adequately assessed effects to the Park as an historic property in its subsequent assessment of effects.

As it stands, the assessment of effects only appears to consider effects on historic properties from the proposed air tour route and buffer which cross the Park and ATMP planning area four times but stay outside the boundaries of mapped historic properties. If the mapping showed the Park’s entire boundaries as a TCP, consistent with FAA’s response to OHA, it would have shown that the four route segments do fly directly over an NRHP-eligible TCP, and in these areas, FAA does not meet its stated attempt to *avoid noise sensitive resources, including historic properties* as overflights of the Park as an historic property would continue and would not be avoided. Further, since the FAA has declined to commit to completing a TCP study with a thorough identification of resources contributing to the Park as a TCP, FAA cannot conclude that its proposed flight path for air tours would avoid effects from noise and visual intrusions to characteristics of the historic property that qualify it for inclusion in the NRHP.

In making its finding of “no adverse effect,” the FAA continues to rely on its interpretation of 36 CFR §800.5(a)(2)(v), stating its belief that it is only required to consider potential adverse effects caused by the introduction of audible or visual elements. FAA asserts that noise and visual effects of existing air tour operations are already present in the APE. The ATMP’s continuation of these activities does not introduce new elements and therefore should not be considered an adverse effect. However, as the ACHP has previously opined to FAA, this section of the regulations includes *examples* of adverse effects, but does not constitute an exhaustive list, as other changes may also result in an adverse effect. The FAA should also consider how its undertaking would increase effects from these activities on some historic properties.

The FAA’s documentation makes clear that its intent is to move air tours away from and avoid direct overflights of historic properties. The FAA acknowledges that the proposed flight path would shift the bulk of air tour operations to the south and may expose some historic properties to increased noise and visual effects. Any increase in effects from existing conditions, even if these effects are also temporary and transient in nature, represents the potential for adverse effect to historic properties which the FAA has not acknowledged in its finding, in part because it did not identify the Park itself as an historic property.

Because the FAA did not fully identify contributing resources within the Park TCP, it is not reasonable to claim that the concentration of flights in the southern part of the Park and ATMP planning area avoids effects to characteristics of the Park that qualify it for inclusion in the NRHP because the FAA does not know what these characteristics are and which resources contribute to its eligibility.

Accordingly, the ACHP recommends that the FAA reconsider its “no adverse effect” finding to be consistent with the threshold in 36 CFR §800.5(a)(1), which recognizes that an adverse effect finding is appropriate when such diminishment of integrity may result from the undertaking, but that diminishment does not have to be a certainty. Until FAA has completed a TCP study of the Park and determined where contributing resources are located, it cannot avoid the potential for adverse effects. The FAA should document its proposed conditions as commitments in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and consult further on the development of other measures, such as a TCP study of the Park, to resolve adverse effects on historic properties. Swift consultation and execution of an MOA would allow FAA to complete the Section 106 process in accordance with the court-mandated deadline for an ATMP at this Park. Further, an MOA would specify contingencies and Section 106 consultation procedures should the measures in the ATMP need to be changed, or additional adverse effects to historic properties are identified in the future. Should FAA revise its finding to adverse effect, the ACHP would accept the invitation to participate in the continuing consultation to resolve adverse effects.

We note that this is the FAA’s third request for dispute resolution for similar findings related to ATMPs; the ACHP previously also opined on disputed “no adverse effect” findings at Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The ACHP encourages the FAA to consider an after-action analysis detailing how the Section 106 reviews were carried out for each park to assess what may have led to this relatively high percentage of disputes and consider actions that would remedy ongoing and future Section 106 reviews as FAA completes the development of ATMPs at remaining parks (Bandelier National Monument, Lake Mead National Recreation Area and Canyon de Chelly National Monument). We understand that because FAA decided to prohibit air tours at both Badlands National Park and Mount Rushmore National Memorial, both in progress at the time the ACHP’s review was requested for the current dispute, that implementation of these ATMPs are not likely to generate disputes from among consulting parties.

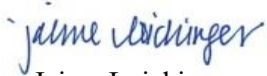
We note that FAA’s practice of holding separate meetings with consulting parties who objected to its findings may be one area that would benefit from a different approach. The ACHP previously advised the FAA that while the regulations require the FAA to consult with objecting parties, they do not limit that consultation to only the objecting parties. Consultation is most effective when it is open and transparent, and keeping all consulting parties apprised of efforts to resolve disputes is one method for doing so. It also ensures that all consulting parties are provided the same information and can understand other parties’ interests and positions within a Section 106 review.

In accordance with 36 CFR § 800.5(c)(3)(ii)(B), the FAA is required to take into account this advisory opinion in reaching a final decision on its finding of no adverse effect and provide to the ACHP, SHPO, NHOs, and other consulting parties its rationale and a summary of how this opinion was considered. If the FAA affirms its initial finding, once the summary of the decision has been sent to the ACHP and other parties, the agency official’s Section 106 responsibilities are fulfilled for review of this undertaking.



Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this dispute regarding effects to historic properties. If we may be of further assistance, or you would like to discuss this matter, please contact Ms. Rachael Mangum, at (202) 517-0214, or via e-mail at [rmangum@achp.gov](mailto:rmangum@achp.gov).

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## **NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

December 7, 2023

Re: Response to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Opinion Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5(c)(3)(ii)(B) on the Federal Aviation Administration's Proposed Finding of No Adverse Effect on Historic Properties from the Implementation of an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park (ACHP Project Number: 020182)

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Dear Ms. Loichinger:

Thank you for your advisory opinion dated November 20, 2023, in response to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) request for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) review of the proposed finding of no adverse effect for the undertaking (ATMP) at Haleakalā National Park (Park). After careful review of the ACHP advisory opinion, the FAA is confirming the finding that implementing the ATMP at the Park would have no adverse effect. The FAA respectfully disagrees with the rationale in the ACHP opinion for the reasons stated below.

### **Property Identification:**

The ACHP states that the FAA omitted documentation on the identification of historic properties, specifically failing to identify the entire Park as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) and in so doing failed to meet the documentary standards stated in 36 CFR § 800.11(e)(3). The FAA did identify the entire Park as a TCP eligible for listing on the National Register on Attachment C in the Finding of Effect letter and met the documentary standards in the Section 106 regulations. The entire Park was depicted as a TCP on the initial area of potential effects (APE) map that showed the ATMP planning area (*see* Exhibit 4 of the FAA's Request for ACHP Review letter, dated October 18, 2023). Through consultation, the APE was expanded to include areas beyond the ATMP planning area and the notation that the entire Park was considered a TCP was inadvertently left off the revised APE maps. The Haleakalā Summit TCP noted in Attachment C includes the entire Park. The FAA identified historic properties listed in Attachment C and

their significant characteristics through consultation. Specifically, in prior consultation SHPD identified the significant features included in the description of the Haleakalā Summit TCP in Attachment C in a January 3, 2007, letter to FAA, noting that the TCP included the Haleakalā Summit, Kīpahulu Valley, and Kaupō Gap, and that the “...summit as well as the larger National Park Boundaries clearly provide an “experience” of place...”.<sup>1</sup> While the significant features description in Attachment C could have clarified that the Haleakalā Summit TCP included the entire Park, it was noted in the body of the Finding of Effect letter, and the effects evaluation consistently noted the TCP in the discussion of each noise point. Section 800.11(e)(3), requires, in pertinent part, that the finding of adverse effect documentation include “a description of the affected historic properties, including information on the characteristics that qualify them for the National Register.” The FAA met those standards by identifying the characteristics of the Haleakalā Summit TCP in Attachment C and stating that the Haleakalā Summit TCP encompasses the entire Park in the Finding of Effect letter.

### **Assessment of Effects:**

The ACHP alleges that the FAA did not adequately assess the effects of the undertaking because the agency did not consider the entire Park as a TCP and the agency did not apply the correct standard in the regulation in assessing the effects of the undertaking.

The FAA acknowledges that 36 CFR § 800.5(a)(2)(v) provides examples of adverse effects and is not an exhaustive list. However, as the FAA explained in the Finding of Effect letter, in assessing the effects of the undertaking on historic properties within the APE, the standard the FAA used was whether implementing the ATMP would alter the characteristics that qualify the property for eligibility for listing or inclusion on the National Register in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.5(a)(1). Due to the nature of the undertaking, in determining whether an effect was adverse, the agency analyzed whether implementing the ATMP would introduce visual or audible elements or change the character of the property within the setting that contributes to its historic significance in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property. The ACHP suggests that “other changes” may also result in an adverse effect, however, the ACHP does not state what those changes are. Additionally, the ACHP suggests that the FAA consider how the “undertaking would increase effects from these activities,” but the assessment of effects shows that the undertaking would not cause an adverse effect on historic properties within the APE.

The ACHP alleges that had the FAA depicted the entire Park as a TCP on a map, “it would have shown that the four route segments do fly directly over an NRHP-eligible TCP [presumably the Park] and in these areas, the FAA does not meet its stated attempt to *avoid noise sensitive resources, including historic properties* as overflights over the Park as an historic property would not be avoided.” As stated in the Finding of Effect letter, the undertaking does not include land acquisition, construction, or ground disturbance and will not result in physical effects to historic properties. The undertaking also would not limit access to or change ceremonial use of Native Hawaiian sacred sites, ethnographic resources, or TCPs. The FAA focused its assessment on whether the undertaking would cause adverse effects, applying the standard in 36 CFR § 800.5(a)(1) rather than focusing the assessment on avoiding noise-sensitive resources.

As detailed in the Finding of Effect letter, the assessment of effects of the undertaking showed that on those days that air tour operations are authorized (under the ATMP there are approximately 104 no-fly

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<sup>1</sup> The FAA’s recent consultation efforts are included in the FAA’s request for ACHP to review its finding for this Park, Exhibits 1-10. While the current documentation goes back to the initiation of Section 106 in March 2021, the FAA also took prior consultation efforts into consideration.

days), noise intensity and/or duration is reduced over the *entire Park (i.e., the entire TCP)* compared to existing conditions. In other words, the assessment of effects of the undertaking showed that the implementation of the undertaking would not alter directly or indirectly any of the characteristics of any historic property within the APE, including the Haleakalā Summit TCP, that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association.

The ACHP contends that since a TCP study was not done to identify resources contributing to the Park TCP (Haleakalā Summit TCP), the FAA "cannot conclude that its proposed flight path for air tours would avoid effects from noise and visual intrusions to characteristics of the historic property that qualify it for inclusion in the NHRP." Although the FAA and National Park Service (NPS) agree that a TCP study could be beneficial, completing a study would not change the proposed finding of no adverse effect for implementing the ATMP at the Park. The undertaking only has the potential to adversely affect historic properties that have a quiet or natural setting, and/or viewshed as a character defining feature. As stated above, the evaluation of effects of the undertaking showed that noise intensity and/or duration is reduced over the entire Park compared to existing conditions. Because the ATMP reduces the number and the frequency of air tour operations over the Park, visual effects are greatly reduced as well. So even if a study was conducted and additional properties identified where setting and feeling and/or viewshed were significant characteristics of the property, implementing the ATMP would not cause an adverse effect on those properties.

#### **Consultation:**

The ACHP recommends that the FAA include all consulting parties in meetings with objecting parties when the agency is trying to resolve objections in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.5(c)(2). The stated purpose of consultation in 36 CFR § 800.5(c)(2) is to resolve objections. In accordance with that purpose, the FAA at its discretion, conducted consultation solely with the objecting party and found this to be the most effective method to resolve objections. The FAA agrees with the ACHP that "consultation is most effective when it is open and transparent and keeping all consulting parties apprised of efforts to resolve disputes is one method for doing so." However, in consultations where, as here, there are a large number of consulting parties (more than 60), the FAA found that there were more effective ways to keep consulting parties informed of the status and substance of consultations with objecting parties than including them in the meetings. With respect to the consultations the agency conducted with objecting parties for this undertaking, the FAA informed all objecting parties of the status of all objections once the consultations had concluded. Furthermore, in accordance with the regulations, the FAA notified the public as well as the consulting parties of the objections and provided them with access to the actual objection(s) and the agency's responses to them.

#### **Recommendations:**

1. The ACHP recommends that the FAA reconsider its no adverse effect finding and conduct a TCP study of the Park. For the reasons stated above the FAA affirms its finding of no adverse effect and respectfully declines to conduct a TCP study at this time. While the FAA and the NPS agree that conducting a TCP study might be beneficial, the agencies are required to bring the Park into compliance with NPATMA by January 30, 2024, and completion of both the study and the ATMP process cannot be accomplished by this court mandated deadline.
2. The ACHP recommends that the FAA consider conducting an after-action analysis detailing how the Section 106 reviews were conducted for ATMPs completed for other parks. The FAA will

consider conducting an after-action analysis to review the agency's Section 106 process for the ATMPs, identify best practices, areas of improvement and whether the Section 106 process was used appropriately by consulting parties, after the completion of all ATMPs or voluntary agreements for the parks.

3. The ACHP recommends that the FAA include all consulting parties in consultation meetings with objecting parties. For the reasons stated above, the FAA respectfully declines to include all consulting parties in consultation meetings with objecting parties.

After careful consideration of the ACHP's advisory opinion, the FAA is confirming its finding that the ATMP for Haleakalā National Park would have no adverse effect on historic properties within the APE.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Judith Walker at 202-267-4185 or [Judith.Walker@faa.gov](mailto:Judith.Walker@faa.gov) and copy the ATMP team at [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov).

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Enclosure

Exhibit 1 – ACHP Opinion Letter, dated November 20, 2023

### List of Historic Properties in the APE and Description of Historic Characteristics

Property Name	Property Type	Eligibility Status	Significant Characteristics
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape was designed by NPS landscape architects and constructed by CCC enrollees between 1930 and 1941. It is significant for its association with early park planning and the CCC and for its embodiment of NPS Rustic Style architecture. Significant characteristics of the district include its rustic design, historic trail system, the human manipulated topography to accommodate the trails, the viewshed from the trails of the crater and the ocean, and its continued use as a tourist circulation system.
Crater Historic District	District	Listed	Crater Historic District consists of 56 pre-contact archeological sites, including temples and burials. It is accessed for traditional uses by Native Hawaiians. Extant prehistoric stone structures, remains of workshop sites, other archeological remains, quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and the surrounding landscape are all significant characteristics of the district.
C-Shaped Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-03979)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site is located east of Pāhihi Gulch and consists of a C-shape wall that is two inches in diameter. Significant characteristics of the site include the wall's C-shaped design and stone materials.
Enclosures (SHPD ID 50-50-16-03980)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of the remains of a large enclosing wall and an attached rectangular enclosure. Significant characteristics of the site include its configuration and stone materials.
Haleakalā Headquarters Historic District Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Haleakalā Headquarters Historic District Cultural Landscape is significant for its association with early park planning and as an example of Mission 66-era development. It is also significant for its NPS Rustic Style design. The rustic design, building configuration, and surrounding landscape are all significant characteristics of the district.
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape includes a portion of the highway within the Park, which was designed by the Bureau of Public Roads (BPR) with input from the Park and NPS landscape architects, as well as several developments along the route. It is significant for its association with NPS master planning from the 1930s and Mission 66 eras and for its minimally intrusive design. In order to be minimally intrusive, the district's road, buildings, and structures were designed to decrease the visual and physical impact on the landscape; this design and the surrounding landscape are significant characteristics of the district.

Haleakalā Summit Traditional Cultural Property	TCP	Eligible	The Haleakalā Summit Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) encompasses the entirety of Haleakalā National Park. The Summit of Haleakalā, including Kaupō Gap and Kīpahulu Valley, is significant as a TCP for its association with native Hawaiian culture, traditions, and sacred uses. The exceptional stillness and serenity of the Summit of Haleakalā are significant characteristics of the TCP that allow Native Hawaiians to continue conducting traditional ceremonies, which require a quiet setting.
Hāna Belt Road	District	Listed	Hāna Belt Road includes a road and bridges to Hāna that were built between 1900 and 1947. It is significant as an engineering achievement and for its association with the development of the area that opened East Maui to further settlement, agricultural enterprises, and tourism. The road's winding and narrow alignment; surrounding scenery and viewshed featuring waterfalls, small villages, valleys, and sea cliffs; and stylistically consistent, one-lane bridges with sharp approaches are all significant characteristics of the district.
Hāwelewele Complex (Kailiili Heiau)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated <sup>1</sup>	The Hāwelewele Complex, also called the Kailiili Heiau, is located a quarter of a mile from the shore on top of a small hill in the center of a valley. The large heiau measures approximately 50 by 124 feet with walls that are 6 feet thick and around 4-5 feet high. Potential significant characteristics of the site include its materials and configuration.
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape is located just below the 7,000-foot elevation in the summit area of the Park and is the only drive-in campground in the area. It is significant as an example of a Mission 66-era development and for its experimental forestry plots that were planted by Ralph S. Hosmer in the early-twentieth century. Significant characteristics of the cultural landscape include the campground layout and design and surrounding landscape.
Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites	Sites	Eligible	Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites consist of archeological sites recorded within Kālepa, 'Alelele, Lelekēa, and Kukui'ula Valleys, including traditional Native Hawaiian dryland agriculture terraces and clearings, larger irrigated pondfield complexes for the production of kalo (taro, <i>Colocasia esculenta</i> ), and habitation and ceremonial sites. 19 <sup>th</sup> century enclosures representing mixed residences and agriculture (including animal husbandry) are also present. Significant characteristics of the sites include the extant remains of structures and complexes, their materials and configurations, extant material culture remains, the surrounding landscape, and a quiet setting and/or natural sounds.

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of Section 106, the FAA is treating identified but unevaluated properties as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Keakalauae Heiau	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Keakalauae Heiau is one of the largest of the Kaupō heiaus and is credited to Kekaulike from c.1730. Its greatest dimensions are approximately 168 by 330 feet. The interior of the platform has been utilized for a pig pen with walls built around it. Potential significant characteristics of the site include the heiau's configuration, materials, and natural sounds.
Kīpahulu Historic District	District	Eligible	The Kīpahulu Historic District is comprised of fragmentary structural remains of Hawaiian use of the Kīpahulu land in the pre-contact period through 1900 that indicate a substantial resident population engaged in horticulture and fishing in an isolated wet-valley Polynesian community. The archeological study of the remains may reveal the vicinity may have played a significant role in the colonization of the Hawaiian Islands by early Polynesian voyagers and settlers. The few Hawaiian families who continued to live along 'Ohe'o Gulch and stream after 1900 perpetuated traditional irrigated and dry-land horticulture and fishing activities. The people of Kīpahulu perhaps experienced a minor lifestyle change when organized Christianity invaded east Maui ca. 1850, and certainly did so after 1900 when Kīpahulu plantation imported laborers from overseas and began to clear and plow the steeply sloping lower flanks of Haleakala volcano on both sides of 'Ohe'o Gulch to grow sugar cane. The historical themes of Hawaiian land use, Hawaiian placenames, engineering for sugar cultivation on marginal lands, and overland transportation are represented by structures or their remnants. Significant characteristics of the district include extant material culture and structural remains, physical evidence of historic and prehistoric land use, association with the ocean, a quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and the landscape.
Lonoaea Heiau	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Lonoaea Heiau is a walled heiau located on top of a hill overlooking Waiuha to the west. Potential significant characteristics include the heiau's materials, viewshed, and natural sounds.
Lono'o'ai'a Heiau (Hale O Kane Heiau)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Lono'o'ai'a Heiau, also called the Hale O Kane Heiau, is an open platform that is 10 to 12 feet above the ground. Potential significant characteristics include the heiau's materials and natural sounds.
Mound (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08665)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of a partially-faced mound that was constructed of stacked stones and may have served as a historic cattle ramp. Significant characteristics of the site include its stacked configuration and stone materials.



Naholoku Archeological Sites	Sites	Eligible	<p>The complex of 18 archeological sites at 1,000 ft elevation in dryland Naholoku Ahupua'a dates as early as the 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> centuries and is significant for its potential to yield information, with at least three sites eligible for architecture/design. These latter sites represent structures that embody the characteristics of pre-Contact and late pre-Contact/early historical residential compounds and smaller agricultural heiau.</p> <p>Significant characteristics include the extant remains of buildings and structures; their materials, configurations, and design; extant material culture remains; physical evidence of historic and prehistoric land use, a quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and the landscape.</p>
Naku'ula Complex	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	<p>The Naku'ula Complex consists of three rectangular terraced platforms that may be heiau sites. Potential significant characteristics include the site's physical materials and a quiet setting and/or natural sounds.</p>
Nu'u Archeological Sites	Sites	Eligible	<p>Nu'u Archeological Sites consist of archeological sites, composed of pocket terraces, terraces, enclosures, cleared areas, modified outcrops, and mounds that represent an extensive traditional dryland agricultural complex for primarily sweet potato production, temporary shelters associated with agricultural activity, multiple permanent residential complexes, most of which date to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, specialized features/use areas for ceremony and lithic production. Significant characteristics of the sites include the extant remains of structures and residential complexes, their materials and configurations, mounds, extant material culture remains including evidence of ceremony and lithic production, physical evidence of historic and prehistoric land use, a quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and the landscape.</p>
Nu'u Petroglyph Complex	Site	Unevaluated	<p>The Nu'u Petroglyph Complex is a site covering 117 meters that is located on the beach at Nu'u Bay. It consists of 157 petroglyphs: 92 human forms, 3 animal forms, 3 names, and 59 undetermined images. Potential significant characteristics of the site include the petroglyph designs and configurations.</p>
Nu'u Pictograph Complex	Site	Unevaluated	<p>The Nu'u Petroglyph and Pictograph Complex is a site covering 117 meters that is located on the beach at Nu'u Bay. It consists of 40 pictographs: 16 human forms, 3 animal forms, and 21 undetermined images. Potential significant characteristics of the site include the pictograph designs and the materials used to create them.</p>

Nu'u-Waiu Complex, Hana	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Nu'u-Waiu Complex consists of several archeological sites composed of enclosures, partial enclosures, terraces and platforms, pits, pavements, house lots, walls, ko'a, trails, cairn, petroglyphs, a fishpond, rockshelters, and graves. Potential significant characteristics of the complex includes the extant remains of structures, their materials and configurations, other extant material culture remains, prehistoric and historic trail alignments, and physical evidence of prehistoric and historic land use.
Pictograph and Rock Shelter (Marciel's Pictograph)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	This site consists of a human figure painted with alaea (red salt) on a boulder that is located next to a rock shelter that once contained a burial. Potential significant characteristics of the site include the pictograph form and design, the use of alaea to create it, the rock shelter's materials, natural sounds, and any other extant cultural remains.
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	Sites	Eligible	Puhilele Archaeological Sites consist of archeological sites, composed of terraces, platforms, alignments, and mounds used for agricultural, residential, ceremonial as well as temporary shelter for fishing. Significant characteristics of the site includes the extant remains of structures, their materials and configurations, other extant material culture remains, association with the ocean, a quiet setting and/or natural sounds, and physical evidence of prehistoric and historic land use.
Pu'umaka'a Heiau	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	The Pu'umaka'a Heiau is an open platform type of heiau that consists of a series of rough terraced pavements. Potential significant characteristics include the heiau's materials and natural sounds.
Pu'unianiau Historic Site Cultural Landscape	Cultural Landscape	Eligible	The Pu'unianiau Historic Site Cultural Landscape is significant as a base camp used by the U.S. Army for the administration of the Red Hill Aircraft Warning Service Station at the summit of Haleakalā between 1941 and 1946. It consists of five historic buildings and structures and a south access road. The spatial organization of the site, which reflects the traditional conventions for military cantonments, and the 1940s military one-story buildings and structures are significant characteristics of the cultural landscape.
Terraces (SHPD ID 50-50-16-01133)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	These terraces are located on the west side of the Kalepa Stream. They consist of the remains of two rectangular enclosures, each with two end walls and one connecting wall about 50 feet in length. Potential significant characteristics of the site include its configuration and materials.

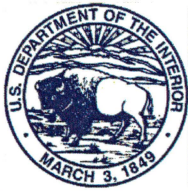
Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08663)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of a low wall near Kukui'ula Gulch that was built along the side of a steep stream channel. The wall is constructed of stacked and piled stones that terminates in an "L" on its inland end. Significant characteristics of the site include its configuration, stone materials, and location next to the stream.
Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-08664)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of a bi-facial wall near Kukui'ula Gulch that was likely constructed for drainage during the historic period. Significant characteristics of the site include its configuration and materials.
Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-16-03978)	Site, Structure	Eligible	This site consists of a single stacked boulder wall approximately 5.5 meters in length and 60 centimeters high. It is oriented north-to-south and likely served as a windbreak for a structure located in its lee. Significant characteristics of the site include its configuration, stone materials, and north-to-south orientation.
Wall (SHPD ID 50-50-17-08883)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	This site consists of a dry-stacked, core-filled rock wall that was likely constructed to mark the boundaries of a neighboring grant parcel to the west sometime after the sale of the parcel in 1854. Potential significant characteristics of the site include its configuration, stone materials, and location.
Walls (SHPD ID 50-50-16-01132)	Site, Structure	Unevaluated	This site consists of the remains of walls, one parallel to the shore and another parallel to the Kalepa Stream, which may be the remains of a house site. Potential significant characteristics of the site include its configuration, stone materials, and location next to the stream.

**Final EA – Additional Appendix Materials**

**Appendix H – Section 7 Consultation**

*Concurrence from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

*Concurrence from National Marine Fisheries Service*



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Subject: Informal Consultation for Haleakalā National Park Air Tour Management Plan, Maui, HI

Dear Michelle Carter:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received your request for informal consultation on May 15, 2023, requesting our concurrence with your determination that the proposed actions in the Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP), may affect, but will not adversely affect, the following threatened and endangered species:

- Ōpeʻapeʻa or Hawaiian hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus semotus*),
- Hawaiian forest birds, including the kiwikiu or Maui parrotbill (*Pseudonestor xanthophrys*), 'ākohekohe (*Palmeria dolei*), 'i'iwi (*Drepanis coccinea*), and 'alalā or Hawaiian crow (*Corvus hawaiiensis*),
- Hawaiian seabirds, including the 'ua'u or Hawaiian petrel (*Pterodroma sandwichensis*), 'a'o or Newell's Townsend's shearwater (*Puffinus auricularis newelli*), and the 'akē'akē or Hawai'i distinct population segment (DPS) of the band-rumped storm-petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*),
- Nēnē or Hawaiian goose (*Branta sandvicensis*),
- Hawaiian waterbirds, including the ae'o or Hawaiian stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus knudseni*), and the 'alae ke'oke'o or Hawaiian coot (*Fulica americana alai*), and
- Hawaiian sea turtles, including the honu or Green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Olive Ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), and honu'ea or Hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*).

## PACIFIC REGION 1

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The following species were determined by the action agency to have “No Effect” determinations and are not included in this letter of concurrence (see enclosure):

- Insects, including the Blackburn’s sphinx moth (*Manduca blackburni*), flying earwig Hawaiian damselfly (*Megalagrion nesiotetes*), and the Pacific Hawaiian damselfly (*Megalagrion pacificum*),
- Federally listed plant species.

This letter has been prepared under the authority of, and in accordance with, section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) as amended (ESA).

### **Project Description**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in cooperation with the National Park Service (Park), is developing an Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Park for commercial air tour operations. These commercial tours are defined as “a flight conducted for compensation or hire in a powered aircraft where the purpose of the flight is sightseeing over a national park, within ½ mile outside the boundary of a national park... during which the aircraft flies below an altitude of 5,000 feet (ft.) above ground level (AGL) or less than 1 mile laterally from any geographic feature within the Park (unless more than ½ mile outside the boundary).” On February 14, 2019, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and the Hawai’i Coalition Malama Pono filed a petition for writ of mandamus seeking to have the agencies complete air tour management plans or voluntary agreements at seven specified parks, *In re Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, et al.*, Case No. 19-1044 (D.C. Cir.). On May 1, 2020, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit granted the petition and ordered the agencies to file a proposed schedule for bringing twenty-three eligible parks, including Haleakalā National Park, into compliance within two years.

### ***Past and Current Commercial Air Tour Activity***

Based on reported data from 2017-2019, the average annual number of commercial air tours over the Park is 4,824. The flights currently conducted over the Park are flown at altitudes ranging from 500 ft. to 1,500 ft. AGL depending on location over the Park.

### ***Area Affected***

The area affected includes all areas associated with the proposed air tour management plan, including the Park and the land within a ½-mile boundary from the Park depicted in Figure 1 and Figure 2. The ATMP applies to all commercial air tours within the action area. A commercial air tour subject to the ATMP is any flight, conducted for compensation or hire in a powered aircraft where a purpose of the flight is sightseeing over the Park, during which the aircraft flies:

- Below 5,000 ft. above ground level (except solely for the purposes of takeoff or landing, or necessary for safe operation of an aircraft as determined under the rules and regulations of the FAA requiring the pilot-in-command to take action to ensure the safe operation of the aircraft); or
- Less than one mile laterally from any geographic feature within the Park (unless more than



½-mile outside the Park boundary).

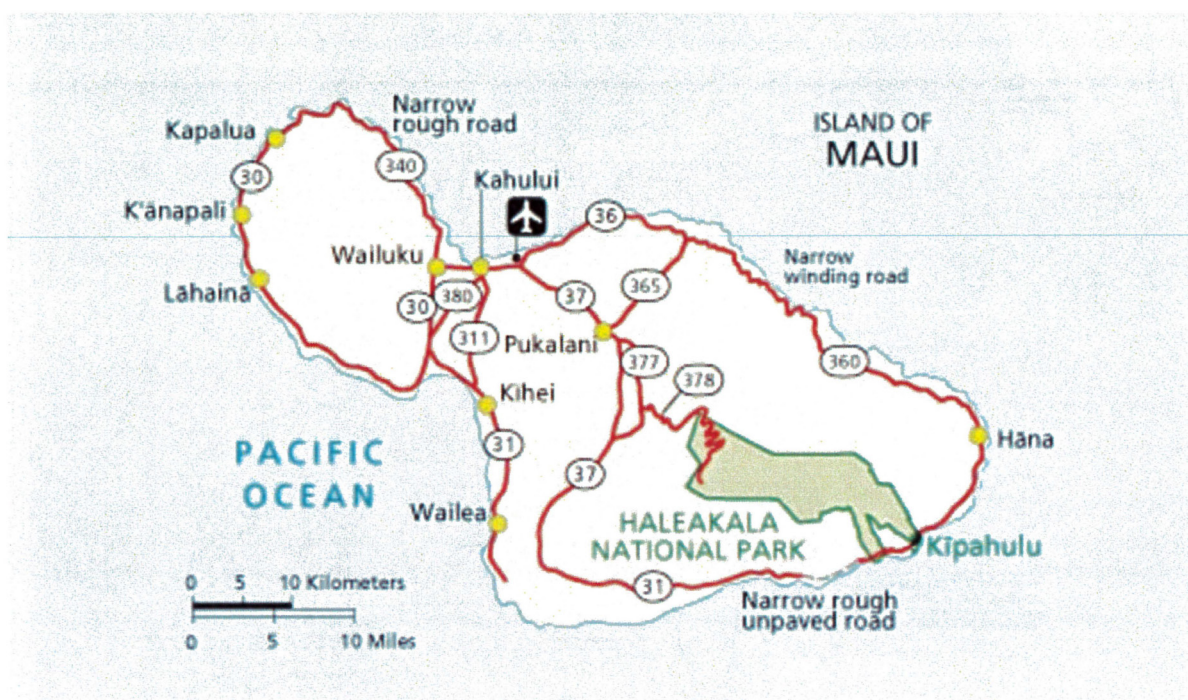


Figure 1. Map of Maui, HI and location of Haleakala National Park ([nps.gov/hale/planyourvisit/maps.htm](https://nps.gov/hale/planyourvisit/maps.htm))

### ***Proposed Action***

The proposed action is implementation of an A TMP for the Park which establishes conditions for the management of commercial air tour operations. The draft A TMP will remain in effect until amended, at which time the agencies would reinstitute consultation pursuant to 50 CFR 402.16.

### ***Commercial Air Tour Frequency***

The draft ATMP authorizes 2,412 commercial air tours over the Park each year, a 50% reduction compared with the existing number of flights. The draft ATMP requires aircraft operators to follow a single flight path with a minimum altitude of 2,000 ft. AGL over land and 3,000 ft. AGL over the ocean. The draft A TMP limits the number of commercial air tours within the action area to no more than 16 tours per day across all operators. Hovering and circling are prohibited. Resource condition monitoring and adaptive management of the draft A TMP would occur to ensure that the terms and conditions of the ATMP would continue to address park management objectives. The NPS would conduct periodic acoustic monitoring to ensure that the terms and conditions of the ATMP remain consistent with park management objectives.



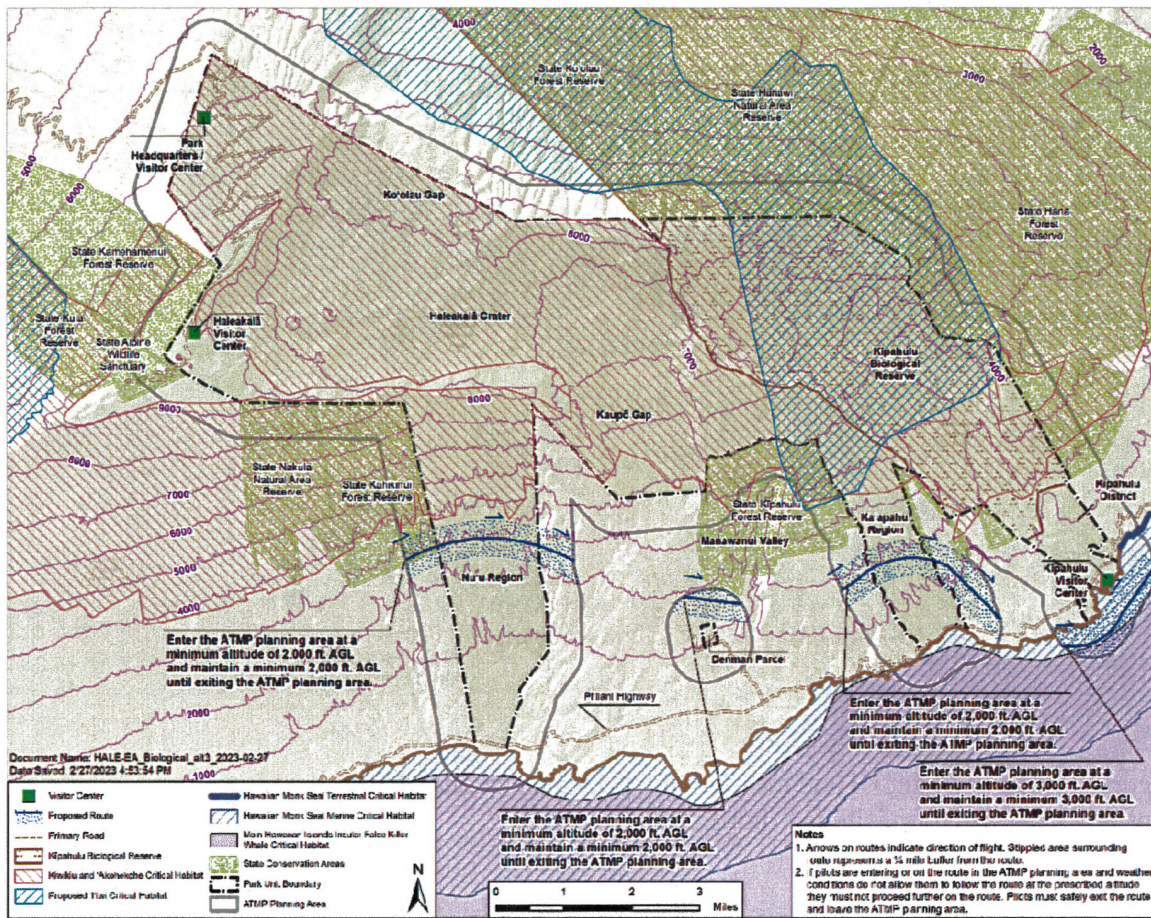


Figure 2. Commercial Air Tour Route at the Park under Proposed action.

### *Quiet Technology Incentives*

The draft A TMP incentivizes the adoption of quiet technology by commercial air tour operators. Operators that have converted to quiet technology aircraft would be allowed to conduct commercial air tours from 11 :00 AM to 4:00 PM (two hours longer than non-quiet technology aircraft) on all days that air tours are authorized. The draft A TMP would require that, by 2033, all operators exclusively use quiet technology aircraft to conduct commercial air tours within the action area.

### *Potential Stressors Associated with Proposed Actions*

The proposed action does not include ground-based activities. Therefore, potential stressors would be limited to noise and direct strikes. The draft A TMP would ensure that noise would not be constant and that there would be substantial time intervals between noise events from air tours by limiting the number of flights each day. The draft ATMP also ensures that large segments of the Park would not be exposed to air tour noise by establishing a designated air tour route.

Noise modeling predicts that the maximum sound pressure level (Lmax) generated by commercial air tours in the Park would be 65 dBA and would occur at the ‘Ohe’o Coastal site. The Lmax noise metric is event based and does not provide any context of frequency, duration, or timing of exposure.



The time above (TA) noise metric specifies the amount of time (in minutes) aircraft sound levels would be above a given noise level during a 24-hour period. TA35dBA and TA52dBA were modeled for the proposed action. Based on the modeling, aircraft noise levels above 35 dBA (TA35dBA) are predicted to occur for 30 to 45 minutes a day in 3% of the action area, and 58% of the action area would experience noise above 35 dBA for at least 0.1 minutes a day. Aircraft noise levels above 52 dBA (TA52dBA) are predicted to occur for 9.3 minutes across all points modeled, while 73% of points modeled would experience T A52dBA for less than 1 minute.

The FAA has established a significance threshold for noise that uses the day-night average sound level (DNL) metric (see FAA Order 1050.1F, Exhibit 4-1). The resultant DNL due to the ATMP is well below the F AA's threshold within the action area. As described in the *Noise Technical Analysis*, contours for equivalent continuous sound level (LAeq) show that the maximum value was less than 45 dB A and affected portions of the action area would generally be 35 to <40 dBA, representing 6% of the total area. DNL will be arithmetically three dB lower than the 12-hour equivalent sound level, and therefore less than 45 dB, as there are no nighttime events at the Park. Figure 3 compares common outdoor and indoor sound levels for context.

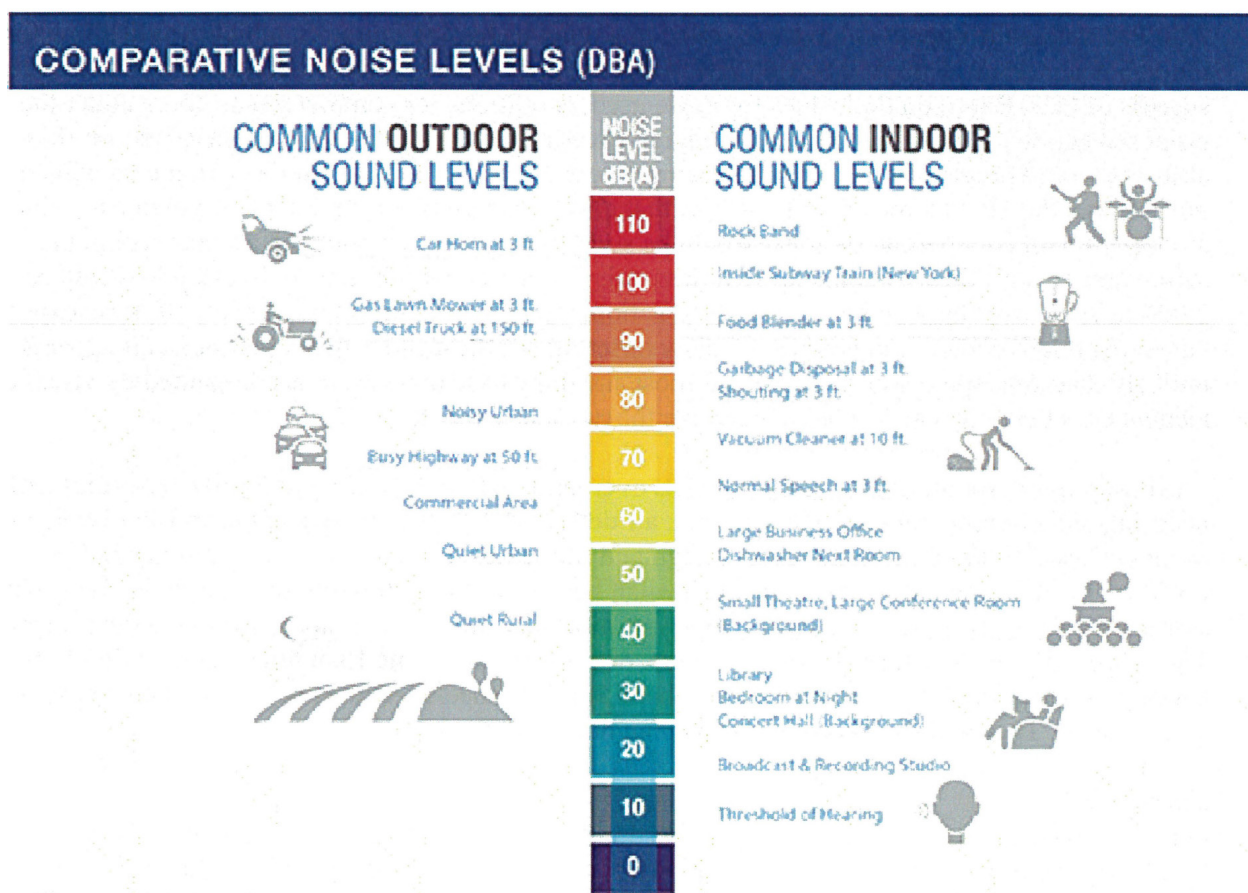


Figure 3. Comparative Noise Levels (FAA 2020)

## **Effects to Listed Species**

### ***Hawaiian Hoary Bat or 'Ōpe'ape'a***

Direct strikes and noise impacts are potential impacts to the 'ōpe'ape'a. The possibility of direct strikes is considered discountable because 'ōpe'ape'a are nocturnal and commercial air tours will occur during daylight hours only (between 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM or from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM if using quiet technology aircraft), so 'ōpe'ape'a would be roosting in trees during the time of day at which air tours occur, and therefore the risk of an aircraft striking a bat would be unlikely to occur. The risk of direct strikes around dusk when this species forages could increase for operators that use quiet technology aircrafts, as flights can be conducted later in the day. However, the risk of a helicopter strike will remain extremely low if operators convert to quiet technology aircraft because the minimum flight altitude would be 2,000 ft. AGL over land and most bat flights would occur near or below the tree canopy height. Therefore, the likelihood of an aircraft striking a bat is extremely low and the effects are considered discountable.

Bats could be intermittently exposed to commercial air tour noise while roosting in trees during the daytime and during the pupping season. Air tours would be limited during the hours of 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM unless the operators have converted to a quiet technology aircraft, which would allow for air tours to occur from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Anthropogenic noise has been found to reduce foraging success of bats. Based on the values for noise used, conditions for commercial air tours under the proposed action are unlikely to inhibit foraging success in bats. Additionally, restrictions on flight altitudes would prevent flights from occurring below 2,000 ft. AGL within the action area, which is greater than the 10 – 15 meters (33 – 49 ft.) that elicited a negative foraging response in bats. Noise associated with commercial air tours would be short in duration and could cause bats within the action area to shift their foraging areas to less noisy areas. The minimum flight altitude would be 2,000 ft. AGL over land under the proposed action, which would limit the intensity of noise exposure. Given the relatively low magnitude and slow onset rate of the air tour helicopter noise, it appears unlikely that 'ōpe'ape'a would abandon a roost site unless the noise were accompanied by visual or tactical cues that may cause a bat to perceive the noise as a threat.

The minimum flight altitude is 2,000 ft. AGL over land and the following activities are prohibited: hovering and circling, helicopter downwash, air deflected downwards by an aircraft rotor blade in motion. Based on the proposed project design and implementation of Service-recommended avoidance and minimization measures, Hawaiian hoary bats are extremely unlikely to be measurably disrupted from their normal behaviors. Injury or mortality of Hawaiian hoary bats would not occur. The proposed project will not disturb, remove, or trim woody plants 15-ft tall or greater during the bat-pupping season (June 1 through September 15) and barbed wire fencing will not be used above ground level. Therefore, effects to the Hawaiian hoary bat are insignificant.

### ***Forest Birds***

Forest birds could be exposed to intermittent sound and potentially by direct strikes. However, forest bird habitat generally occurs at high elevations. For the federally endangered kiwīkiu and 'ākohekohe, habitat is generally found above 5,620 ft. elevation. Although forest birds fly at altitudes high enough where they could interact with aircraft, this event is extremely unlikely. We do not expect forest birds would be struck by aircraft.



Noise from commercial air tours would not be chronic due to restrictions on the number of flights per day and the requirement of a designated route. In order to reduce impacts to forest birds a flight path was selected that mostly avoids many habitat areas staying below the 3,000 ft. elevational contour line as it crosses Nu‘u; below the 2,000 ft. elevational contour line at the Denman Parcel and through the Ka‘apahu region; and as the route crosses the Kīpahulu District, the flight path is directed offshore to avoid flying directly over the Kīpahulu Biological Reserve, which limits the intensity and duration of noise that could affect wildlife in this area. This route would result in 3% of the action area experiencing noise above 35 dBA for up to 45 minutes a day, with most areas of the action area at less than 15 minutes a day and many areas, including the Haleakalā Crater, not experiencing noise above 35 dBA.

The designated air tour route, caps on the number of daily flights, and time of day restrictions would limit the amount of habitat that is flown over and minimize noise impacts to these species. Based on implementation of these measures, any potential impact resulting from direct strikes would be discountable and impacts from noise would be insignificant. Based on the proposed project design and implementation of Service-recommended avoidance and minimization measures, Hawaiian forest birds are unlikely to be measurably disrupted from their normal behaviors and effects to Hawaiian forest birds are insignificant.

### ***Seabirds***

Direct strikes and noise are potential impacts to seabirds. Many seabirds are nocturnal, underground burrow nesters that travel to and from nest sites during the night. Direct strikes could occur if flights are conducted near dusk or dawn. However, under the proposed action, flights are restricted to only occur from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, or 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM if using quiet technology aircraft, so the likelihood of an aircraft striking a seabird is extremely low and the effects are considered discountable. Noise from air tours could impact seabirds during their nesting season. However, designated air tour routes, caps on the number of daily flights, and time of day restrictions would limit the amount of nesting habitat that is flown over and minimize impacts to seabirds during the nesting season. The flight path also allows lower altitude flight through a specific location over the Park; however, it is away from cliff-nesting seabirds of the Manawainui plateau. Therefore the effects from noise impacts would be insignificant.

Based on the proposed project design and implementation of Service-recommended avoidance and minimization measures Hawaiian seabirds are unlikely to be measurably disrupted from their normal behaviors. Any potential impact resulting from direct strikes would be discountable and impacts from noise would be insignificant. Therefore, effects to Hawaiian seabirds are discountable and insignificant.

### ***Nēnē or Hawaiian Goose***

Direct strikes and noise impacts are potential stressors to nēnē. Although direct collisions with aircrafts are possible, the probability is low based on the minimum altitudes proposed. Low level flight impacts from flights may flush and agitate and flush birds at nests. Temporary disturbance of the Hawaiian goose are observed by Park staff when air tours at current altitudes approach or fly low near areas where nēnē occur, causing nēnē to fly away. Noise can also impact nēnē during molting, flocking periods, and during their nesting season from October to April.

Under the proposed action, nēnē would be exposed intermittently to audible air tour noise. The minimum flight altitude of 2,000 ft. AGL and other provisions of the draft ATMP would limit exposure to the species. The amount of habitat that is flown over by commercial air tours is limited by the designated route, and the minimum altitudes and daily caps on the number of air tours would limit noise impacts.

Based on the relatively low magnitude and frequency of exposure, noise is not expected to affect the fitness of individual birds and any effects would be limited. Therefore, Hawaiian goose are unlikely to be measurably disrupted from their normal behaviors. We do not expect any nest failure, injury, or mortality of Hawaiian goose. Therefore, effects to the Hawaiian goose are insignificant.

### ***Waterbirds***

These species do not fly at altitudes high enough that they would be exposed to contact with aircraft used for commercial air tours, which must fly at a minimum of 2,000 ft. AGL over land. Therefore, direct strikes of waterbirds with aircraft are extremely unlikely. Several studies documented that noise from helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft can elicit behavioral responses including flushing and reduced foraging to various waterbird species at close elevations. However, the minimum flight altitude of 2,000 ft. AGL over land and other provisions of the draft ATMP would limit exposure to air tour noise. Based on the relatively low magnitude and frequency of exposure, individual birds exposed to air tour noise would be expected to return to their normal behavior shortly after exposure. Noise from commercial air tours is not expected to affect the fitness of individual birds of conservation concern and any effects would be insignificant. Based on the proposed project design and implementation of Service-recommended avoidance and minimization measures, Hawaiian waterbirds are unlikely to be measurably disrupted from their normal behaviors. Therefore, effects to Hawaiian waterbirds are discountable and insignificant.

### ***Hawaiian Sea Turtles***

Sea turtles hauled out on shore could be exposed to noise; however, it is unlikely this would elicit a response for individual turtles. Adverse effects have been noted as occurring to sea turtles when flight altitudes are 600 ft. or lower. We do not expect that sea turtles would be measurably disrupted by these flights because the noise levels of the proposed action are well below those found to show a behavioral response. Based on the proposed project design and implementation of Service recommended avoidance and minimization measures for sea turtles, sea turtles are unlikely to be injured, killed, or measurably disrupted from their normal behaviors. Therefore, effects to the sea turtles are discountable (extremely unlikely to occur).

### **Summary**

Based on the project description, the draft Environmental Assessment, the incorporation of Service-recommended avoidance and minimization measures for each of the listed species that occurs or could occur in the project action area, and our assessment of potential project impacts, we anticipate that the potential for adverse effects to listed species are insignificant (undetectable) or discountable (extremely unlikely to occur). We concur with your determination that these proposed activities may affect, but are not likely to adversely affect, the Hawaiian hoary bat, Hawaiian goose, Hawaiian waterbirds, Hawaiian seabirds, and Hawaiian sea turtles. Reinitiation of consultation is required and shall be requested if:

- New information reveals effects of the action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not previously considered;
- The identification action is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect to the listed species or critical habitat that was not considered in the written concurrence; or,
- A new species is listed, or critical habitat designated that may be affected by the identified action.

Thank you for participating with us in the protection of our endangered species. If you have any questions, please contact James Yrigoyen at [james\\_yrigoyen@fws.gov](mailto:james_yrigoyen@fws.gov) or by telephone at 808-490-1745 or Lindsay Asman, [lindsay\\_asman@fws.gov](mailto:lindsay_asman@fws.gov), 808-348-3394. When referring to this project, please include this reference number: 2023-0058768-S7-001.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

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Table 2. Listed Species and Critical Habitat Potentially Occurring in the Action Area

Birds - Scientific Name	Birds - Common Name	Birds - Status (Federal)	Birds - Critical Habitat in the Action Area (Y/N)	Birds - Proposed Finding
<i>Branta (=Nesochen) sandvicensis</i>	Hawaiian Goose (=Nēnē)	Threatened	N	NLAA
<i>Corvus hawaiiensis</i>	Hawaiian Crow (=‘Alalā)	Endangered	N	NLAA
<i>Drepanis coccinea</i>	‘I‘iwi	Threatened	Proposed	NLAA
<i>Fulica alai</i>	Hawaiian Coot (=‘Alae kea)	Endangered	N	NLAA
<i>Himantopus mexicanus knudseni</i>	Hawaiian Stilt (=Ae‘o)	Threatened	N	NLAA
<i>Oceanodroma castro</i>	Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (=‘Akē‘akē)	Endangered	N	NLAA
<i>Palmeria dolei</i>	‘Ākohekohe	Endangered	Y	NLAA
<i>Pseudonestor xanthophrys</i>	Maui Parrotbill (=Kiwikiu)	Endangered	Y	NLAA
<i>Pterodroma sandwichensis</i>	Hawaiian Petrel (=‘Ua‘u)	Endangered	N	NLAA
<i>Puffinus newelli</i>	Newell's Shearwater (=‘A‘o)	Threatened	N	NLAA
Reptiles - Scientific Name	Reptiles - Common Name	Reptiles - Status (Federal)	Reptiles - Critical Habitat in the Action Area (Y/N)	Reptiles - Proposed Finding
<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Loggerhead Sea Turtle	Endangered	N	NLAA
<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Green Sea Turtle (=Honu)	Threatened	N	NLAA
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Leatherback Sea Turtle	Endangered	N	NLAA
<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Hawksbill Sea Turtle (=Honu ‘ea)	Endangered	N	NLAA
<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	Olive Ridley Sea Turtle	Threatened	N	NLAA
Mammals - Scientific Name	Mammals - Common Name	Mammals - Status (Federal)	Mammals - Critical Habitat in the Action Area (Y/N)	Mammals - Proposed Finding
<i>Lasiurus semotus</i>	Hawaiian Hoary Bat (=‘Ōpe‘ape‘a)	Endangered	N	NLAA

Insects - Scientific Name	Insects - Common Name	Insects - Status (Federal)	Insects - Critical Habitat in the Action Area (Y/N)	Insects - Proposed Finding
<i>Manduca blackburni</i>	Blackburn's Sphinx Moth	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Megalagrion nesiotes</i>	flying earwig Hawaiian damselfly	Endangered	N	No Effect
<i>Megalagrion pacificum</i>	Pacific Hawaiian damselfly	Endangered	N	No Effect
Flowering Plants - Scientific Name	Flowering Plants - Common Name	Flowering Plants - Status (Federal)	Flowering Plants - Critical Habitat in the Action Area (Y/N)	Flowering Plants - Proposed Finding
<i>Argyroxiphium sandwicense</i> ssp. <i>macrocephalum</i>	‘Āhinahina	Threatened	Y	No Effect
<i>Bidens campylotheca</i> ssp. <i>pentamera</i>	Ko‘oko‘olau	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Bidens campylotheca</i> ssp. <i>waihoiensis</i>	Ko‘oko‘olau	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Bidens micrantha</i> ssp. <i>kalealaha</i>	Ko‘oko‘olau	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Calamagrostis expansa</i>	Maui Reedgrass	Endangered	N	No Effect
<i>Clermontia samuelii</i> ssp. <i>samuelii</i>	‘Ōhā wai	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Cyanea asplenifolia</i>	Hāhā	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Cyanea copelandii</i> ssp. <i>haleakalaensis</i>	Hāhā	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Cyanea glabra</i>	Hāhā	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Cyanea hamatiflora</i> ssp. <i>hamatiflora</i>	Hāhā	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Cyanea horrida</i>	Hāhā nui	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Cyanea kunthiana</i>	Hāhā	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Cyanea maritae</i>	Hāhā	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Cyrtandra ferripilosa</i>	Haiwale	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Gardenia remyi</i>	Nanu	Endangered	N	No Effect
<i>Geranium arboreum</i>	Nohoanu	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Geranium hanaense</i>	Nohoanu	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Geranium multiflorum</i>	Nohoanu	Endangered	Y	No Effect

<i>Gouania hillebrandii</i>	No Common Name	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Hibiscus brackenridgei</i>	Ma'o hau hele	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Ischaemum byrone</i>	Hilo Ischaemum	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Joinvillea ascendens</i> ssp. <i>ascendens</i>	'Ohe	Endangered	N	No Effect
<i>Melicope ovalis</i>	Alani	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Nothocestrum latifolium</i>	'Aiea	Endangered	N	No Effect
<i>Phyllostegia bracteata</i>	No Common Name	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Phyllostegia brevidens</i>	No Common Name	Endangered	N	No Effect
<i>Phyllostegia haliakalae</i>	No Common Name	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Plantago princeps</i> var. <i>laxiflora</i>	Kuahiwī laukahi	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Sanicula sandwicensis</i>	No Common Name	Endangered	N	No Effect
<i>Schiedea diffusa</i> ssp. <i>diffusa</i>	No Common Name	Endangered	N	No Effect
<i>Schiedea haleakalensis</i>	No Common Name	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Wikstroemia villosa</i>	'Ākia	Endangered	Y	No Effect
Ferns and Allies - Scientific Name	Ferns and Allies - Common Name	Ferns and Allies - Status (Federal)	Ferns and Allies - Critical Habitat in the Action Area (Y/N)	Ferns and Allies - Proposed Finding
<i>Asplenium peruvianum</i> var. <i>insulare</i>	No Common Name	Endangered	Y	No Effect
<i>Cyclosorus boydiae</i>	Kupukupu makali'i	Endangered	N	No Effect
<i>Huperzia stemmermanniae</i>	No Common Name	Endangered	N	No Effect
<i>Microlepia strigosa</i> ssp. <i>mauiensis</i>	No Common Name	Endangered	N	No Effect
<i>Phlegmariurus mannii</i>	Wawae'iole	Endangered	Y	No Effect





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May 31, 2023

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RE: Request for Informal ESA Consultation on National Park Service and Federal Aviation Administration Haleakala National Park Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) (I-PI-23-2149-DG; PIRO-2023-00700; INQ-2022-00301).

Dear Ms. Moore:

On May 15, 2023, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) received your written request for informal consultation on the  
proposed action to authorize the

Your request, including the biological evaluation assessment, qualified for our expedited review. It met our screening criteria and contained all required information on your proposed action and its potential effects to listed species and designated critical habitat.

We reviewed your consultation request document and related materials. Based on our knowledge, expertise, and the materials you provided, we concur with your conclusions that the proposed action may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect Hawaiian monk seals and their designated critical habitat.

This concludes informal consultation under section 7 of the ESA for species under our jurisdiction. A complete record of this consultation is on file at the Pacific Island Regional Office, Honolulu, Hawaii. Reinitiation of consultation is required and shall be requested by the National Park Service or by NMFS, where discretionary Federal involvement or control over the action has been retained or is authorized by law and if:

- a. Take occurs to an ESA-listed species;
- b. New information reveals effects of the action that may affect ESA-listed species or designated critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not previously considered;
- c. The identified action is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect to ESA-listed species or designated critical habitat that was not considered in this concurrence; or
- d. A new species is listed or critical habitat designated that may be affected by the identified action.

If you have further questions, please contact Joshua Rudolph at (808) 725-5147 or [joshua.rudolph@noaa.gov](mailto:joshua.rudolph@noaa.gov). Thank you for working with us to protect our nation's living marine resources.

Sincerely,

*Dawn Golden*

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CC: N. Gates, NPS  
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**Final EA – Additional Appendix Materials**

**Appendix I – Section 4(f) Analysis**

*Official with Jurisdiction Letter to National Park Service*

*Official with Jurisdiction Letter to Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)*

*Official with Jurisdiction Letter to Hawai'i Land Trust*



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## **NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

April 24, 2023

Re: Consultation under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. § 303) for the development of an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park

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Dear Natalie Gates:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS) (collectively, the agencies), are developing an Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) for the Haleakalā National Park (Park). The FAA is preparing documentation for the ATMP in accordance with the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (the Act) and other applicable laws, including Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Act (Section 4(f)). The purpose of this letter is to coordinate with you on FAA's preliminary findings related to the ATMP's potential impacts to Kīpahulu Valley Biological Reserve and Kīpahulu Point Park, which are protected properties under Section 4(f).

### **Project Background and Purpose of the Action**

The Act (Public Law 106-181, codified at 49 U.S.C. § 40128), directs the agencies to develop ATMPs for commercial air tour operations over units of the National Park system. A commercial air tour operation is defined as "a flight conducted for compensation or hire in a powered aircraft where the purpose of the flight is sightseeing over a National Park, within ½ mile outside the boundary of a National Park or over tribal lands, during which the aircraft flies below an altitude of 5,000 feet (ft.) above ground level (AGL) or less than 1 mile laterally from any geographic feature within the Park (unless more than ½ mile outside the boundary)." When the Act was passed in 2000, existing air tour operators were permitted to continue air tour operations in parks until an ATMP was completed. To facilitate this continued use, FAA issued Interim Operating Authority (IOA) to existing air tour operators. IOA set an annual limit of the number of flights per operator for each park. In 2012, the Act was amended by Congress to, among other things, require operators to report the number of flights conducted on a quarterly interval each year. On February 14, 2019, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and the Hawai'i Coalition Malama Pono filed a petition in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit Court for the agencies to complete ATMPs or voluntary agreements at seven specified parks. In *re Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, et al.*, Case No. 19-1044 (D.C. Cir.). On May 1, 2020, the Court granted the petition and ordered the agencies to submit a schedule to bring 23 eligible

parks, including Haleakalā National Park, into compliance with the Act within two years or to show specific, concrete reasons why doing so will take longer. Consistent with the Court's order, agencies submitted a proposed plan and schedule (Compliance Plan) on August 31, 2020. On June 21, 2022, the Court ordered the agencies to file a joint supplemental report and propose firm deadlines for bringing each of the parks included in the Compliance Plan into compliance with the Act. On July 21, 2022, the agencies filed their report and provided a deadline of December 31, 2023, to complete the ATMP for the Park.

Section 4(f) is applicable to historic sites and publicly owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges of national, state, or local significance that may be impacted by transportation programs or projects carried out by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and its operating administrations, including the FAA. Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (codified at 49 U.S.C. § 303(c)), states that, subject to exceptions for *de minimis* impacts:

“... the Secretary may approve a transportation program or project...requiring the use of publicly owned land of a public park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge of national, State, or local significance, or land of an historic site of national, State, or local significance (as determined by the Federal, State, or local officials having jurisdiction over the park, area, refuge, or site) only if –

1. There is no prudent and feasible alternative to using that land; and
2. The program or project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the park, recreation area, wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or historic site resulting from the use.”

The term “use” refers to both physical and constructive impacts to Section 4(f) resources. A physical use involves the physical occupation or alteration of a Section 4(f) resource, while constructive use occurs when a proposed action results in substantial impairment of a resource to the degree that the activities, features, or attributes of the resource that contribute to its significance or enjoyment are substantially diminished. Under the ATMP, potential impacts to Section 4(f) resources from commercial air tours may include noise from aircraft within the acoustic environment, as well as visual impacts.

#### **Description of the Proposed Action**

In accordance with the Act, the agencies are developing an ATMP at the Park. Commercial air tours have been operating intermittently over the Park for over 20 years. Since 2005, these air tours have been conducted pursuant to IOA issued by FAA in accordance with the Act. IOA does not provide any operating conditions (e.g., routes, altitudes, time of day, etc.) for air tours other than a limit of 25,827 air tours per year. The ATMP would replace IOA.

The agencies have documented the existing conditions for commercial air tour operations at the Park. The FAA and the NPS consider the existing operations for commercial air tours to be an average of 2017-2019 annual air tours flown, which is 4,824 flights. The agencies decided to use a three-year average because it reflects the most accurate and reliable air tour conditions based on available operator reporting, and accounts for variations across multiple years, excluding more recent years affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The proposed action is implementing the ATMP at the Park. The ATMP would prescribe operating parameters to mitigate impacts from commercial air tours on Park resources. The agencies considered three alternatives for the Park's ATMP. The alternatives considered include: the No Action Alternative,



representing a continuation of what is currently flown (4,824 flights); Alternative 2, which would not authorize air tours in the ATMP planning area;<sup>1</sup> and Alternative 3, which is identified as the Preferred Alternative, a 50% reduction in number of flights from the existing conditions and further described below. The FAA considered the potential for constructive use of Section 4(f) resources under all alternatives but focused the Section 4(f) analysis on the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 3). In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, the FAA determined through an initial assessment if the Proposed Action and alternatives would result in use of any of the properties to which Section 4(f) applies. The No Action Alternative provides a basis for comparison but is not considered a selectable alternative because it does not meet the purpose and need for the ATMP. Furthermore, the FAA consulted with the NPS on the potential for substantial impairment to Section 4(f) resources that would occur under the No Action Alternative, and the NPS determined that the No Action Alternative cannot be mitigated to avoid or prevent unacceptable impacts to Park resources including those that unreasonably interfere with ceremonies conducted by Native Hawaiian practitioners at cultural sites, Park programs, activities, the atmosphere of peace and tranquility, and the natural soundscapes in the Park's Wilderness areas. The FAA did not advance the No Action Alternative for detailed Section 4(f) analysis as the NPS does not consider it a selectable alternative. Effects to Section 4(f) resources under Alternative 2 would be expected to be similar or less than those under Alternative 3 as there would be no air tours authorized in the ATMP planning area under this alternative. Therefore, the Section 4(f) analysis does not analyze the potential for constructive use of Section 4(f) resources in detail under Alternative 2. Detailed analysis of Section 4(f) resources is provided for Alternative 3 (Preferred Alternative).

The following elements of the ATMP are included for the Park under the Preferred Alternative:

- A maximum of 2,412 commercial air tours<sup>2</sup> are authorized per year on the route depicted in **Attachment A**;
- The designated altitudes in **Attachment A** require minimum altitudes of 2,000 ft. AGL over land and 3,000 ft. AGL over the ocean;
- The aircraft types authorized for the commercial air tours includes: Aerospatiale 350BA, Aerospatiale 350B2, Eurocopter 130 T2, Eurocopter 130B4, and the Eurocopter 130B4. Any new or replacement aircraft must not exceed the noise level produced by the aircraft being replaced;
- Air tours may operate between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM local time, except as provided by the quiet technology incentive, on all days of the week except Sunday and Wednesday and designated no-fly days;<sup>3</sup>
- The number of air tours within the ATMP planning area is limited to no more than 16 tours per day across all operators;
- Operators are required to equip all aircraft used for air tours with flight monitoring technology, to use flight monitoring technology during all air tours under this ATMP, and to report flight monitoring data as an attachment to the operator's semi-annual reports, along with the number of commercial air tours conducted;

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<sup>1</sup> An ATMP regulates commercial air tours over a national park or within ½-mile outside the park's boundary during which the aircraft flies below 5,000 ft. AGL. This is referred to as the ATMP planning area.

<sup>2</sup> The number of commercial tours authorized under the ATMP is 50% of the 2017-2019 reporting average.

<sup>3</sup> The ATMP includes six no-fly days based on the Hawaiian Moon Calendar and Makahiki Season. Additionally, two historically significant Hawai'i State holidays are designated as no-fly days and do not vary from year to year: Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Day (March 26) and King Kamehameha I Day (June 11). The NPS can also establish temporary no-fly periods that apply to commercial air tours for special events or planned Park management.

- When made available by Park staff, operators/pilots are required to attend an annual interpretive training provided by NPS. The training will include Park information that operators can use to further their own understanding of Park priorities and management objectives as well as enhance the interpretive narrative for air tour clients and increase understanding of Parks by air tour clients;
- Helicopter operators are required to complete the FAA Introduction to Fly Neighborly training, in addition to the above NPS interpretive training;
- At the request of either of the agencies, the Park staff, the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), and the operators will meet once per year to discuss the implementation of the ATMP and any amendments or other changes to the ATMP; and
- For situational awareness when conducting tours of the Park, the operators will utilize frequency 122.85 and report when they enter the ATMP boundary to begin the route and upon completion of the route. The pilots will identify their company, aircraft, and route to make any other aircraft in the vicinity aware of their position.

The agencies are both responsible for monitoring and oversight of the ATMP.

#### **Section 4(f)**

The Section 4(f) study area for considering Section 4(f) resources for the ATMP consists of the commercial air tour route within the Park and ½-mile outside the boundary of the Park (ATMP planning area) as well as areas outside of the ATMP planning area between the Nu'u and Ka'āpahu regions of the Park, bounded to the south by the southern limits of the ½ mile buffer around the Kaupō Denman parcel, and the overland area between the Ka'āpahu and Kīpahulu regions of the Park. The Section 4(f) study area for Section 4(f) resources corresponds with the Area of Potential Effects (APE) used for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (Section 106) for the Park. See **Attachment A** for a depiction of the Section 4(f) study area. Historic properties were identified as part of the Section 106 consultation process. Parks, recreational areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges were identified using public datasets from federal, state, and local sources, which included the U.S. Forest Service. Each resource that intersected the Section 4(f) study area (i.e., some portion of the property fell within the Section 4(f) study area) was included in the Section 4(f) analysis.

#### **Potential Use of Section 4(f) Resources**

Evaluating potential impacts to Section 4(f) resources focuses on changes in aircraft noise exposure and visual effects resulting from implementing the ATMP. A constructive use of a Section 4(f) resource would occur if there was a substantial impairment of the resource to the degree that the activities, features, or attributes of the site that contribute to its significance or enjoyment are substantially diminished. This could occur as a result of both visual and noise impacts. The FAA evaluated the Section 4(f) resources for potential noise (including vibration) and visual impacts to determine if there was substantial impairment to Section 4(f) resources due to the ATMP that might result in a constructive use.

#### **Noise Impacts Analysis**

The FAA's noise evaluation is based on Day Night Average Sound Level (Ldn or DNL), the cumulative noise energy exposure from aircraft. As part of the ATMP noise analysis, the NPS provided supplemental metrics to assess the impact of commercial air tours on visitor experience in quiet



settings, including noise sensitive areas of Section 4(f) resources. The metrics and acoustical terminology considered for the Section 4(f) noise analysis are shown in the table below.

Metric	Relevance and citation
Equivalent sound level, $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$	The logarithmic average of commercial air tour sound levels, in dBA, over a 12-hour day. The selected 12-hour period is 7 AM to 7 PM to represent typical daytime commercial air tour operating hours.
Day-night average sound level, $L_{dn}$ (or DNL)	<p>The logarithmic average of sound levels, in dBA, over a 24-hour day, DNL takes into account the increased sensitivity to noise at night by including a 10 dB penalty on noise events occurring between 10 PM and 7 AM local time.</p> <p>Note: Both <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}</math> and DNL characterize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases in both the loudness and duration of noise events</li> <li>The number of noise events during specific time period (12 hours for <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}</math> and 24-hours for DNL)</li> </ul> <p>If there are no nighttime events, then <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}</math> is arithmetically three dBA higher than DNL as the events are averaged over 24 hours instead of 12 hours.</p> <p>The FAA's (2015, Exhibit 4-1) indicators of significant impacts are for an action that would increase noise by DNL 1.5 dB or more for a noise sensitive area that is exposed to noise at or above the DNL 65 dB noise exposure level, or that will be exposed at or above the DNL 65 dB level due to a DNL 1.5 dB or greater increase, when compared to the No Action Alternative (existing conditions) for the same timeframe.</p>
Time Audible Natural Ambient	<p>The total time (minutes) that aircraft noise levels are audible to an attentive listener with normal hearing under natural ambient conditions.</p> <p>The natural ambient is the sound level exceeded 50 percent of the time <math>L_{50}</math>, determined from the natural sound conditions found in a ATMP planning area, including all sounds of nature (i.e., wind, streams, wildlife, etc.), and excluding all human and mechanical sounds. Time audible does not indicate how loud the event is, only if it might be heard.</p>
Time Above 35 dBA	<p>The amount of time (in minutes) that aircraft sound levels are above a given threshold (i.e., 35 dBA).</p> <p>In quiet settings, outdoor sound levels exceeding this level degrade experience in outdoor performance venues (American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 2007); blood pressure increases in sleeping humans (Haralabidis et al., 2008); maximum background noise level inside classrooms (ANSI/Acoustical Society of America S12.60/Part 1-2010).</p>

Metric	Relevance and citation
Time Above 52 dBA	<p>The amount of time (in minutes) that aircraft sound levels are above a given threshold (i.e., 52 dBA).</p> <p>At this background sound level, normal voice communication at five meters (two people five meters apart), or a raised voice to an audience at ten meters would result in 95% sentence intelligibility (United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Noise Abatement and Control, 1974). This metric represents the level at which one may reasonably expect interference with Park interpretive programs, activities that require communication from a distance and other general visitor communication.</p>
Maximum sound level, $L_{max}$	<p>The loudest sound level, in dBA, generated by the loudest event; it is event-based and is independent of the number of operations. <math>L_{max}</math> does not provide any context of frequency, duration, or timing of exposure.</p>

For aviation noise analyses under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the FAA determines the cumulative noise energy exposure of individuals resulting from aviation activities in terms of the Average Annual Day (AAD). However, because the Preferred Alternative operations over the Park occur at low annual operational levels and are highly seasonal in nature, the FAA based the noise analysis on the number of aircraft operations for each aircraft and route proposed under the Preferred Alternative. This approach provides a conservative evaluation of potential noise impacts to Park resources, as well as Section 4(f) resources, under the Preferred Alternative.

The single air tour route authorized under the Preferred Alternative is modified from an existing route for the protection of the Park's natural and cultural resources and visitor experience, as well as for aviation safety reasons. The authorized route and designated altitudes ensure commercial air tours will fly no lower than 2,000 ft. AGL over land and 3,000 ft. AGL over the ocean. For the Park, the peak month average day (PMAD) under existing conditions, as derived from operator reporting, is 18 flights. For noise modeling, the number of air tours using these aircraft types and routes are representative of a 50% reduction in PMAD activity under existing conditions:

- Aerospatiale AS-350D, 3 flights on route shown in **Attachment A**
- Eurocopter EC-130, 6 flights on route shown in **Attachment A**

The noise was modeled for the acoustic indicators in the table and aircraft operations above using the FAA's Aviation Environmental Design Tool (AEDT) version 3e. Two types of analyses were performed using FAA's AEDT, Version 3e: 1) contour analysis and 2) representative location point analysis. A noise contour presents a graphical illustration or "footprint" of the area potentially affected by the noise. Location point results present the metric results at specific points of interest. The NPS provided a list of 44 location points, geographically located across the entire Park, where noise levels were to be evaluated (see **Attachment B** for a map of location points in relation to Section 4(f) resources). Contours were developed for the following metrics: 12-hour equivalent sound level, time audible for natural ambient, and time above 35 dBA. Location point analysis was conducted for the same set of metrics, as well as time above 52 dBA and the maximum sound level.

The noise analysis indicates that the Preferred Alternative would not result in any noise impacts that would be “reportable” under FAA’s policy for the NEPA.<sup>4</sup> Under the Preferred Alternative, commercial air tours are restricted to a single route with minimum altitudes of 2,000 ft. AGL over land and 3,000 ft. AGL over the ocean. The number of flights authorized in the Preferred Alternative is a substantial reduction from the three-year average for 2017-2019. The resultant DNL due to the Preferred Alternative is expected to be below DNL 45 dB and does not cause any reportable noise as there is no expected increase or change in noise from implementation of the Preferred Alternative.

Because the number of authorized flights under the Preferred Alternative would decrease compared to the average number of flights from 2017 to 2019, evaluation of the NPS supplemental metrics show that impacts to Section 4(f) resources would be an improvement compared to current conditions:

- On days when commercial air tours would occur, noise levels above 35 dBA (an indicator used by NPS to assess the potential for degradation of the natural sound environment) would occur for less than 15 minutes in 58% of the study area, less than 30 minutes in 25% of the study area, and less than 45 minutes in small portions (3%) in the southeast area of the study area.
- On days when commercial air tours would occur, noise levels above 52 dBA (which is associated with speech interference) are not anticipated to exceed 10 minutes in the study area based on an analysis of location point data. The highest modelled time above 52 dBA under the Preferred Alternative at the location point closest to each Section 4(f) resource is listed below. See **Attachment B** for further details of the location point analysis.
  - Kīpahulu Valley Biological Reserve: 9.3 minutes
  - Kīpahulu Point Park: 9.3 minutes

In addition, the Preferred Alternative would limit the operation of commercial air tours to 11:00 AM-2:00 PM any day of the week except Sunday and Wednesday, or other restricted periods, or extends operations until 4 PM if authorized by the agencies for operators that have converted to quiet technology aircraft. These time restrictions provide times when visitors seeking solitude may experience the Section 4(f) resources without disruptions from commercial air tours. The altitudes required by the Preferred Alternative, which would increase the minimum altitude by 500 – 2,500 ft. depending on location within the ATMP planning area as compared to existing conditions, would reduce the maximum noise levels at sites directly below the air tour routes. The Preferred Alternative also prohibits aircraft from hovering and/or circling while conducting commercial air tours over the Park. Collectively, these changes from existing operations and their effect on the current use of Section 4(f) resources would result in beneficial impacts to the Section 4(f) resources.

The FAA also considered the potential for vibrational impacts on Section 4(f) resources under the Preferred Alternative. A review of vibrational impacts on sensitive structures such as geological resources, historic buildings, parklands, and forests suggests that the potential for damage resulting from helicopter overflights is minimal, as the fundamental blade passage frequency is well above the natural frequency of these structures. Additionally, the vibration amplitude of these overflights at the

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<sup>4</sup> Per FAA Order 1050.1F, the FAA refers to noise changes meeting the following criteria as “reportable”: for DNL 65 dB and higher, ± DNL 1.5 dB; for DNL 60 dB to <65 dB, ± DNL 3 dB; for DNL 45 dB to <60 dB, ± DNL 5 dB. See 1050.1F Desk Reference, Section 11.3.



altitudes prescribed in the Preferred Alternative would be well below recommended limits.<sup>5, 6</sup> Vibrational impacts are not anticipated to affect surrounding parkland and state forest areas given that aircraft overflights do not contain vibrational energy at levels which would affect outdoor areas or natural features and there is no substantial change from existing conditions.

As a result, FAA concludes there would be no substantial impairment of Section 4(f) resources in the Section 4(f) study area from noise-related and vibrational effects by the implementation of Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative would not result in significant or reportable increase in noise at the Park and would likely provide beneficial impacts to Section 4(f) resources. Likewise, vibrational impacts from air tour overflights would be minimal. These findings support the FAA's determination that implementation of the Proposed Action would not constitute a constructive use of Section 4(f) resources in the Section 4(f) study area.

### **Visual Impacts Analysis**

Recognizing that some types of Section 4(f) resources may be affected by visual effects of commercial air tours, the FAA and NPS considered the potential for the introduction of visual elements that could substantially diminish the significance or enjoyment of Section 4(f) resources in the Section 4(f) study area. The Preferred Alternative limits the number of commercial air tours to 2,412 flights per year and up to 16 flights per day across six operators. The Preferred Alternative also restricts all air tour operators to a single route at increased altitudes as compared to existing conditions and includes no-fly days in accordance with historically and culturally significant days. The ATMP also allows the Park to establish no-fly periods for special events or planned Park management.

Visual impacts to Section 4(f) resources would be similar or less to impacts currently occurring because the number of authorized flights under the Preferred Alternative will be considerably less than the average number of flights from 2017-2019 and there will only be one route. The ATMP would not introduce visual elements or result in visual impacts that would substantially diminish the activities, features or attributes of a Section 4(f) resource. Therefore, there would be no constructive use from visual impacts to Section 4(f) resources.

### **Preliminary Finding**

The FAA has preliminarily determined the Preferred Alternative would not substantially diminish the protected activities, features, or attributes of the Section 4(f) resources in the Section 4(f) study area. The changes from existing conditions and their effect on Section 4(f) resources would result in beneficial impacts to the Section 4(f) resources under the Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative would not result in substantial impairment of Section 4(f) resources; therefore, based on the analysis above, FAA intends to make a determination of no constructive use of Kīpahulu Valley Biological Reserve and Kīpahulu Point Park. We request that you review this information and respond with any concerns or

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<sup>5</sup> Hanson, C.E., King, K.W., et al., "Aircraft Noise Effects on Cultural Resources: Review of Technical Literature," NPOA Report No. 91-3 (HMMH Report No.290940.04-1), September 1991.

<sup>6</sup> Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, Department of Transportation, 2014. Literature Review: Vibration of Natural Structures and Ancient/Historical Dwellings, Internal Report for National Park Service, Natural Sounds and Night Skies Division, August 21, 2014.

need for further consultation on the FAA's preliminary proposed no substantial impairment finding within fourteen days of receiving this letter.

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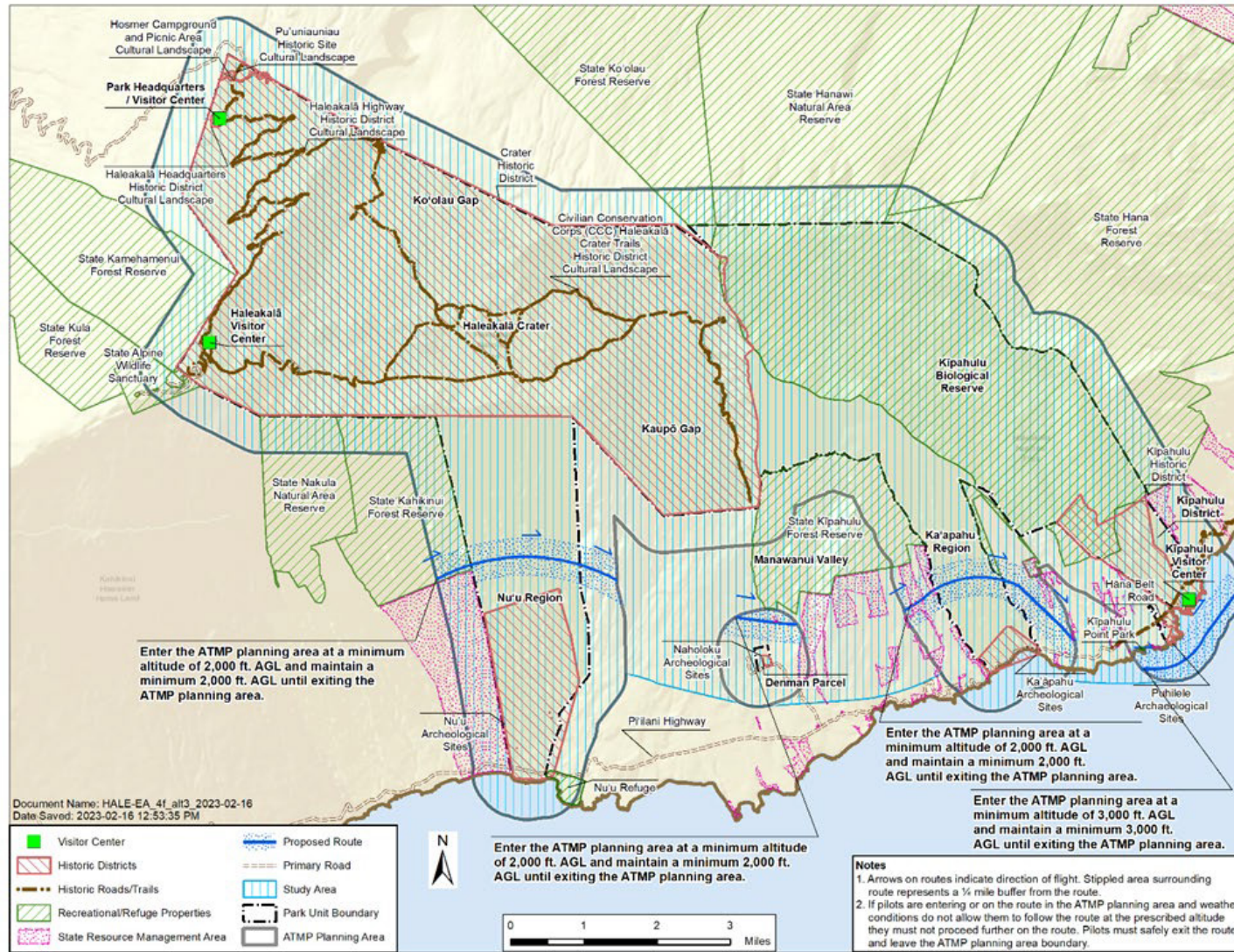
Attachments

- A. Map including proposed Commercial Air Tour Routes, Section 4(f) Study Area, and Section 4(f) Resources
- B. Section 4(f) location point analysis



## ATTACHMENT A

### Map of Proposed Commercial Air Tour Routes, Section 4(f) Study Area, and Section 4(f) Resources





## ATTACHMENT B

### Section 4(f) Location Point Analysis

To assess time above 52 dBA at Section 4(f) resources under the Preferred Alternative, location points within 1.5 miles of each Section 4(f) resource were identified (Figure 1). The time above 52 dBA at location points and the range of time above 52 dBA at Section 4(f) resources based on nearby location points were then calculated and reported as high and low values. Table 1 shows the low and high modelled time above 52 dB values under the Preferred Alternative at each Section 4(f) resource. Table 2 shows the distance between each Section 4(f) resource and nearby location point and the time above 52 dB at the corresponding location point. A distance of 0.00 miles indicates that the location point falls within the Section 4(f) property. The longest time above 52 dB in the study area is 9.30 minutes.

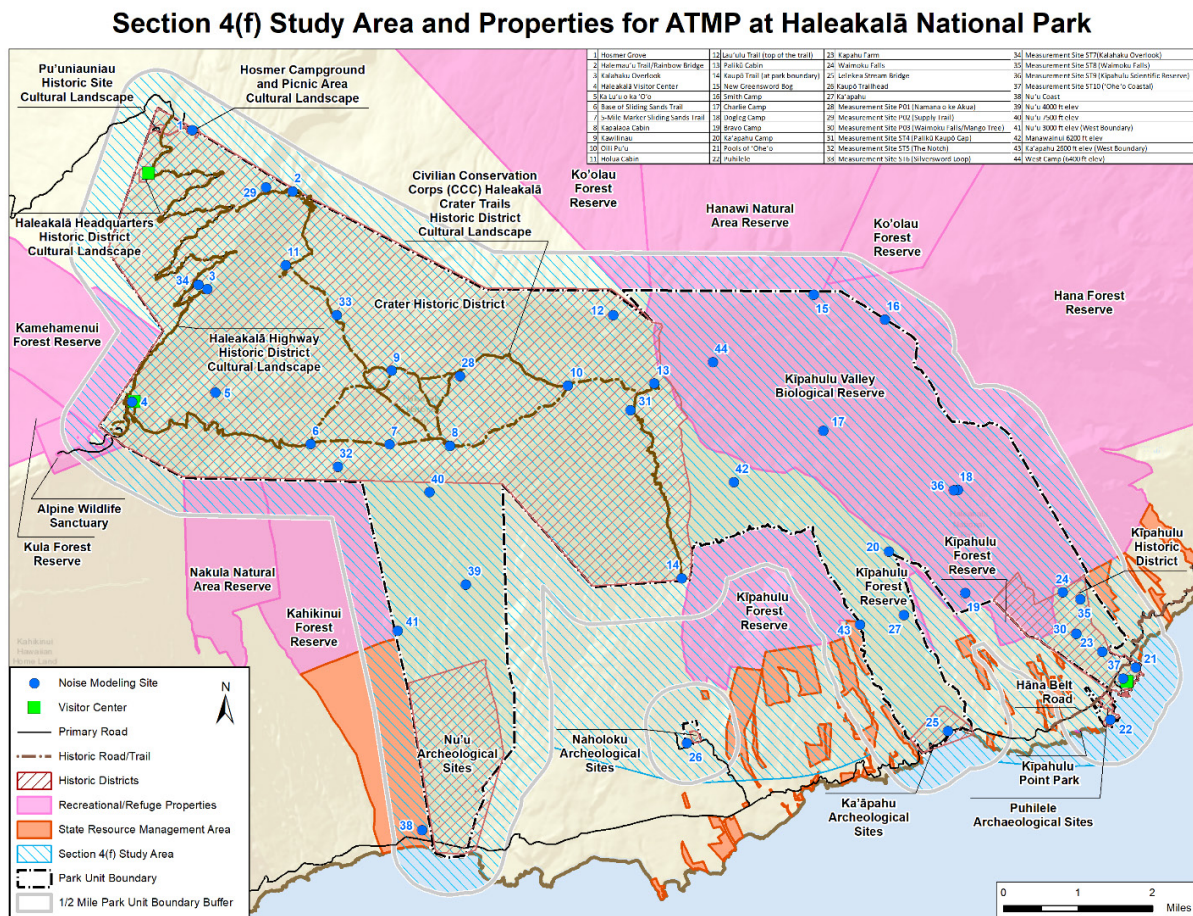


Figure 1. Section 4(f) resources and location points in the study area.



Table 1. Low and high modelled values for Time Above 52 dB under the Preferred Alternative for Section 4(f) resources

Section 4(f) Resource	Time Above 52 dBA – Low (minutes)	Time Above 52 dBA – High (minutes)
Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary	0.00	0.00
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	0.00	4.90
Haleakalā Headquarters Historic District Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Hāna Belt Road	0.00	9.30
Hana Forest Reserve	0.00	9.30
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	0.00	0.00
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites	2.70	6.60
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	0.00	4.90
Kamehamehame Forest Reserve	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	0.00	9.30
Kīpahulu Historic District	0.00	9.30
Kīpahulu Point Park	2.70	9.30
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	0.00	9.30
Koolau Forest Reserve	0.00	0.00
Kula Forest Reserve	0.00	0.00
Naholoku Archeological Sites	4.10	4.10
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	0.00	0.00
Nu'u Archeological Sites	0.00	4.90
Nu'u Refuge	0.00	0.00
Pu'uniauniau Historic Site Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	0.00	9.30
State Department of Land State Resource Management Area	0.00	9.30

Table 2. Section 4(f) resources and corresponding location point data for air tours under the Preferred Alternative

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.53	0.00
Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	1.42	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	1.22	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	2	Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	0.01	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	3	Kalahaku Overlook	0.98	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.03	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0.39	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	6	Base of Sliding Sands Trail	0.02	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	7	5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	0.00	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	8	Kapalaoa Cabin	0.00	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	9	Kawilinau	0.00	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	10	Oili Pu'u	0.01	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	11	Holua Cabin	0.00	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.86	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	13	Palikū Cabin	0.03	0.00

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	14	Kaupō Trail (at Park boundary)	0.06	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	28	Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	0.06	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	29	Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0.07	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	31	Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	0.03	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	32	Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	0.35	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	33	Measurement Site ST6 (Sword Loop)	0.04	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	34	Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	1.09	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	40	Nu'u 7500 ft. elev.	0.68	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	42	Manawainui 6200 ft. elev.	0.93	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	44	West Camp (6400 ft. elev.)	0.80	0.00
Crater Historic District	1	Hosmer Grove	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	2	Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	3	Kalahaku Overlook	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	6	Base of Sliding Sands Trail	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	7	5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	8	Kapalaoa Cabin	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	9	Kawilinau	0.00	0.00

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Crater Historic District	10	Oili Pu'u	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	11	Holua Cabin	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	13	Palikū Cabin	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	14	Kaupō Trail (at Park boundary)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	28	Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	29	Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	31	Measurement Site ST4 ( Palikū Kaupō Gap)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	32	Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	33	Measurement Site ST6 (Silversword Loop)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	34	Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	39	Nu'u 4000 ft. elev.	1.26	4.90
Crater Historic District	40	Nu'u 7500 ft. elev.	0.14	0.00
Crater Historic District	42	Manawainui 6200 ft. elev.	0.59	0.00
Crater Historic District	44	West Camp (6400 ft. elev.)	0.63	0.00
Haleakalā Headquarters Historic District Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	0.78	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	0.32	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	2	Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	0.82	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	3	Kalahaku Overlook	0.00	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.00	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0.97	0.00



Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	11	Holua Cabin	0.69	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	29	Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0.50	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	34	Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	0.07	0.00
Hāna Belt Road	21	Pools of Oheo	0.09	7.90
Hāna Belt Road	22	Puhilele	0.32	8.20
Hāna Belt Road	23	Kapahu Farm	0.33	2.80
Hāna Belt Road	24	Waimoku Falls	1.09	0.00
Hāna Belt Road	25	Lelekea Stream Bridge	1.33	2.70
Hāna Belt Road	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.75	2.70
Hāna Belt Road	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.84	0.00
Hāna Belt Road	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	0.10	9.30
Hāna Forest Reserve	15	New Greensword Bog	0.12	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	16	Smith Camp	0.01	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	18	Dogleg Camp	0.91	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	21	Pools of Oheo	1.43	7.90
Hāna Forest Reserve	23	Kapahu Farm	1.08	2.80
Hāna Forest Reserve	24	Waimoku Falls	0.43	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.83	2.70
Hāna Forest Reserve	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.37	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	36	Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	0.92	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	1.50	9.30
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.61	0.00

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	13	Palikū Cabin	1.25	0.00
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	15	New Greensword Bog	0.05	0.00
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	16	Smith Camp	0.92	0.00
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	44	West Camp (6400 ft elev)	0.96	0.00
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	0.00	0.00
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	2	Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	1.46	0.00
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	29	Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	1.14	0.00
Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites	25	Lelekea Stream Bridge	0.00	2.70
Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites	27	Ka'apahu	1.32	6.60
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	1.31	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	6	Base of Sliding Sands Trail	0.48	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	7	5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	0.62	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	8	Kapalaoa Cabin	1.28	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	32	Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	0.19	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	39	Nu'u 4000 ft. elev.	1.07	4.90
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	40	Nu'u 7500 ft. elev.	0.86	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	41	Nu'u 3000 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.04	4.10
Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve	3	Kalahaku Overlook	0.85	0.00
Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.18	0.00
Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	1.04	0.00
Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve	34	Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	0.82	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	14	Kaupō Trail (at Park boundary)	0.11	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	17	Charlie Camp	1.30	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	18	Dogleg Camp	1.16	0.00

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	19	Bravo Camp	0.26	2.40
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	20	Ka'apahu Camp	0.08	0.30
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	23	Kapahu Farm	1.03	2.80
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	24	Waimoku Falls	0.74	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	25	Lelekea Stream Bridge	1.03	2.70
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	26	Kaupō Trailhead	0.80	4.10
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	27	Ka'apahu	0.15	6.60
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.65	2.70
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.86	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	36	Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	1.13	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	1.41	9.30
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	42	Manawainui 6200 ft. elev.	0.63	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	43	Ka'apahu 2600 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.05	3.90
Kīpahulu Historic District	18	Dogleg Camp	1.37	0.00
Kīpahulu Historic District	19	Bravo Camp	0.39	2.40
Kīpahulu Historic District	21	Pools of Oheo	0.00	7.90
Kīpahulu Historic District	22	Puhilele	0.35	8.20
Kīpahulu Historic District	23	Kapahu Farm	0.00	2.80
Kīpahulu Historic District	24	Waimoku Falls	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Historic District	27	Ka'apahu	1.22	6.60
Kīpahulu Historic District	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.00	2.70
Kīpahulu Historic District	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Historic District	36	Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	1.40	0.00



Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Kīpahulu Historic District	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	0.00	9.30
Kīpahulu Point Park	21	Pools of Oheo	1.12	7.90
Kīpahulu Point Park	22	Puhilele	0.43	8.20
Kīpahulu Point Park	23	Kapahu Farm	1.10	2.80
Kīpahulu Point Park	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	1.29	2.70
Kīpahulu Point Park	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	0.91	9.30
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	10	Oili Pu'u	1.24	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.44	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	13	Palikū Cabin	0.17	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	15	New Greensword Bog	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	16	Smith Camp	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	17	Charlie Camp	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	18	Dogleg Camp	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	19	Bravo Camp	0.00	2.40
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	20	Ka'apahu Camp	0.16	0.30
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	21	Pools of Oheo	1.16	7.90
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	22	Puhilele	1.39	8.20
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	23	Kapahu Farm	0.67	2.80
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	24	Waimoku Falls	0.10	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	27	Ka'apahu	0.58	6.60
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.25	2.70
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	31	Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	0.62	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.25	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	36	Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	1.09	9.30

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	42	Manawainui 6200 ft. elev.	0.31	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	43	Ka'apahu 2600 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	1.08	3.90
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	44	West Camp (6400 ft. elev.)	0.00	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	10	Oili Pu'u	1.48	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.36	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	13	Palikū Cabin	1.25	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	15	New Greensword Bog	0.22	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	16	Smith Camp	0.61	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	44	West Camp (6400 ft elev)	1.27	0.00
Kula Forest Reserve	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.83	0.00
Naholoku Archeological Sites	26	Kaupō Trailhead	0.08	4.10
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	1.23	0.00
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	1.15	0.00
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	6	Base of Sliding Sands Trail	0.82	0.00
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	32	Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	1.04	0.00
Nu'u Archeological Sites	38	Nu'u Coast	0.13	0.00
Nu'u Archeological Sites	39	Nu'u 4000 ft. elev.	1.03	4.90
Nu'u Archeological Sites	41	Nu'u 3000 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.71	4.10
Nu'u Refuge	38	Nu'u Coast	0.67	0.00
Pu'uniauniau Historic Site Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	0.37	0.00
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	21	Pools of Oheo	0.52	7.90
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	22	Puhilele	0.00	8.20
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	23	Kapahu Farm	0.55	2.80
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	24	Waimoku Falls	1.46	0.00
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.88	2.70
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	1.29	0.00

<b>Section 4(f) Resource</b>	<b>Location Point ID</b>	<b>Location Point Name</b>	<b>Distance to Location Point (Miles)</b>	<b>Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)</b>
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal )	0.30	9.30
State Department of Land State Resource Management Area (SRMA)	14	Kaupo Trail (at Park boundary)	1.41	0.00
State Department of Land SRMA	19	Bravo Camp	0.56	2.40
State Department of Land SRMA	20	Ka'apahu Camp	1.02	0.30
State Department of Land SRMA	21	Pools of Oheo	0.13	7.90
State Department of Land SRMA	22	Puhilele	0.19	8.20
State Department of Land SRMA	23	Kapahu Farm	0.37	2.80
State Department of Land SRMA	24	Waimoku Falls	0.34	0.00
State Department of Land SRMA	25	Lelekea Stream Bridge	0.44	2.70
State Department of Land SRMA	26	Kaupo Trail head	0.53	4.10
State Department of Land SRMA	27	Ka'apahu	0.60	6.60
State Department of Land SRMA	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.36	2.70
State Department of Land SRMA	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.21	0.00
State Department of Land SRMA	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	0.34	9.30
State Department of Land SRMA	38	Nu'u Coast	0.00	0.00
State Department of Land SRMA	39	Nu'u 4000 ft. elev.	1.18	4.90
State Department of Land SRMA	41	Nu'u 3000 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.10	4.10
State Department of Land SRMA	43	Ka'apahu 2600 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.01	3.90



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## **NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

April 24, 2023

Re: Consultation under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. § 303) for the development of an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park

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Dear Dawn Chang:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS) (collectively, the agencies), are developing an Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) for the Haleakalā National Park (Park). The FAA is preparing documentation for the ATMP in accordance with the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (the Act) and other applicable laws, including Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Act (Section 4(f)). The purpose of this letter is to coordinate with you on FAA's preliminary findings related to the ATMP's potential impacts to Nakula Natural Area Reserve, Hāna Forest Reserve, Kahikinui Forest Reserve, Kīpahulu Forest Reserve, Ko'olau Forest Reserve, Kula Forest Reserve, Hanawi Natural Area Reserve, Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary, Kamehamehū Forest Reserve, and the State Resource Management Area (SRMA), which are protected properties under Section 4(f).

### **Project Background and Purpose of the Action**

The Act (Public Law 106-181, codified at 49 U.S.C. § 40128), directs the agencies to develop ATMPs for commercial air tour operations over units of the National Park system. A commercial air tour operation is defined as "a flight conducted for compensation or hire in a powered aircraft where the purpose of the flight is sightseeing over a National Park, within ½ mile outside the boundary of a National Park or over tribal lands, during which the aircraft flies below an altitude of 5,000 feet (ft.) above ground level (AGL) or less than 1 mile laterally from any geographic feature within the Park (unless more than ½ mile outside the boundary)." When the Act was passed in 2000, existing air tour operators were permitted to continue air tour operations in parks until an ATMP was completed. To facilitate this continued use, FAA issued Interim Operating Authority (IOA) to existing air tour operators. IOA set an annual limit of the number of flights per operator for each park. In 2012, the Act was amended by Congress to, among other things, require operators to report the number of flights conducted on a quarterly interval each year. On February 14, 2019, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and the Hawai'i Coalition Malama Pono filed a petition in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia



Circuit Court for the agencies to complete ATMPs or voluntary agreements at seven specified parks, *In re Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, et al.*, Case No. 19-1044 (D.C. Cir.). On May 1, 2020, the Court granted the petition and ordered the agencies to submit a schedule to bring 23 eligible parks, including Haleakalā National Park, into compliance with the Act within two years or to show specific, concrete reasons why doing so will take longer. Consistent with the Court's order, agencies submitted a proposed plan and schedule (Compliance Plan) on August 31, 2020. On June 21, 2022, the Court ordered the agencies to file a joint supplemental report and propose firm deadlines for bringing each of the parks included in the Compliance Plan into compliance with the Act. On July 21, 2022, the agencies filed their report and provided a deadline of December 31, 2023, to complete the ATMP for the Park.

Section 4(f) is applicable to historic sites and publicly owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges of national, state, or local significance that may be impacted by transportation programs or projects carried out by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and its operating administrations, including the FAA. Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (codified at 49 U.S.C. § 303(c)), states that, subject to exceptions for *de minimis* impacts:

“... the Secretary may approve a transportation program or project...requiring the use of publicly owned land of a public park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge of national, State, or local significance, or land of an historic site of national, State, or local significance (as determined by the Federal, State, or local officials having jurisdiction over the park, area, refuge, or site) only if –

1. There is no prudent and feasible alternative to using that land; and
2. The program or project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the park, recreation area, wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or historic site resulting from the use.”

The term “use” refers to both physical and constructive impacts to Section 4(f) resources. A physical use involves the physical occupation or alteration of a Section 4(f) resource, while constructive use occurs when a proposed action results in substantial impairment of a resource to the degree that the activities, features, or attributes of the resource that contribute to its significance or enjoyment are substantially diminished. Under the ATMP, potential impacts to Section 4(f) resources from commercial air tours may include noise from aircraft within the acoustic environment, as well as visual impacts.

#### **Description of the Proposed Action**

In accordance with the Act, the agencies are developing an ATMP at the Park. Commercial air tours have been operating intermittently over the Park for over 20 years. Since 2005, these air tours have been conducted pursuant to IOA issued by FAA in accordance with the Act. IOA does not provide any operating conditions (e.g., routes, altitudes, time of day, etc.) for air tours other than a limit of 25,827 air tours per year. The ATMP would replace IOA.

The agencies have documented the existing conditions for commercial air tour operations at the Park. The FAA and the NPS consider the existing operations for commercial air tours to be an average of 2017-2019 annual air tours flown, which is 4,824 flights. The agencies decided to use a three-year average because it reflects the most accurate and reliable air tour conditions based on available operator reporting, and accounts for variations across multiple years, excluding more recent years affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The proposed action is implementing the ATMP at the Park. The ATMP would prescribe operating parameters to mitigate impacts from commercial air tours on Park resources. The agencies considered three alternatives for the Park's ATMP. The alternatives considered include: the No Action Alternative, representing a continuation of what is currently flown (4,824 flights); Alternative 2, which would not authorize air tours in the ATMP planning area;<sup>1</sup> and Alternative 3, which is identified as the Preferred Alternative, a 50% reduction in number of flights from the existing conditions and further described below. The FAA considered the potential for constructive use of Section 4(f) resources under all alternatives but focused the Section 4(f) analysis on the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 3). In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, the FAA determined through an initial assessment if the Proposed Action and alternatives would result in use of any of the properties to which Section 4(f) applies. The No Action Alternative provides a basis for comparison but is not considered a selectable alternative because it does not meet the purpose and need for the ATMP. Furthermore, the FAA consulted with the NPS on the potential for substantial impairment to Section 4(f) resources that would occur under the No Action Alternative, and the NPS determined that the No Action Alternative cannot be mitigated to avoid or prevent unacceptable impacts to Park resources including those that unreasonably interfere with ceremonies conducted by Native Hawaiian practitioners at cultural sites, Park programs, activities, the atmosphere of peace and tranquility, and the natural soundscapes in the Park's Wilderness areas. The FAA did not advance the No Action Alternative for detailed Section 4(f) analysis as the NPS does not consider it a selectable alternative. Effects to Section 4(f) resources under Alternative 2 would be expected to be similar or less than those under Alternative 3 as there would be no air tours authorized in the ATMP planning area under this alternative. Therefore, the Section 4(f) analysis does not analyze the potential for constructive use of Section 4(f) resources in detail under Alternative 2. Detailed analysis of Section 4(f) resources is provided for Alternative 3 (Preferred Alternative).

The following elements of the ATMP are included for the Park under the Preferred Alternative:

- A maximum of 2,412 commercial air tours<sup>2</sup> are authorized per year on the route depicted in **Attachment A**;
- The designated MSL altitudes in **Attachment A** require minimum altitudes of 2,000 ft. AGL over land and 3,000 ft. AGL over the ocean;
- The aircraft types authorized for the commercial air tours includes: Aerospatiale 350BA, Aerospatiale 350B2, Eurocopter 130 T2, Eurocopter 130B4, and the Eurocopter 130B4. Any new or replacement aircraft must not exceed the noise level produced by the aircraft being replaced;
- Air tours may operate between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM local time, except as provided by the quiet technology incentive, on all days of the week except Sunday and Wednesday and designated no-fly days;<sup>3</sup>
- The number of air tours within the ATMP planning area is limited to no more than 16 tours per day across all operators;

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<sup>1</sup> An ATMP regulates commercial air tours over a national park or within ½-mile outside the park's boundary during which the aircraft flies below 5,000 ft. AGL. This is referred to as the ATMP planning area.

<sup>2</sup> The number of commercial tours authorized under the ATMP is 50% of the 2017-2019 reporting average.

<sup>3</sup> The ATMP includes six no-fly days based on the Hawaiian Moon Calendar and Makahiki Season. Additionally, two historically significant Hawai'i State holidays are designated as no-fly days and do not vary from year to year: Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Day (March 26) and King Kamehameha I Day (June 11). The NPS can also establish temporary no-fly periods that apply to commercial air tours for special events or planned Park management.



- Operators are required to equip all aircraft used for air tours with flight monitoring technology, to use flight monitoring technology during all air tours under this ATMP, and to report flight monitoring data as an attachment to the operator's semi-annual reports, along with the number of commercial air tours conducted;
- When made available by Park staff, operators/pilots are required to attend an annual interpretive training provided by NPS. The training will include Park information that operators can use to further their own understanding of Park priorities and management objectives as well as enhance the interpretive narrative for air tour clients and increase understanding of Parks by air tour clients;
- Helicopter operators are required to complete the FAA Introduction to Fly Neighborly training, in addition to the above NPS interpretive training;
- At the request of either of the agencies, the Park staff, the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), and the operators will meet once per year to discuss the implementation of the ATMP and any amendments or other changes to the ATMP; and
- For situational awareness when conducting tours of the Park, the operators will utilize frequency 122.85 and report when they enter the ATMP boundary to begin the route and upon completion of the route. The pilots will identify their company, aircraft, and route to make any other aircraft in the vicinity aware of their position.

The agencies are both responsible for monitoring and oversight of the ATMP.

#### **Section 4(f)**

The Section 4(f) study area for considering Section 4(f) resources for the ATMP consists of the commercial air tour route within the Park and ½-mile outside the boundary of the Park (ATMP planning area) as well as areas outside of the ATMP planning area between the Nu'u and Ka'āpahu regions of the Park, bounded to the south by the southern limits of the ½ mile buffer around the Kaupō Denman parcel, and the overland area between the Ka'āpahu and Kīpahulu regions of the Park. The Section 4(f) study area for Section 4(f) resources corresponds with the Area of Potential Effects (APE) used for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (Section 106) for the Park. See **Attachment A** for a depiction of the Section 4(f) study area. Historic properties were identified as part of the Section 106 consultation process. Parks, recreational areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges were identified using public datasets from federal, state, and local sources, which included the U.S. Forest Service. Each resource that intersected the Section 4(f) study area (i.e., some portion of the property fell within the Section 4(f) study area) was included in the Section 4(f) analysis.

#### **Potential Use of Section 4(f) Resources**

Evaluating potential impacts to Section 4(f) resources focuses on changes in aircraft noise exposure and visual effects resulting from implementing the ATMP. A constructive use of a Section 4(f) resource would occur if there was a substantial impairment of the resource to the degree that the activities, features, or attributes of the site that contribute to its significance or enjoyment are substantially diminished. This could occur as a result of both visual and noise impacts. The FAA evaluated the Section 4(f) resources for potential noise (including vibration) and visual impacts to determine if there was substantial impairment to Section 4(f) resources due to the ATMP that might result in a constructive use.



## Noise Impacts Analysis

The FAA's noise evaluation is based on Day Night Average Sound Level (Ldn or DNL), the cumulative noise energy exposure from aircraft. As part of the ATMP noise analysis, the NPS provided supplemental metrics to assess the impact of commercial air tours on visitor experience in quiet settings, including noise sensitive areas of Section 4(f) resources. The metrics and acoustical terminology considered for the Section 4(f) noise analysis are shown in the table below.

Metric	Relevance and citation
Equivalent sound level, $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$	The logarithmic average of commercial air tour sound levels, in dBA, over a 12-hour day. The selected 12-hour period is 7 AM to 7 PM to represent typical daytime commercial air tour operating hours.
Day-night average sound level, $L_{dn}$ (or DNL)	<p>The logarithmic average of sound levels, in dBA, over a 24-hour day, DNL takes into account the increased sensitivity to noise at night by including a 10 dB penalty on noise events occurring between 10 PM and 7 AM local time.</p> <p>Note: Both <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}</math> and DNL characterize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases in both the loudness and duration of noise events</li> <li>The number of noise events during specific time period (12 hours for <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}</math> and 24-hours for DNL)</li> </ul> <p>If there are no nighttime events, then <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}</math> is arithmetically three dBA higher than DNL as the events are averaged over 24 hours instead of 12 hours.</p> <p>The FAA's (2015, Exhibit 4-1) indicators of significant impacts are for an action that would increase noise by DNL 1.5 dB or more for a noise sensitive area that is exposed to noise at or above the DNL 65 dB noise exposure level, or that will be exposed at or above the DNL 65 dB level due to a DNL 1.5 dB or greater increase, when compared to the No Action Alternative (existing conditions) for the same timeframe.</p>
Time Audible Natural Ambient	<p>The total time (minutes) that aircraft noise levels are audible to an attentive listener with normal hearing under natural ambient conditions.</p> <p>The natural ambient is the sound level exceeded 50 percent of the time <math>L_{50}</math>, determined from the natural sound conditions found in a ATMP planning area, including all sounds of nature (i.e., wind, streams, wildlife, etc.), and excluding all human and mechanical sounds. Time audible does not indicate how loud the event is, only if it might be heard.</p>
Time Above 35 dBA	<p>The amount of time (in minutes) that aircraft sound levels are above a given threshold (i.e., 35 dBA).</p> <p>In quiet settings, outdoor sound levels exceeding this level degrade experience in outdoor performance venues (American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 2007); blood pressure increases in sleeping humans (Haralabidis et al., 2008); maximum</p>

Metric	Relevance and citation
	background noise level inside classrooms (ANSI/Acoustical Society of America S12.60/Part 1-2010).
Time Above 52 dBA	<p>The amount of time (in minutes) that aircraft sound levels are above a given threshold (i.e., 52 dBA).</p> <p>At this background sound level, normal voice communication at five meters (two people five meters apart), or a raised voice to an audience at ten meters would result in 95% sentence intelligibility (United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Noise Abatement and Control, 1974). This metric represents the level at which one may reasonably expect interference with Park interpretive programs, activities that require communication from a distance and other general visitor communication.</p>
Maximum sound level, $L_{max}$	The loudest sound level, in dBA, generated by the loudest event; it is event-based and is independent of the number of operations. $L_{max}$ does not provide any context of frequency, duration, or timing of exposure.

For aviation noise analyses under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the FAA determines the cumulative noise energy exposure of individuals resulting from aviation activities in terms of the Average Annual Day (AAD). However, because the Preferred Alternative operations over the Park occur at low annual operational levels and are highly seasonal in nature, the FAA based the noise analysis on the number of aircraft operations for each aircraft and route proposed under the Preferred Alternative. This approach provides a conservative evaluation of potential noise impacts to Park resources, as well as Section 4(f) resources, under the Preferred Alternative.

The single air tour route authorized under the Preferred Alternative is modified from an existing route for the protection of the Park's natural and cultural resources and visitor experience, as well as for aviation safety reasons. The authorized route and designated altitudes ensure commercial air tours will fly no lower than 2,000 ft. AGL over land and 3,000 ft. AGL over the ocean. For the Park, the peak mean average day (PMAD) under existing conditions, as derived from operator reporting, is 18 flights. For noise modeling, the number of air tours using these aircraft types and routes are representative of a 50% reduction in PMAD activity under existing conditions:

- Aerospatiale AS-350D, 3 flights on route shown in **Attachment A**
- Eurocopter EC-130, 6 flights on route shown in **Attachment A**

The noise was modeled for the acoustic indicators in the table and aircraft operations above using the FAA's Aviation Environmental Design Tool (AEDT) version 3e. Two types of analyses were performed using FAA's AEDT, Version 3e: 1) contour analysis and 2) representative location point analysis. A noise contour presents a graphical illustration or "footprint" of the area potentially affected by the noise. Location point results present the metric results at specific points of interest. The NPS provided a list of 44 location points, geographically located across the entire Park, where noise levels were to be evaluated (see **Attachment B** for a map of location points in relation to Section 4(f) resources).

Contours were developed for the following metrics: 12-hour equivalent sound level, time audible for natural ambient, and time above 35 dBA. Location point analysis was conducted for the same set of metrics, as well as time above 52 dBA and the maximum sound level.

The noise analysis indicates that the Preferred Alternative would not result in any noise impacts that would be “reportable” under FAA’s policy for the NEPA.<sup>4</sup> Under the Preferred Alternative, commercial air tours are restricted to a single route with minimum altitudes of 2,000 ft. AGL over land and 3,000 ft. AGL over the ocean. The number of flights authorized in the Preferred Alternative is a substantial reduction from the three-year average for 2017-2019. The resultant DNL due to the Preferred Alternative is expected to be below DNL 45 dB and does not cause any reportable noise as there is no expected increase or change in noise from implementation of the Preferred Alternative.

Because the number of authorized flights under the Preferred Alternative would decrease compared to the average number of flights from 2017 to 2019, evaluation of the NPS supplemental metrics show that impacts to Section 4(f) resources would be an improvement compared to current conditions:

- On days when commercial air tours would occur, noise levels above 35 dBA (an indicator used by NPS to assess the potential for degradation of the natural sound environment) would occur for less than 15 minutes in 58% of the study area, less than 30 minutes in 25% of the study area, and less than 45 minutes in small portions (3%) in the southeast area of the study area.
- On days when commercial air tours would occur, noise levels above 52 dBA (which is associated with speech interference) are not anticipated to exceed 10 minutes in the study area based on an analysis of location point data. The highest modelled Time Above 52 dBA under the Preferred Alternative at the location point closest to each Section 4(f) resource is listed below. See **Attachment B** for further details of the location point analysis.
  - Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary: 0 minutes
  - Hāna Forest Reserve: 9.3 minutes
  - Hanawi Natural Area Reserve: 0 minutes
  - Kahikinui Forest Reserve: 4.9 minutes
  - Kamehamenui Forest Reserve: 0 minutes
  - Kīpahulu Forest Reserve: 9.3 minutes
  - Ko'olau Forest Reserve: 0 minutes
  - Kula Forest Reserve: 0 minutes
  - Nakula Natural Area Reserve: 0 minutes
  - SRMA: 9.3 minutes

In addition, the Preferred Alternative would limit the operation of commercial air tours to 11:00 AM-2:00 PM any day of the week except Sunday and Wednesday, or other restricted periods, or extends operations until 4 PM if authorized by the agencies for operators that have converted to quiet technology aircraft. These time restrictions provide times when visitors seeking solitude may experience the Section 4(f) resources without disruptions from commercial air tours. The altitudes required by the Preferred Alternative, which would increase the minimum altitude by 500 – 2,500 ft.

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<sup>4</sup> Per FAA Order 1050.1F, the FAA refers to noise changes meeting the following criteria as “reportable”: for DNL 65 dB and higher,  $\pm$  DNL 1.5 dB; for DNL 60 dB to <65 dB,  $\pm$  DNL 3 dB; for DNL 45 dB to <60 dB,  $\pm$  DNL 5 dB. See 1050.1F Desk Reference, Section 11.3.



depending on location within the ATMP planning area as compared to existing conditions, would reduce the maximum noise levels at sites directly below the air tour routes. The Preferred Alternative also prohibits aircraft from hovering and/or circling while conducting commercial air tours over the Park. Collectively, these changes from existing operations and their effect on the current use of Section 4(f) resources would result in beneficial impacts to the Section 4(f) resources.

The FAA also considered the potential for vibrational impacts on Section 4(f) resources under the Preferred Alternative. A review of vibrational impacts on sensitive structures such as geological resources, historic buildings, parklands, and forests suggests that the potential for damage resulting from helicopter overflights is minimal, as the fundamental blade passage frequency is well above the natural frequency of these structures. Additionally, the vibration amplitude of these overflights at the altitudes prescribed in the Preferred Alternative would be well below recommended limits.<sup>5, 6</sup> Vibrational impacts are not anticipated to affect surrounding parkland and state forest areas given that aircraft overflights do not contain vibrational energy at levels which would affect outdoor areas or natural features and there is no substantial change from existing conditions.

As a result, FAA concludes there would be no substantial impairment of Section 4(f) resources in the Section 4(f) study area from noise-related and vibrational effects by the implementation of Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative would not result in significant or reportable increase in noise at the Park and would likely provide beneficial impacts to Section 4(f) resources. Likewise, vibrational impacts from air tour overflights would be minimal. These findings support the FAA's determination that implementation of the Proposed Action would not constitute a constructive use of Section 4(f) resources in the Section 4(f) study area.

### **Visual Impacts Analysis**

Recognizing that some types of Section 4(f) resources may be affected by visual effects of commercial air tours, the FAA and NPS considered the potential for the introduction of visual elements that could substantially diminish the significance or enjoyment of Section 4(f) resources in the Section 4(f) study area. The Preferred Alternative limits the number of commercial air tours to 2,412 flights per year and up to 16 flights per day across six operators. The Preferred Alternative also restricts all air tour operators to a single route at increased altitudes as compared to existing conditions and includes no-fly days in accordance with historically and culturally significant days. The ATMP also allows the Park to establish no-fly periods for special events or planned Park management. Given the reduced number of flights allowed under the Preferred Alternative compared to current conditions, people in the Park are not likely to see more than 7 commercial air tours per day.

Visual impacts to Section 4(f) resources would be similar or less to impacts currently occurring because the number of authorized flights under the Preferred Alternative will be considerably less than the average number of flights from 2017-2019 and there will only be one route. The ATMP would not introduce visual elements or result in visual impacts that would substantially diminish the activities,

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<sup>5</sup> Hanson, C.E., King, K.W., et al., "Aircraft Noise Effects on Cultural Resources: Review of Technical Literature," NPOA Report No. 91-3 (HMMH Report No.290940.04-1), September 1991.

<sup>6</sup> Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, Department of Transportation, 2014. Literature Review: Vibration of Natural Structures and Ancient/Historical Dwellings, Internal Report for National Park Service, Natural Sounds and Night Skies Division, August 21, 2014.

features or attributes of a Section 4(f) resource. Therefore, there would be no constructive use from visual impacts to Section 4(f) resources.

#### **Preliminary Finding**

The FAA has preliminarily determined the Preferred Alternative would not substantially diminish the protected activities, features, or attributes of the Section 4(f) resources in the Section 4(f) study area. The changes from existing conditions and their effect on Section 4(f) resources would result in beneficial impacts to the Section 4(f) resources under the Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative would not result in substantial impairment of Section 4(f) resources; therefore, based on the analysis above, FAA intends to make a determination of no constructive use of Nakula Natural Area Reserve, Hāna Forest Reserve, Kahikinui Forest Reserve, Kīpahulu Forest Reserve, Ko'olau Forest Reserve, Kula Forest Reserve, Hanawi Natural Area Reserve, Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary, Kamehamehū Forest Reserve, and the SRMA. We request that you review this information and respond with any concerns or need for further consultation on the FAA's preliminary proposed no substantial impairment finding within fourteen days of receiving this letter.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Eric Elmore at 202-267-8335 or [eric.elmore@faa.gov](mailto:eric.elmore@faa.gov) and copy the ATMP team at [ATMPTeam@dot.gov](mailto:ATMPTeam@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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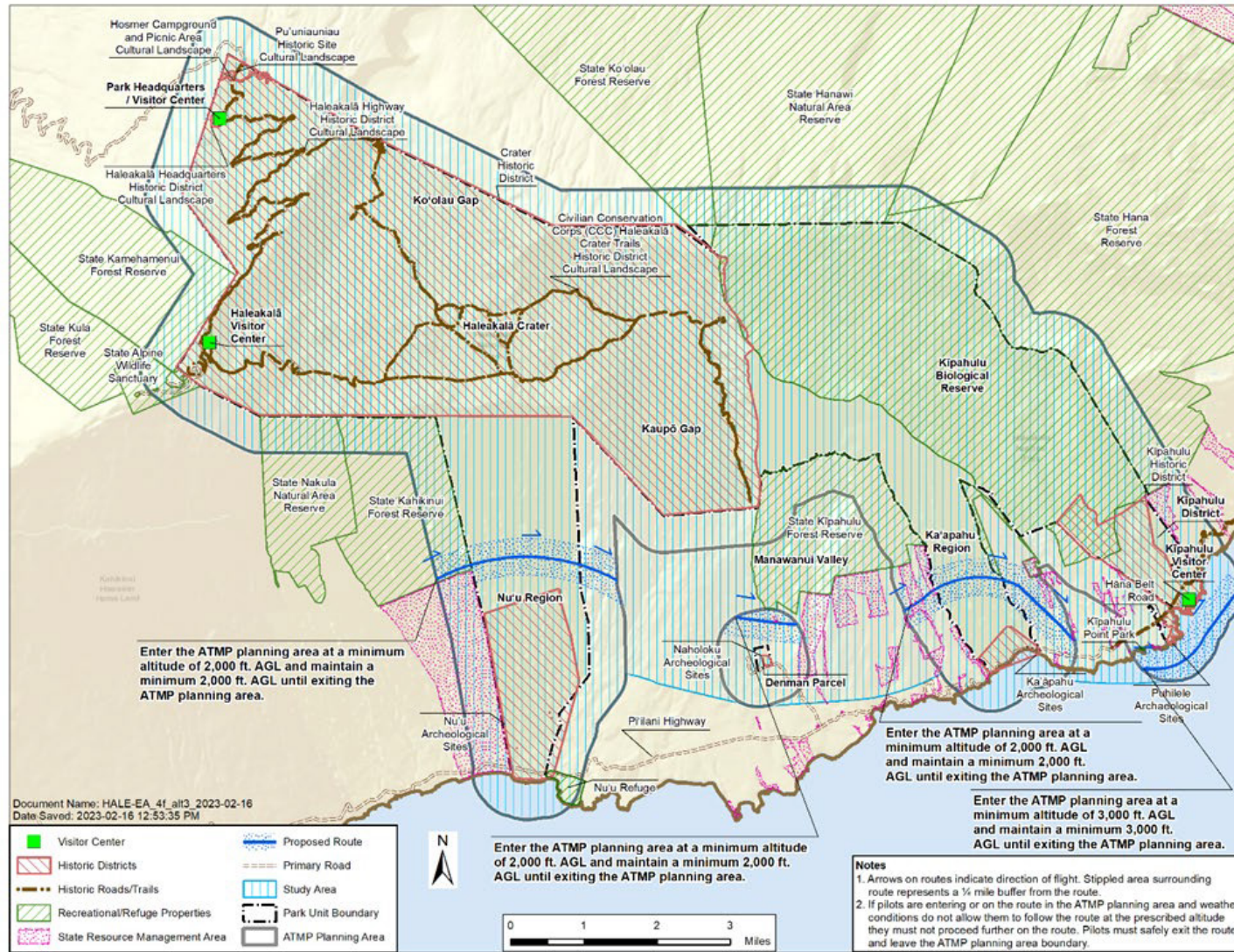
#### **Attachments**

- A. Map including proposed Commercial Air Tour Routes, Section 4(f) Study Area, and Section 4(f) Resources
- B. Section 4(f) location point analysis



## ATTACHMENT A

### Map of Proposed Commercial Air Tour Routes, Section 4(f) Study Area, and Section 4(f) Resources





## ATTACHMENT B

### Section 4(f) Location Point Analysis

To assess time above 52 dBA at Section 4(f) resources under the Preferred Alternative, location points within 1.5 miles of each Section 4(f) resource were identified (Figure 1). The time above 52 dBA at location points and the range of time above 52 dBA at Section 4(f) resources based on nearby location points were then calculated and reported as high and low values. Table 1 shows the low and high modelled time above 52 dB values under the Preferred Alternative at each Section 4(f) resource. Table 2 shows the distance between each Section 4(f) resource and nearby location point and the time above 52 dB at the corresponding location point. A distance of 0.00 miles indicates that the location point falls within the Section 4(f) property. The longest time above 52 dB in the study area is 9.30 minutes.

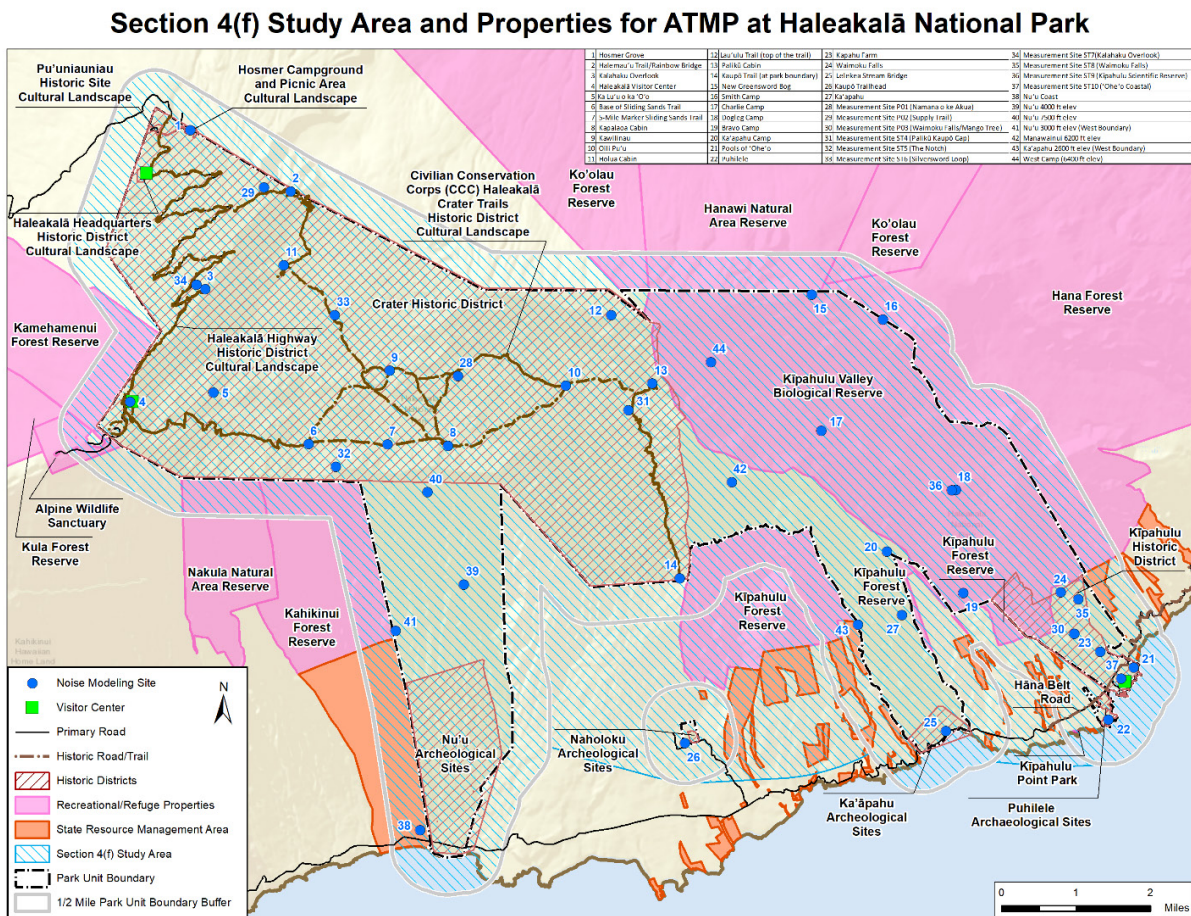


Figure 1. Section 4(f) resources and location points in the study area.



Table 1. Low and high modelled values for Time Above 52 dB under the Preferred Alternative for Section 4(f) resources

Section 4(f) Resource	Time Above 52 dBA – Low (minutes)	Time Above 52 dBA – High (minutes)
Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary	0.00	0.00
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	0.00	4.90
Haleakalā Headquarters Historic District Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Hāna Belt Road	0.00	9.30
Hana Forest Reserve	0.00	9.30
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	0.00	0.00
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites	2.70	6.60
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	0.00	4.90
Kamehamehū Forest Reserve	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	0.00	9.30
Kīpahulu Historic District	0.00	9.30
Kīpahulu Point Park	2.70	9.30
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	0.00	9.30
Koolau Forest Reserve	0.00	0.00
Kula Forest Reserve	0.00	0.00
Naholoku Archeological Sites	4.10	4.10
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	0.00	0.00
Nu'u Archeological Sites	0.00	4.90
Nu'u Refuge	0.00	0.00
Pu'uniauniau Historic Site Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	0.00	9.30
State Department of Land State Resource Management Area	0.00	9.30

Table 2. Section 4(f) resources and corresponding location point data for air tours under the Preferred Alternative

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.53	0.00
Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	1.42	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	1.22	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	2	Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	0.01	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	3	Kalahaku Overlook	0.98	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.03	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0.39	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	6	Base of Sliding Sands Trail	0.02	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	7	5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	0.00	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	8	Kapalaoa Cabin	0.00	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	9	Kawilinau	0.00	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	10	Oili Pu'u	0.01	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	11	Holua Cabin	0.00	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.86	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	13	Palikū Cabin	0.03	0.00

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	14	Kaupō Trail (at Park boundary)	0.06	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	28	Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	0.06	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	29	Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0.07	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	31	Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	0.03	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	32	Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	0.35	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	33	Measurement Site ST6 (Sword Loop)	0.04	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	34	Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	1.09	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	40	Nu'u 7500 ft. elev.	0.68	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	42	Manawainui 6200 ft. elev.	0.93	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	44	West Camp (6400 ft. elev.)	0.80	0.00
Crater Historic District	1	Hosmer Grove	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	2	Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	3	Kalahaku Overlook	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	6	Base of Sliding Sands Trail	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	7	5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	8	Kapalaoa Cabin	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	9	Kawilinau	0.00	0.00

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Crater Historic District	10	Oili Pu'u	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	11	Holua Cabin	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	13	Palikū Cabin	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	14	Kaupō Trail (at Park boundary)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	28	Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	29	Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	31	Measurement Site ST4 ( Palikū Kaupō Gap)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	32	Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	33	Measurement Site ST6 (Silversword Loop)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	34	Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	39	Nu'u 4000 ft. elev.	1.26	4.90
Crater Historic District	40	Nu'u 7500 ft. elev.	0.14	0.00
Crater Historic District	42	Manawainui 6200 ft. elev.	0.59	0.00
Crater Historic District	44	West Camp (6400 ft. elev.)	0.63	0.00
Haleakalā Headquarters Historic District Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	0.78	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	0.32	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	2	Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	0.82	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	3	Kalahaku Overlook	0.00	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.00	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0.97	0.00



Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	11	Holua Cabin	0.69	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	29	Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0.50	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	34	Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	0.07	0.00
Hāna Belt Road	21	Pools of Oheo	0.09	7.90
Hāna Belt Road	22	Puhilele	0.32	8.20
Hāna Belt Road	23	Kapahu Farm	0.33	2.80
Hāna Belt Road	24	Waimoku Falls	1.09	0.00
Hāna Belt Road	25	Lelekea Stream Bridge	1.33	2.70
Hāna Belt Road	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.75	2.70
Hāna Belt Road	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.84	0.00
Hāna Belt Road	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	0.10	9.30
Hāna Forest Reserve	15	New Greensword Bog	0.12	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	16	Smith Camp	0.01	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	18	Dogleg Camp	0.91	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	21	Pools of Oheo	1.43	7.90
Hāna Forest Reserve	23	Kapahu Farm	1.08	2.80
Hāna Forest Reserve	24	Waimoku Falls	0.43	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.83	2.70
Hāna Forest Reserve	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.37	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	36	Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	0.92	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	1.50	9.30
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.61	0.00

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	13	Palikū Cabin	1.25	0.00
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	15	New Greensword Bog	0.05	0.00
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	16	Smith Camp	0.92	0.00
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	44	West Camp (6400 ft elev)	0.96	0.00
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	0.00	0.00
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	2	Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	1.46	0.00
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	29	Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	1.14	0.00
Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites	25	Lelekea Stream Bridge	0.00	2.70
Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites	27	Ka'apahu	1.32	6.60
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	1.31	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	6	Base of Sliding Sands Trail	0.48	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	7	5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	0.62	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	8	Kapalaoa Cabin	1.28	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	32	Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	0.19	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	39	Nu'u 4000 ft. elev.	1.07	4.90
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	40	Nu'u 7500 ft. elev.	0.86	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	41	Nu'u 3000 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.04	4.10
Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve	3	Kalahaku Overlook	0.85	0.00
Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.18	0.00
Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	1.04	0.00
Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve	34	Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	0.82	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	14	Kaupō Trail (at Park boundary)	0.11	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	17	Charlie Camp	1.30	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	18	Dogleg Camp	1.16	0.00



Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	19	Bravo Camp	0.26	2.40
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	20	Ka'apahu Camp	0.08	0.30
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	23	Kapahu Farm	1.03	2.80
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	24	Waimoku Falls	0.74	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	25	Lelekea Stream Bridge	1.03	2.70
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	26	Kaupō Trailhead	0.80	4.10
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	27	Ka'apahu	0.15	6.60
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.65	2.70
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.86	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	36	Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	1.13	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	1.41	9.30
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	42	Manawainui 6200 ft. elev.	0.63	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	43	Ka'apahu 2600 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.05	3.90
Kīpahulu Historic District	18	Dogleg Camp	1.37	0.00
Kīpahulu Historic District	19	Bravo Camp	0.39	2.40
Kīpahulu Historic District	21	Pools of Oheo	0.00	7.90
Kīpahulu Historic District	22	Puhilele	0.35	8.20
Kīpahulu Historic District	23	Kapahu Farm	0.00	2.80
Kīpahulu Historic District	24	Waimoku Falls	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Historic District	27	Ka'apahu	1.22	6.60
Kīpahulu Historic District	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.00	2.70
Kīpahulu Historic District	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Historic District	36	Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	1.40	0.00

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Kīpahulu Historic District	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	0.00	9.30
Kīpahulu Point Park	21	Pools of Oheo	1.12	7.90
Kīpahulu Point Park	22	Puhilele	0.43	8.20
Kīpahulu Point Park	23	Kapahu Farm	1.10	2.80
Kīpahulu Point Park	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	1.29	2.70
Kīpahulu Point Park	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	0.91	9.30
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	10	Oili Pu'u	1.24	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.44	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	13	Palikū Cabin	0.17	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	15	New Greensword Bog	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	16	Smith Camp	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	17	Charlie Camp	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	18	Dogleg Camp	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	19	Bravo Camp	0.00	2.40
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	20	Ka'apahu Camp	0.16	0.30
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	21	Pools of Oheo	1.16	7.90
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	22	Puhilele	1.39	8.20
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	23	Kapahu Farm	0.67	2.80
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	24	Waimoku Falls	0.10	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	27	Ka'apahu	0.58	6.60
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.25	2.70
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	31	Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	0.62	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.25	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	36	Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	1.09	9.30

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	42	Manawainui 6200 ft. elev.	0.31	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	43	Ka'apahu 2600 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	1.08	3.90
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	44	West Camp (6400 ft. elev.)	0.00	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	10	Oili Pu'u	1.48	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.36	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	13	Palikū Cabin	1.25	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	15	New Greensword Bog	0.22	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	16	Smith Camp	0.61	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	44	West Camp (6400 ft elev)	1.27	0.00
Kula Forest Reserve	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.83	0.00
Naholoku Archeological Sites	26	Kaupō Trailhead	0.08	4.10
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	1.23	0.00
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	1.15	0.00
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	6	Base of Sliding Sands Trail	0.82	0.00
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	32	Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	1.04	0.00
Nu'u Archeological Sites	38	Nu'u Coast	0.13	0.00
Nu'u Archeological Sites	39	Nu'u 4000 ft. elev.	1.03	4.90
Nu'u Archeological Sites	41	Nu'u 3000 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.71	4.10
Nu'u Refuge	38	Nu'u Coast	0.67	0.00
Pu'uniauniau Historic Site Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	0.37	0.00
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	21	Pools of Oheo	0.52	7.90
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	22	Puhilele	0.00	8.20
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	23	Kapahu Farm	0.55	2.80
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	24	Waimoku Falls	1.46	0.00
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.88	2.70
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	1.29	0.00

<b>Section 4(f) Resource</b>	<b>Location Point ID</b>	<b>Location Point Name</b>	<b>Distance to Location Point (Miles)</b>	<b>Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)</b>
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal )	0.30	9.30
State Department of Land State Resource Management Area (SRMA)	14	Kaupo Trail (at Park boundary)	1.41	0.00
State Department of Land SRMA	19	Bravo Camp	0.56	2.40
State Department of Land SRMA	20	Ka'apahu Camp	1.02	0.30
State Department of Land SRMA	21	Pools of Oheo	0.13	7.90
State Department of Land SRMA	22	Puhilele	0.19	8.20
State Department of Land SRMA	23	Kapahu Farm	0.37	2.80
State Department of Land SRMA	24	Waimoku Falls	0.34	0.00
State Department of Land SRMA	25	Lelekea Stream Bridge	0.44	2.70
State Department of Land SRMA	26	Kaupo Trail head	0.53	4.10
State Department of Land SRMA	27	Ka'apahu	0.60	6.60
State Department of Land SRMA	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.36	2.70
State Department of Land SRMA	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.21	0.00
State Department of Land SRMA	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	0.34	9.30
State Department of Land SRMA	38	Nu'u Coast	0.00	0.00
State Department of Land SRMA	39	Nu'u 4000 ft. elev.	1.18	4.90
State Department of Land SRMA	41	Nu'u 3000 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.10	4.10
State Department of Land SRMA	43	Ka'apahu 2600 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.01	3.90





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## **NATIONAL PARKS AIR TOUR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

September 20, 2023

Re: Consultation under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. § 303) for the development of an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park

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Dear ‘Olu Campbell:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS) (collectively, the agencies), are developing an Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) for the Haleakalā National Park (Park). The FAA is preparing documentation for the ATMP in accordance with the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (the Act) and other applicable laws, including Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Act (Section 4(f)). The purpose of this letter is to coordinate with you on FAA’s preliminary findings related to the ATMP’s potential impacts to Nu‘u Refuge, which is a protected property under Section 4(f).

### **Project Background and Purpose of the Action**

The Act (Public Law 106-181, codified at 49 U.S.C. § 40128), directs the agencies to develop ATMPs for commercial air tour operations over units of the National Park system. A commercial air tour operation is defined as “a flight conducted for compensation or hire in a powered aircraft where the purpose of the flight is sightseeing over a National Park, within ½ mile outside the boundary of a National Park or over tribal lands, during which the aircraft flies below an altitude of 5,000 feet (ft.) above ground level (AGL) or less than 1 mile laterally from any geographic feature within the Park (unless more than ½ mile outside the boundary).” When the Act was passed in 2000, existing air tour operators were permitted to continue air tour operations in parks until an ATMP was completed. To facilitate this continued use, FAA issued Interim Operating Authority (IOA) to existing air tour operators. IOA set an annual limit of the number of flights per operator for each park. In 2012, the Act was amended by Congress to, among other things, require operators to report the number of flights conducted on a quarterly interval each year. On February 14, 2019, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and the Hawai‘i Coalition Malama Pono filed a petition in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit Court for the agencies to complete ATMPs or voluntary agreements at seven specified parks, In re Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, et al., Case No. 19-1044 (D.C. Cir.). On May 1, 2020, the Court granted the petition and ordered the agencies to submit a schedule to bring 23 eligible parks, including Haleakalā National Park, into compliance with the Act within two years or to show specific, concrete reasons why doing so will take longer. Consistent with the Court’s order, agencies

submitted a proposed plan and schedule (Compliance Plan) on August 31, 2020. On June 21, 2022, the Court ordered the agencies to file a joint supplemental report and propose firm deadlines for bringing each of the parks included in the Compliance Plan into compliance with the Act. On July 21, 2022, the agencies filed their report and provided a deadline of December 31, 2023, to complete the ATMP for the Park. The court subsequently granted an extension with a deadline of January 30, 2024.

Section 4(f) is applicable to historic sites and publicly owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges of national, state, or local significance that may be impacted by transportation programs or projects carried out by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and its operating administrations, including the FAA. Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (codified at 49 U.S.C. § 303(c)), states that, subject to exceptions for *de minimis* impacts:

“... the Secretary may approve a transportation program or project...requiring the use of publicly owned land of a public park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge of national, State, or local significance, or land of an historic site of national, State, or local significance (as determined by the Federal, State, or local officials having jurisdiction over the park, area, refuge, or site) only if –

1. There is no prudent and feasible alternative to using that land; and
2. The program or project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the park, recreation area, wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or historic site resulting from the use.”

The term “use” refers to both physical and constructive impacts to Section 4(f) resources. A physical use involves the physical occupation or alteration of a Section 4(f) resource, while constructive use occurs when a proposed action results in substantial impairment of a resource to the degree that the activities, features, or attributes of the resource that contribute to its significance or enjoyment are substantially diminished. Under the ATMP, potential impacts to Section 4(f) resources from commercial air tours may include noise from aircraft within the acoustic environment, as well as visual impacts.

### **Description of the Proposed Action**

In accordance with the Act, the agencies are developing an ATMP at the Park. Commercial air tours have been operating intermittently over the Park for over 20 years. Since 2005, these air tours have been conducted pursuant to IOA issued by FAA in accordance with the Act. IOA does not provide any operating conditions (e.g., routes, altitudes, time of day, etc.) for air tours other than a limit of 20,145 air tours per year. The ATMP would replace IOA.

The agencies have documented the existing conditions for commercial air tour operations at the Park. The FAA and the NPS consider the existing operations for commercial air tours to be an average of 2017-2019 annual air tours flown, which is 4,824 flights. The agencies decided to use a three-year average because it reflects the most accurate and reliable air tour conditions based on available operator reporting, and accounts for variations across multiple years, excluding more recent years affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The proposed action is implementing the ATMP at the Park. The ATMP would prescribe operating parameters to mitigate impacts from commercial air tours on Park resources. The agencies considered three alternatives for the Park’s ATMP. The alternatives considered include: the No Action Alternative, representing a continuation of what is currently flown (4,824 flights); Alternative 2, which would not



authorize air tours in the ATMP planning area;<sup>1</sup> and Alternative 3, which is identified as the Preferred Alternative, a 54% reduction in number of flights from the existing conditions and further described below. The FAA considered the potential for constructive use of Section 4(f) resources under all alternatives but focused the Section 4(f) analysis on the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 3). In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, the FAA determined through an initial assessment if the Proposed Action and alternatives would result in use of any of the properties to which Section 4(f) applies. The No Action Alternative provides a basis for comparison but is not considered a selectable alternative because it does not meet the purpose and need for the ATMP. Furthermore, the FAA consulted with the NPS on the potential for substantial impairment to Section 4(f) resources that would occur under the No Action Alternative, and the NPS determined that the No Action Alternative cannot be mitigated to avoid or prevent unacceptable impacts to Park resources including those that unreasonably interfere with ceremonies conducted by Native Hawaiian practitioners at cultural sites, Park programs, activities, the atmosphere of peace and tranquility, and the natural soundscapes in the Park's Wilderness areas. The FAA did not advance the No Action Alternative for detailed Section 4(f) analysis as the NPS does not consider it a selectable alternative. Effects to Section 4(f) resources under Alternative 2 would be expected to be similar or less than those under Alternative 3 as there would be no air tours authorized in the ATMP planning area under this alternative. Therefore, the Section 4(f) analysis does not analyze the potential for constructive use of Section 4(f) resources in detail under Alternative 2. Detailed analysis of Section 4(f) resources is provided for Alternative 3 (Preferred Alternative).

The following elements of the ATMP are included for the Park under the Preferred Alternative:

- A maximum of 2,224 commercial air tours<sup>2</sup> are authorized per year on the route depicted in **Attachment A**;
- The designated altitudes in **Attachment A** require minimum altitudes of 2,000 ft. AGL over land and 3,000 ft. AGL over the ocean;
- The aircraft types authorized for the commercial air tours include: Aerospatiale 350BA, Aerospatiale 350B2, Eurocopter 130 T2, Eurocopter 130B4, and the Eurocopter 130B4. Any new or replacement aircraft must not exceed the noise level produced by the aircraft being replaced;
- Air tours may operate between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM local time, except as provided by the quiet technology incentive, on all days of the week except Sunday and Wednesday and designated no-fly days;<sup>3</sup>
- The number of air tours within the ATMP planning area is limited to no more than 14 tours per day across all operators;
- Operators are required to equip all aircraft used for air tours with flight monitoring technology, to use flight monitoring technology during all air tours under this ATMP, and to report flight

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<sup>1</sup> An ATMP regulates commercial air tours over a national park or within ½-mile outside the park's boundary during which the aircraft flies below 5,000 ft. AGL. This is referred to as the ATMP planning area.

<sup>2</sup> The number of commercial tours authorized under the ATMP is 50% of the 2017-2019 reporting average.

<sup>3</sup> The ATMP includes six no-fly days based on the Hawaiian Moon Calendar and Makahiki Season and six additional no-fly days of important cultural significance that would be determined through outreach with Native Hawaiian Organizations and individuals. Additionally, two historically significant Hawai'i State holidays are designated as no-fly days and do not vary from year to year: Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Day (March 26) and King Kamehameha I Day (June 11). The NPS can also establish temporary no-fly periods that apply to commercial air tours for special events or planned Park management. The NPS would provide at least two months' notice of all no-fly dates to all air tour operators.

monitoring data as an attachment to the operator's semi-annual reports, along with the number of commercial air tours conducted;

- When made available by Park staff, operators/pilots are required to attend an annual interpretive training provided by NPS. The training will include Park information that operators can use to further their own understanding of Park priorities and management objectives as well as enhance the interpretive narrative for air tour clients and increase understanding of Parks by air tour clients;
- Helicopter operators are required to complete the FAA's Introduction to Fly Neighborly training, in addition to the above NPS interpretive training;
- At the request of either of the agencies, the Park staff, the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), and the operators will meet once per year to discuss the implementation of the ATMP and any amendments or other changes to the ATMP; and
- For situational awareness when conducting tours of the Park, the operators will utilize frequency 122.85 and report when they enter the ATMP boundary to begin the route and upon completion of the route. The pilots will identify their company, aircraft, and route to make any other aircraft in the vicinity aware of their position.

The agencies are both responsible for monitoring and oversight of the ATMP.

#### **Section 4(f)**

The Section 4(f) study area for considering Section 4(f) resources for the ATMP consists of the Park and ½-mile outside the boundary of the Park (ATMP planning area) as well as areas outside of the ATMP planning area between the Nu'u and Ka'āpahu regions of the Park, bounded to the south by the southern limits of the ½ mile buffer around the Kaupō Denman parcel, and the overland area between the Ka'āpahu and Kīpahulu regions of the Park. The Section 4(f) study area for Section 4(f) resources corresponds with the Area of Potential Effects (APE) used for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (Section 106) for the Park. See **Attachment A** for a depiction of the Section 4(f) study area. Historic properties were identified as part of the Section 106 consultation process. Parks, recreational areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges were identified using public datasets from federal, state, and local sources. Each resource that intersected the Section 4(f) study area (i.e., some portion of the property fell within the Section 4(f) study area) was included in the Section 4(f) analysis.

#### **Potential Use of Section 4(f) Resources**

Evaluating potential impacts to Section 4(f) resources focuses on changes in aircraft noise exposure and visual effects resulting from implementing the ATMP. A constructive use of a Section 4(f) resource would occur if there was a substantial impairment of the resource to the degree that the activities, features, or attributes of the site that contribute to its significance or enjoyment are substantially diminished. This could occur as a result of both visual and noise impacts. The FAA evaluated the Section 4(f) resources for potential noise (including vibration) and visual impacts to determine if there was substantial impairment to Section 4(f) resources due to the ATMP that might result in a constructive use.

#### **Noise Impacts Analysis**

The FAA's noise evaluation is based on Day Night Average Sound Level (Ldn or DNL), the cumulative noise energy exposure from aircraft. As part of the ATMP noise analysis, the NPS provided

supplemental metrics to assess the impact of commercial air tours on visitor experience in quiet settings, including noise sensitive areas of Section 4(f) resources. The metrics and acoustical terminology considered for the Section 4(f) noise analysis are shown in the table below.

Metric	Relevance and citation
Equivalent sound level, $L_{Aeq, 12\text{ hr}}$	The logarithmic average of commercial air tour sound levels, in dBA, over a 12-hour day. The selected 12-hour period is 7 AM to 7 PM to represent typical daytime commercial air tour operating hours.
Day-night average sound level, $L_{dn}$ (or DNL)	<p>The logarithmic average of sound levels, in dBA, over a 24-hour day, DNL takes into account the increased sensitivity to noise at night by including a 10 dB penalty on noise events occurring between 10 PM and 7 AM local time.</p> <p>Note: Both <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{hr}}</math> and DNL characterize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases in both the loudness and duration of noise events</li> <li>The number of noise events during specific time period (12 hours for <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{hr}}</math> and 24-hours for DNL)</li> </ul> <p>If there are no nighttime events, then <math>L_{Aeq, 12\text{hr}}</math> is arithmetically three dBA higher than DNL as the events are averaged over 24 hours instead of 12 hours.</p> <p>The FAA's (2015, Exhibit 4-1) indicators of significant impacts are for an action that would increase noise by DNL 1.5 dB or more for a noise sensitive area that is exposed to noise at or above the DNL 65 dB noise exposure level, or that will be exposed at or above the DNL 65 dB level due to a DNL 1.5 dB or greater increase, when compared to the No Action Alternative (existing conditions) for the same timeframe.</p>
Time Audible Natural Ambient	<p>The total time (minutes) that aircraft noise levels are audible to an attentive listener with normal hearing under natural ambient conditions.</p> <p>The natural ambient is the sound level exceeded 50 percent of the time <math>L_{50}</math>, determined from the natural sound conditions found in a ATMP planning area, including all sounds of nature (i.e., wind, streams, wildlife, etc.), and excluding all human and mechanical sounds. Time audible does not indicate how loud the event is, only if it might be heard.</p>
Time Above 35 dBA	<p>The amount of time (in minutes) that aircraft sound levels are above a given threshold (i.e., 35 dBA).</p> <p>In quiet settings, outdoor sound levels exceeding this level degrade experience in outdoor performance venues (American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 2007); blood pressure increases in sleeping humans (Haralabidis et al., 2008); maximum background noise level inside classrooms (ANSI/Acoustical Society of America S12.60/Part 1-2010).</p>



Metric	Relevance and citation
Time Above 52 dBA	<p>The amount of time (in minutes) that aircraft sound levels are above a given threshold (i.e., 52 dBA).</p> <p>At this background sound level, normal voice communication at five meters (two people five meters apart), or a raised voice to an audience at ten meters would result in 95% sentence intelligibility (United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Noise Abatement and Control, 1974). This metric represents the level at which one may reasonably expect interference with Park interpretive programs, activities that require communication from a distance and other general visitor communication.</p>
Maximum sound level, $L_{max}$	<p>The loudest sound level, in dBA, generated by the loudest event; it is event-based and is independent of the number of operations. <math>L_{max}</math> does not provide any context of frequency, duration, or timing of exposure.</p>

For aviation noise analyses under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the FAA determines the cumulative noise energy exposure of individuals resulting from aviation activities in terms of the Average Annual Day (AAD). However, because the Preferred Alternative operations over the Park occur at low annual operational levels and are highly seasonal in nature, the FAA based the noise analysis on the number of aircraft operations for each aircraft and route proposed under the Preferred Alternative. This approach provides a conservative evaluation of potential noise impacts to Park resources, as well as Section 4(f) resources, under the Preferred Alternative.

The single air tour route authorized under the Preferred Alternative is modified from an existing route for the protection of the Park's natural and cultural resources and visitor experience, as well as for aviation safety reasons. The authorized route and designated altitudes ensure commercial air tours will fly no lower than 2,000 ft. AGL over land and 3,000 ft. AGL over the ocean. For the Park, the peak month average day (PMAD) under existing conditions, as derived from operator reporting, is 18 flights. For noise modeling, the number of air tours using these aircraft types and routes are representative of a 50% reduction in PMAD activity under existing conditions:

- Aerospatiale AS-350D, 3 flights on route shown in **Attachment A**
- Eurocopter EC-130, 6 flights on route shown in **Attachment A**

The noise was modeled for the acoustic indicators in the table and aircraft operations above using the FAA's Aviation Environmental Design Tool (AEDT) version 3e. Two types of analyses were performed using FAA's AEDT, Version 3e: 1) contour analysis and 2) representative location point analysis. A noise contour presents a graphical illustration or "footprint" of the area potentially affected by the noise. Location point results present the metric results at specific points of interest. The NPS provided a list of 44 location points, geographically located across the entire Park, where noise levels were to be evaluated (see **Attachment B** for a map of location points in relation to Section 4(f) resources). Contours were developed for the following metrics: 12-hour equivalent sound level, time audible for natural ambient, and time above 35 dBA. Location point analysis was conducted for the same set of metrics, as well as time above 52 dBA and the maximum sound level.

The noise analysis indicates that the Preferred Alternative would not result in any noise impacts that would be “reportable” under FAA’s policy for the NEPA.<sup>4</sup> Under the Preferred Alternative, commercial air tours are restricted to a single route with minimum altitudes of 2,000 ft. AGL over land and 3,000 ft. AGL over the ocean. The number of flights authorized in the Preferred Alternative is a substantial reduction from the three-year average for 2017-2019. The resultant DNL due to the Preferred Alternative is expected to be below DNL 45 dB and does not cause any reportable noise as there is no expected increase or change in noise from implementation of the Preferred Alternative.

Because the number of authorized flights under the Preferred Alternative would decrease compared to the average number of flights from 2017 to 2019, evaluation of the NPS supplemental metrics show that impacts to Section 4(f) resources would be an improvement compared to current conditions:

- On days when commercial air tours would occur, noise levels above 35 dBA (an indicator used by NPS to assess the potential for degradation of the natural sound environment) would occur for less than 15 minutes in 58% of the study area, less than 30 minutes in 25% of the study area, and less than 45 minutes in small portions (3%) in the southeast area of the study area.
- On days when commercial air tours would occur, noise levels above 52 dBA (which is associated with speech interference) are not anticipated to exceed 10 minutes in the study area based on an analysis of location point data. The nearest modeled location point to the Nu’u Refuge would not experience noise above 52 dBA under the Preferred Alternative. See **Attachment B** for further details of the location point analysis.

In addition, the Preferred Alternative would limit the operation of commercial air tours to 11:00 AM-2:00 PM any day of the week except Sunday and Wednesday, or other restricted periods, or extends operations until 4 PM if authorized by the agencies for operators that have converted to quiet technology aircraft. These time restrictions provide times when visitors seeking solitude may experience the Section 4(f) resources without disruptions from commercial air tours. The altitudes required by the Preferred Alternative, which would increase the minimum altitude by 500 – 2,500 ft. depending on location within the ATMP planning area as compared to existing conditions, would reduce the maximum noise levels at sites directly below the air tour routes. The Preferred Alternative also prohibits aircraft from hovering and/or circling while conducting commercial air tours over the Park. Collectively, these changes from existing operations and their effect on the current use of Section 4(f) resources would result in beneficial impacts to the Section 4(f) resources.

The FAA also considered the potential for vibrational impacts on Section 4(f) resources under the Preferred Alternative. A review of vibrational impacts on sensitive structures such as geological resources, historic buildings, parklands, and forests suggests that the potential for damage resulting from helicopter overflights is minimal, as the fundamental blade passage frequency is well above the natural frequency of these structures. Additionally, the vibration amplitude of these overflights at the

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<sup>4</sup> Per FAA Order 1050.1F, the FAA refers to noise changes meeting the following criteria as “reportable”: for DNL 65 dB and higher,  $\pm$  DNL 1.5 dB; for DNL 60 dB to <65 dB,  $\pm$  DNL 3 dB; for DNL 45 dB to <60 dB,  $\pm$  DNL 5 dB. See 1050.1F Desk Reference, Section 11.3.



altitudes prescribed in the Preferred Alternative would be well below recommended limits.<sup>5, 6</sup> Vibrational impacts are not anticipated to affect surrounding parkland and state forest areas given that aircraft overflights do not contain vibrational energy at levels which would affect outdoor areas or natural features and there is no substantial change from existing conditions.

As a result, FAA concludes there would be no substantial impairment of Section 4(f) resources in the Section 4(f) study area from noise-related and vibrational effects by the implementation of Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative would not result in significant or reportable increase in noise at the Park and would likely provide beneficial impacts to Section 4(f) resources. Likewise, vibrational impacts from air tour overflights would be minimal. These findings support the FAA's determination that implementation of the Proposed Action would not constitute a constructive use of Section 4(f) resources in the Section 4(f) study area.

### **Visual Impacts Analysis**

Recognizing that some types of Section 4(f) resources may be affected by visual effects of commercial air tours, the FAA and NPS considered the potential for the introduction of visual elements that could substantially diminish the significance or enjoyment of Section 4(f) resources in the Section 4(f) study area. The Preferred Alternative limits the number of commercial air tours to 2,224 flights per year and up to 14 flights per day across five operators. The Preferred Alternative also restricts all air tour operators to a single route at increased altitudes as compared to existing conditions and includes no-fly days in accordance with historically and culturally significant days. The ATMP also allows the Park to establish no-fly periods for special events or planned Park management.

Visual impacts to Section 4(f) resources would be similar or less compared to impacts currently occurring because the number of authorized flights under the Preferred Alternative will be considerably less than the average number of flights from 2017-2019 and there will only be one route. The ATMP would not introduce visual elements or result in visual impacts that would substantially diminish the activities, features or attributes of a Section 4(f) resource. Therefore, there would be no constructive use from visual impacts to Section 4(f) resources.

### **Preliminary Finding**

The FAA has preliminarily determined the Preferred Alternative would not substantially diminish the protected activities, features, or attributes of the Section 4(f) resources in the Section 4(f) study area. The changes from existing conditions and their effect on Section 4(f) resources would result in beneficial impacts to the Section 4(f) resources under the Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative would not result in substantial impairment of Section 4(f) resources; therefore, based on the analysis above, FAA intends to make a determination of no constructive use of Nu'u Refuge. We request that you review this information and respond with any concerns or need for further consultation on the FAA's preliminary proposed no substantial impairment finding within fourteen days of receiving this letter.

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<sup>5</sup> Hanson, C.E., King, K.W., et al., "Aircraft Noise Effects on Cultural Resources: Review of Technical Literature," NPOA Report No. 91-3 (HMMH Report No.290940.04-1), September 1991.

<sup>6</sup> Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, Department of Transportation, 2014. Literature Review: Vibration of Natural Structures and Ancient/Historical Dwellings, Internal Report for National Park Service, Natural Sounds and Night Skies Division, August 21, 2014.



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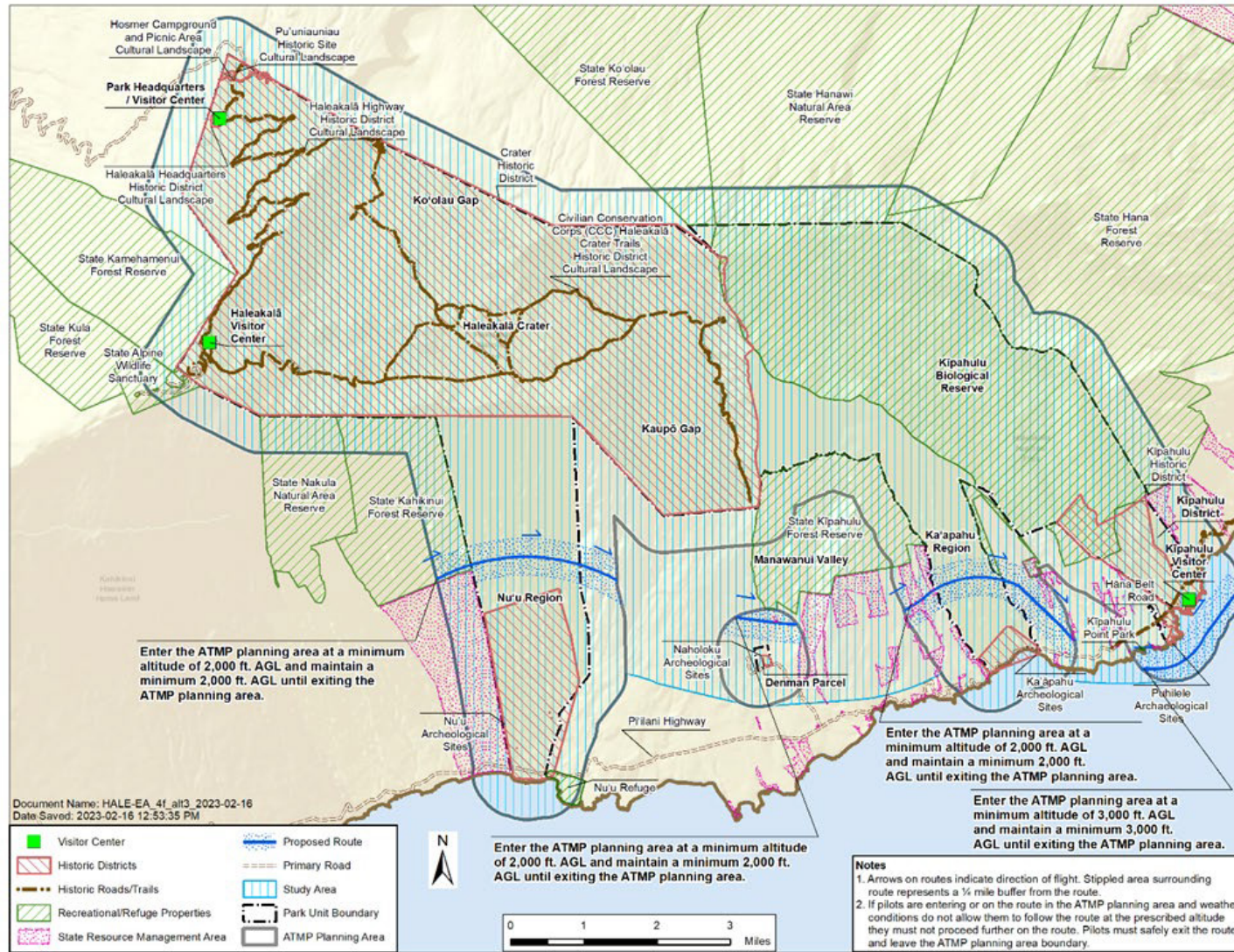
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**Attachments**

- A. Map including proposed Commercial Air Tour Routes, Section 4(f) Study Area, and Section 4(f) Resources
- B. Section 4(f) location point analysis

## ATTACHMENT A

### Map of Proposed Commercial Air Tour Routes, Section 4(f) Study Area, and Section 4(f) Resources





## ATTACHMENT B

### Section 4(f) Location Point Analysis

To assess time above 52 dBA at Section 4(f) resources under the Preferred Alternative, location points within 1.5 miles of each Section 4(f) resource were identified (Figure 1). The time above 52 dBA at location points and the range of time above 52 dBA at Section 4(f) resources based on nearby location points were then calculated and reported as high and low values. Table 1 shows the low and high modelled time above 52 dB values under the Preferred Alternative at each Section 4(f) resource. Table 2 shows the distance between each Section 4(f) resource and nearby location point and the time above 52 dB at the corresponding location point. A distance of 0.00 miles indicates that the location point falls within the Section 4(f) property. The longest time above 52 dB in the study area is 9.30 minutes.

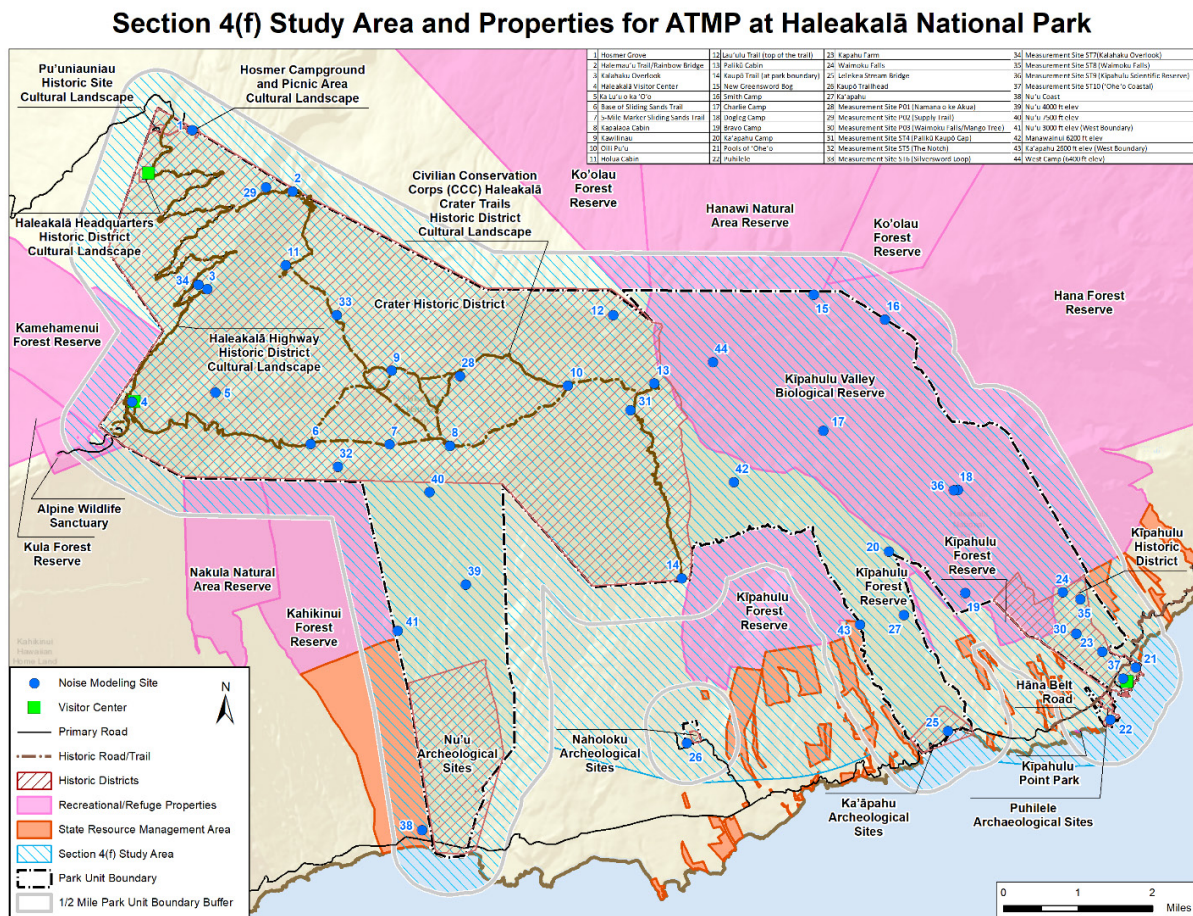


Figure 1. Section 4(f) resources and location points in the study area.

Table 1. Low and high modelled values for Time Above 52 dB under the Preferred Alternative for Section 4(f) resources

Section 4(f) Resource	Time Above 52 dBA – Low (minutes)	Time Above 52 dBA – High (minutes)
Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary	0.00	0.00
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	0.00	4.90
Haleakalā Headquarters Historic District Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Hāna Belt Road	0.00	9.30
Hana Forest Reserve	0.00	9.30
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	0.00	0.00
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites	2.70	6.60
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	0.00	4.90
Kamehamehū Forest Reserve	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	0.00	9.30
Kīpahulu Historic District	0.00	9.30
Kīpahulu Point Park	2.70	9.30
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	0.00	9.30
Koolau Forest Reserve	0.00	0.00
Kula Forest Reserve	0.00	0.00
Naholoku Archeological Sites	4.10	4.10
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	0.00	0.00
Nu'u Archeological Sites	0.00	4.90
Nu'u Refuge	0.00	0.00
Pu'uniauniau Historic Site Cultural Landscape	0.00	0.00
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	0.00	9.30
State Department of Land State Resource Management Area	0.00	9.30

Table 2. Section 4(f) resources and corresponding location point data for air tours under the Preferred Alternative

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.53	0.00
Alpine Wildlife Sanctuary	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	1.42	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	1.22	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	2	Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	0.01	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	3	Kalahaku Overlook	0.98	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.03	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0.39	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	6	Base of Sliding Sands Trail	0.02	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	7	5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	0.00	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	8	Kapalaoa Cabin	0.00	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	9	Kawilinau	0.00	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	10	Oili Pu'u	0.01	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	11	Holua Cabin	0.00	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.86	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	13	Palikū Cabin	0.03	0.00



<b>Section 4(f) Resource</b>	<b>Location Point ID</b>	<b>Location Point Name</b>	<b>Distance to Location Point (Miles)</b>	<b>Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)</b>
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	14	Kaupō Trail (at Park boundary)	0.06	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	28	Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	0.06	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	29	Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0.07	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	31	Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	0.03	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	32	Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	0.35	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	33	Measurement Site ST6 (Sword Loop)	0.04	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	34	Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	1.09	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	40	Nu'u 7500 ft. elev.	0.68	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	42	Manawainui 6200 ft. elev.	0.93	0.00
CCC Haleakalā Crater Trails Historic District Cultural Landscape	44	West Camp (6400 ft. elev.)	0.80	0.00
Crater Historic District	1	Hosmer Grove	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	2	Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	3	Kalahaku Overlook	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	6	Base of Sliding Sands Trail	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	7	5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	8	Kapalaoa Cabin	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	9	Kawilinau	0.00	0.00



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Crater Historic District	10	Oili Pu'u	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	11	Holua Cabin	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	13	Palikū Cabin	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	14	Kaupō Trail (at Park boundary)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	28	Measurement Site P01 (Namana o ke Akua)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	29	Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	31	Measurement Site ST4 ( Palikū Kaupō Gap)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	32	Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	33	Measurement Site ST6 (Silversword Loop)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	34	Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	0.00	0.00
Crater Historic District	39	Nu'u 4000 ft. elev.	1.26	4.90
Crater Historic District	40	Nu'u 7500 ft. elev.	0.14	0.00
Crater Historic District	42	Manawainui 6200 ft. elev.	0.59	0.00
Crater Historic District	44	West Camp (6400 ft. elev.)	0.63	0.00
Haleakalā Headquarters Historic District Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	0.78	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	0.32	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	2	Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	0.82	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	3	Kalahaku Overlook	0.00	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.00	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	0.97	0.00

Section 4(f) Resource	Location Point ID	Location Point Name	Distance to Location Point (Miles)	Time Above 52 dBA under ATMP (Minutes)
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	11	Holua Cabin	0.69	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	29	Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	0.50	0.00
Haleakalā Highway Historic District Cultural Landscape	34	Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	0.07	0.00
Hāna Belt Road	21	Pools of Oheo	0.09	7.90
Hāna Belt Road	22	Puhilele	0.32	8.20
Hāna Belt Road	23	Kapahu Farm	0.33	2.80
Hāna Belt Road	24	Waimoku Falls	1.09	0.00
Hāna Belt Road	25	Lelekea Stream Bridge	1.33	2.70
Hāna Belt Road	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.75	2.70
Hāna Belt Road	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.84	0.00
Hāna Belt Road	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	0.10	9.30
Hāna Forest Reserve	15	New Greensword Bog	0.12	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	16	Smith Camp	0.01	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	18	Dogleg Camp	0.91	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	21	Pools of Oheo	1.43	7.90
Hāna Forest Reserve	23	Kapahu Farm	1.08	2.80
Hāna Forest Reserve	24	Waimoku Falls	0.43	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.83	2.70
Hāna Forest Reserve	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.37	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	36	Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	0.92	0.00
Hāna Forest Reserve	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	1.50	9.30
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.61	0.00

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Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	13	Palikū Cabin	1.25	0.00
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	15	New Greensword Bog	0.05	0.00
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	16	Smith Camp	0.92	0.00
Hanawi Natural Area Reserve	44	West Camp (6400 ft elev)	0.96	0.00
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	0.00	0.00
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	2	Halemau'u Trail/Rainbow Bridge	1.46	0.00
Hosmer Campground and Picnic Area Cultural Landscape	29	Measurement Site P02 (Supply Trail)	1.14	0.00
Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites	25	Lelekea Stream Bridge	0.00	2.70
Ka'āpahu Archeological Sites	27	Ka'apahu	1.32	6.60
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	1.31	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	6	Base of Sliding Sands Trail	0.48	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	7	5-Mile Marker Sliding Sands Trail	0.62	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	8	Kapalaoa Cabin	1.28	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	32	Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	0.19	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	39	Nu'u 4000 ft. elev.	1.07	4.90
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	40	Nu'u 7500 ft. elev.	0.86	0.00
Kahikinui Forest Reserve	41	Nu'u 3000 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.04	4.10
Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve	3	Kalahaku Overlook	0.85	0.00
Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.18	0.00
Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	1.04	0.00
Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve	34	Measurement Site ST7(Kalahaku Overlook)	0.82	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	14	Kaupō Trail (at Park boundary)	0.11	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	17	Charlie Camp	1.30	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	18	Dogleg Camp	1.16	0.00



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Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	19	Bravo Camp	0.26	2.40
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	20	Ka'apahu Camp	0.08	0.30
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	23	Kapahu Farm	1.03	2.80
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	24	Waimoku Falls	0.74	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	25	Lelekea Stream Bridge	1.03	2.70
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	26	Kaupō Trailhead	0.80	4.10
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	27	Ka'apahu	0.15	6.60
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.65	2.70
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.86	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	36	Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	1.13	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	1.41	9.30
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	42	Manawainui 6200 ft. elev.	0.63	0.00
Kīpahulu Forest Reserve	43	Ka'apahu 2600 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.05	3.90
Kīpahulu Historic District	18	Dogleg Camp	1.37	0.00
Kīpahulu Historic District	19	Bravo Camp	0.39	2.40
Kīpahulu Historic District	21	Pools of Oheo	0.00	7.90
Kīpahulu Historic District	22	Puhilele	0.35	8.20
Kīpahulu Historic District	23	Kapahu Farm	0.00	2.80
Kīpahulu Historic District	24	Waimoku Falls	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Historic District	27	Ka'apahu	1.22	6.60
Kīpahulu Historic District	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.00	2.70
Kīpahulu Historic District	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Historic District	36	Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	1.40	0.00

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Kīpahulu Historic District	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	0.00	9.30
Kīpahulu Point Park	21	Pools of Oheo	1.12	7.90
Kīpahulu Point Park	22	Puhilele	0.43	8.20
Kīpahulu Point Park	23	Kapahu Farm	1.10	2.80
Kīpahulu Point Park	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	1.29	2.70
Kīpahulu Point Park	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	0.91	9.30
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	10	Oili Pu'u	1.24	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.44	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	13	Palikū Cabin	0.17	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	15	New Greensword Bog	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	16	Smith Camp	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	17	Charlie Camp	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	18	Dogleg Camp	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	19	Bravo Camp	0.00	2.40
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	20	Ka'apahu Camp	0.16	0.30
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	21	Pools of Oheo	1.16	7.90
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	22	Puhilele	1.39	8.20
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	23	Kapahu Farm	0.67	2.80
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	24	Waimoku Falls	0.10	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	27	Ka'apahu	0.58	6.60
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.25	2.70
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	31	Measurement Site ST4 (Palikū Kaupō Gap)	0.62	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.25	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	36	Measurement Site ST9 (Kīpahulu Scientific Reserve)	0.00	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	1.09	9.30

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Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	42	Manawainui 6200 ft. elev.	0.31	0.00
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	43	Ka'apahu 2600 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	1.08	3.90
Kīpahulu Biological Reserve	44	West Camp (6400 ft. elev.)	0.00	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	10	Oili Pu'u	1.48	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	12	Lau'ulu Trail (top of the trail)	0.36	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	13	Palikū Cabin	1.25	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	15	New Greensword Bog	0.22	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	16	Smith Camp	0.61	0.00
Koolau Forest Reserve	44	West Camp (6400 ft elev)	1.27	0.00
Kula Forest Reserve	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	0.83	0.00
Naholoku Archeological Sites	26	Kaupō Trailhead	0.08	4.10
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	4	Haleakalā Visitor Center	1.23	0.00
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	5	Ka Lu'u o ka 'O'o	1.15	0.00
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	6	Base of Sliding Sands Trail	0.82	0.00
Nakula Natural Area Reserve	32	Measurement Site ST5 (The Notch)	1.04	0.00
Nu'u Archeological Sites	38	Nu'u Coast	0.13	0.00
Nu'u Archeological Sites	39	Nu'u 4000 ft. elev.	1.03	4.90
Nu'u Archeological Sites	41	Nu'u 3000 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.71	4.10
Nu'u Refuge	38	Nu'u Coast	0.67	0.00
Pu'uniauniau Historic Site Cultural Landscape	1	Hosmer Grove	0.37	0.00
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	21	Pools of Oheo	0.52	7.90
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	22	Puhilele	0.00	8.20
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	23	Kapahu Farm	0.55	2.80
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	24	Waimoku Falls	1.46	0.00
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.88	2.70
Puhilele Archaeological Sites	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	1.29	0.00



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Puhilele Archaeological Sites	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal )	0.30	9.30
State Department of Land State Resource Management Area (SRMA)	14	Kaupo Trail (at Park boundary)	1.41	0.00
State Department of Land SRMA	19	Bravo Camp	0.56	2.40
State Department of Land SRMA	20	Ka'apahu Camp	1.02	0.30
State Department of Land SRMA	21	Pools of Oheo	0.13	7.90
State Department of Land SRMA	22	Puhilele	0.19	8.20
State Department of Land SRMA	23	Kapahu Farm	0.37	2.80
State Department of Land SRMA	24	Waimoku Falls	0.34	0.00
State Department of Land SRMA	25	Lelekea Stream Bridge	0.44	2.70
State Department of Land SRMA	26	Kaupo Trail head	0.53	4.10
State Department of Land SRMA	27	Ka'apahu	0.60	6.60
State Department of Land SRMA	30	Measurement Site P03 (Waimoku Falls/Mango Tree)	0.36	2.70
State Department of Land SRMA	35	Measurement Site ST8 (Waimoku Falls)	0.21	0.00
State Department of Land SRMA	37	Measurement Site ST10 (Oheo Coastal)	0.34	9.30
State Department of Land SRMA	38	Nu'u Coast	0.00	0.00
State Department of Land SRMA	39	Nu'u 4000 ft. elev.	1.18	4.90
State Department of Land SRMA	41	Nu'u 3000 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.10	4.10
State Department of Land SRMA	43	Ka'apahu 2600 ft. elev. (West Boundary)	0.01	3.90

**Final EA – Additional Appendix Materials**

**Appendix J – Public Scoping Materials**

*Copies of all public comments received during public scoping*

## Copies of All Public Comments Received during Public Scoping

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Correspondence ID: 1 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Owens, A  
Received: Feb,28 2022 15:13:08  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is considered one of the quietest places on earth.  
It is also a National Park and an important cultural site. It should be treated with respect.  
Please, we do not need tour helicopters disturbing the peaceful Haleakala  
Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 2 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Anderson, Phillip  
Received: Feb,28 2022 15:43:19  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you,  
I am not in support of allowing air tours over Haleakala National Park. Haleakala is a very peaceful and precious resource on our island and it is not to be exploited by the tour industry any more than it already has been. Noisy planes flying over and disrupting the peace is wrong.  
Phil

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Correspondence ID: 3 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lester, Tamara  
Received: Feb,28 2022 16:22:24  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Not now. Not EVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!! NO AIR TOURS OF HALEAKALA. NEVER!!!  
As someone who has hiked through there as long as I can remember, the ONLY peaceful (when the helicopters are NOT violating the ban, that is), it is one of the last bastions of peace and beauty on this island. NO NO NO NO NO.

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Correspondence ID: 4 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Cooper, Arnie  
Received: Feb,28 2022 17:57:59  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is very simple. Haleakala is a sacred place and therefore there should be ZERO air tours over the area. Anyone wishing to visit the volcano is free to visit it over land.  
Thanks for reading.  
Arnie Cooper

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Correspondence ID: 5 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: , Eric  
Received: Feb,28 2022 18:12:27  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thanks for opening up the comments.

Flights over national parks in general might be a very lucrative Endeavour paid by for by a few impacting many, but Haleakala, as many other parks, has a unique scenery which is available for access by car and by walking. There is no need to require a flight to have a look at the amazing beauty.

The serene quality of the silence up there would be destroyed for the many people going up there by more than 28000 flights a year.

1/2 a mile distance is also not enough to keep the noise of helicopters away from current access points. At least 1 mile should be required.

National Parks are very valuable for the population in the USA and should not be sacrificed for the dollar of over tourism. Some serenity should remain for everybody to enjoy, not only for the ones who can afford expensive flight tickets.

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Correspondence ID:	6	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	, Mike		
Received:	Feb,28 2022 18:13:57		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: Aloha!

It's definitely a good idea to address flying around and over Haleakala crater. On many occasions I personally witnessed a significant change in the behavior of nene, honeycreepers and other birds followed by a noisy fly-by. The absolute worst are from the military crafts - a number of times over past 10 years I personally witnessed Ospreys Aircrafts flying right over tha crater at such low altitude that I could make out the details of the fuselage! No higher than a couple of hundred meters above the bottom of the crater! So freakin loud!!! They'd always show up from South-East direction, fly right above Paliku, across the crater and exit right above the Sliding Sands trail and the visitor center. For more than an hour after that there is absolutely no bird activity. Everything comes to a halt. Everything is virtually dead. No birds' songs, no flying around, nothing.

I've witnessed the same thing (on a smaller scale, of course) induced by tour helicopters a few times as well - mainly around Paliku. No surprise at all - large noisy machines even from distance tend to bring disturbance to an extremely quiet and peaceful environment of Haleakala.

Please make them stop.

With Aloha from Kapaau, Hawaii  
Mike

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Correspondence ID:	7	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Bartee, Roy		
Received:	Feb,28 2022 18:22:43		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: Air tours including both fixed wing and helicopters should be totally excluded from the Haleakala crater at all times. Flights over the Hana to "Seven Pools" should also be limited to a small number per day.

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Correspondence ID:	8	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Benvie, Jennifer		
Received:	Feb,28 2022 19:05:18		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: No flights at all period. Crater deemed quietest place on earth. Lets keep it that way Mahalos

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Correspondence ID:	9	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
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Name: gillespie, michele

Received: Feb,28 2022 19:57:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe there should not be any flights allowed over Haleakala or any of the 23 other ATMP National Parks. Disruptive to all species.

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Correspondence ID: 10 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Resident, Concerned

Received: Feb,28 2022 21:12:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha

Of the alternatives offered, I strongly support adopting Alternative 2: prohibiting air tours within the ATMP planning area.

The fragility of Haleakalā's ecosystem make it the only viable option.

Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 11 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lassalle, Bernard M

Received: Feb,28 2022 22:13:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am categorical against any overflights, exploratory or sightseeing flights over Haleakala. The only exception I would consider appropriate would be flights for air evacuation and medical emergencies ( particularly by helicopter). If viewing from the top of the crater or hiking are not an option, folks should consider watching a video!

'nuff already! Please Do not disturb the pristine silence!

Bernard M Lassalle

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Correspondence ID: 12 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lassalle, Bernard M

Received: Feb,28 2022 22:13:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am categorical against any overflights, exploratory or sightseeing flights over Haleakala. The only exception I would consider appropriate would be flights for air evacuation and medical emergencies ( particularly by helicopter). If viewing from the top of the crater or hiking are not an option, folks should consider watching a video!

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Bernard M Lassalle

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Correspondence ID: 13 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lassalle, Bernard M

Received: Feb,28 2022 22:13:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am categorical against any overflights, exploratory or sightseeing flights over Haleakala. The only exception I would consider appropriate would be flights for air evacuation and medical emergencies ( particularly by helicopter). If viewing from the top of the crater or hiking are not an option, folks should consider watching a video!

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Bernard M Lassalle

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Correspondence ID: 14 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Feb,28 2022 22:17:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "On average, there are 4824 flights over Haleakala a year."

On average, there are 365 days a year.

Averaging 13 flights daily or one per hour, the experience of flying over such intense and natural beauty and seeing it from the perspective above is ranked as one of the most intense and meaningful things done during a lifetime by many who have been so lucky as to see it. The aircraft pass overhead at an altitude so high above ground that the dim hum of the machine is barely perceptible, and if noticed, endures for under thirty seconds or less.

A vocal minority should not infringe on freedoms of the majority.

Currently, aircraft are prohibited from flying under 9,500 feet in certain specified areas of the park.

Terrain precludes them from operation under that altitude in all areas of the park.

The park and the National Park Service are not privately owned, and the restrictions or curtailments of legal activities within them leads only towards a path of eventual extinction of access; eligible for legal redress.

I take the time to strongly support aviation including air tours as presently conducted above certain minimum altitudes that render noise emitted to a barely perceptible hum, for a duration of under a half minute, on an average of once an hour during daylight hours.

Aviation including air tours is among the most cherished and spectacular experience ever shared by human kind; lifting off Earth, gliding through Maui's sky, rising up and over to look down on swaths of breathtaking natural beauty; the moments are full of awe and wonder; size, scale and perspective. We see our role in the world, our collective impact on Earth and its environment, and the intersection of Humankind and the environment; Human Ecology from a higher perspective.

Observing Haleakala National Park from above ranks among the singularly most spectacular, scenically beautiful and life impacting experiences of one's life; I support the FAA in its role to promote aviation 100%.

I support the status quo 100%.

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Correspondence ID: 15 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ash, Steve

Received: Mar,01 2022 09:09:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe there should NOT be any air tours over our National Park. Hiking in the crater should be wilderness experience for everyone and should not be ruined by a handful of tourists in very loud aircraft of any kind. Just as we don't allow motor vehicles in the crater.

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Correspondence ID: 16 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: DeBrunner, Jamie A

Received: Mar,01 2022 11:06:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha - Mahalo for taking action to protect Haleakala!

I support reducing the number of flights, limiting flight routes over sensitive areas, and prohibiting flights on specific days of the week.

Mahalo!

Jamie DeBrunner



Correspondence ID:	17	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	DeBrunner, Jamie A		
Received:	Mar,01 2022 11:07:13		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Aloha - Mahalo for taking action to protect Haleakala!		
I support reducing the number of flights, limiting flight routes over sensitive areas, and prohibiting flights on specific days of the week.			
Mahalo!			
Jamie DeBrunner			

Correspondence ID:	18	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Muth, William B		
Received:	Mar,01 2022 11:40:19		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Helicopter tours should not be allowed to fly over any residential areas at any time.		
The number of tours must be limited to half of what is being done currently.			
Tours must be limited to Monday through Friday only and absolutely no weekends or holidays.			
Living in an area like Volcano Village we are constantly bombarded with the noise of tour helicopters flying around overhead. We can't even enjoy a peaceful weekend at home without having to listen to them flying around.			
Anyone who lives within the flight path of helicopter tours should not have to live with the constant noise pollution created by helicopter tours.			

Correspondence ID:	19	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,01 2022 12:07:19		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I believe these locations should have flights restricted and/banned over the airspace to preserve the beauty of a time that used to be, and to enjoy the peace and beauty without commercial operations running overhead. Otherwise, you may as well authorize the construction of a highway through the park...		
Please seriously consider this topic, especially with how much hawaii's beauty has been sodomized by commercial efforts, corruption, and lack of oversight.			

Correspondence ID:	20	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Abe, Chris		
Received:	Mar,01 2022 14:29:40		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Helicopter tours disrupt enjoyment of public lands, is noisy, unsightly and ruins the aesthetic of our natural scenery. I urge the restriction of commercial for-profit flights tourism flights over Haleakala and other public parks (such as na pali coast on Kauai for example). For Haleakala, an allowed 25,827 flights allowed per year is nearly 6 flights per hour every day, 12 hours a day, or one helicopter flying over you every 10 minutes. while the actual amount of flights is closer to 1 flight per hour, even 1 flight per hour is a noisy and negative impact to the atmosphere of people on the ground trying to enjoy hawaii's natural beauty.		

Furthermore, it is always good public policy to limit the privatization of public spaces for private profit, regardless of &quot;entry fees&quot; paid by helicopter tour passengers. Alternatively, a significantly higher per passenger tax should be considered so the local community can benefit from the privatization of our public space and so that the community can share in the profits gained by these helicopter tour owners.

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Correspondence ID: 21 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,01 2022 18:43:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Do not allow air tourism aircraft in fly space above any National Park or residential areas for the purpose of sightseeing.

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Correspondence ID: 22 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: SCHOFFSTALL, Keith  
Received: Mar,01 2022 19:58:25  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Make helicopters use routes stay on the coast . Not able to fly over houses on the way to the park.

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Correspondence ID: 23 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Bromberg, Franklin  
Received: Mar,01 2022 20:53:59  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No helicopter tours

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Correspondence ID: 24 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Seidman, Brian  
Received: Mar,01 2022 20:55:16  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been a resident of Maui for now eight years and I have bought a pass to go up to Haleakala for the last three years. I think it would be absolutely unacceptable to allow 25,000 helicopter flights over Haleakala not only for the environmental impact of those flights on Wildlife and plant life but it is considered spiritually significant sovereign land for need of Hawaiian's. It is known for being one of the most quietest places on earth native Hawaiians. I think respecting it as we currently do with limited helicopter and aircraft in the park is probably the best solution if that is absolutely unfeasible then I might consider it limited flights for limited periods of the day.

There's no shortage of helicopter opportunities for tourists and residents to tour the island You can go over the west Maui mountains they can go on the water side of the road to Hana they can go to Molokai.

I have come to realize after living here for the last eight years if we do not protect what is special about the islands there will be nothing special about the islands it will just become another Suburban American city

I am a resident of the Haiku area of Maui Brian Seidman 808-757-8427

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Correspondence ID: 25 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Meier, John  
Received: Mar,01 2022 20:57:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am a resident of Maui and hike with a group of 6 people at Haleakala National Park once a month.

My strong preference is Alternative 2, which would prohibit air tours over Haleakala National Park.

The main reason I support Alternative 2 is because I believe the proper and respectful way to enter into the crater is on foot.

One of the unique qualities of Haleakala is that when you are down in the crater, it feels like you are in a wilderness for as far as you can see.

The park service has very careful and intentionally protected that wilderness feeling with the location and size of structures they have built in the park.

Another important feature of being in Haleakala is the silence.

Both the wilderness feeling and silence would be destroyed by helicopter tours over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	26	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Meier, Melissa
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Received:	Mar,01 2022 21:08:14
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I am in favor of alternative 2 - no helicopter tours over Haleakala

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Correspondence ID:	27	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	, Ryan
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Received:	Mar,01 2022 21:09:17
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: We should NOT allow helicopter tours over park in any capacity. This park is one of the few places where you can experience true natural peace. Helicopters are loud and extremely noticeable when flying anywhere near you. This noise would immediately rip you out of the overwhelming sense of nature around you and almost instinctively make you raise your head and watch as it flies by. The park is also the only home to many of Maui's native species of birds, and this noise and other chaos caused by helicopters may affect them in more ways than we currently know. Please keep our park free of mankind's insatiable need to disrupt and conquer everything it can. Mahalo

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Correspondence ID:	28	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Weiss, Virginia
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Received:	Mar,01 2022 21:36:40
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: NO to helicopters over Haleakala National Park. .

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Correspondence ID:	29	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Pollmiller, David
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Received:	Mar,01 2022 21:40:57
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please don't allow helicopter tours over the national park. As you know, it is an extremely peaceful area and I feel the noise of helicopters would ruin that.

Thank you!

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Correspondence ID:	30	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,01 2022 21:51:29
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala! This is such a peaceful location and a place for people to take in the beauty of Maui, including sunrises and sunsets. The last thing needed up there are helicopter rudder noises and silhouettes of aircraft flying through the impeccable sunsets. Spend some time at the campgrounds listening to the hush of the wind blowing through the trees and the songs of the native birds that live there. There are plenty of gorgeous views around the island coastlines that companies can share with the visitors. Keep Haleakala peaceful!

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Correspondence ID:	31	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Barber-Meyer, Shannon M
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Received:	Mar,01 2022 22:10:36
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I prefer option 2 (no tours). The solitude found in this NP is rare. There are many other places in Hawaii to do helicopter tours over exceptionally beautiful vistas. Please exclude such tours from this peaceful refuge. The noise of helicopters is excessive (I have flown approximately 100 flights in another National Park and elsewhere while conducting park and other protected area sponsored research). Please restrict helicopter flights here to those required - not those desired. This National Park is truly unique in its combination of awe-inspiring views and great isolation from the mainland. Acoustic and visual pollution should be minimized.

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Correspondence ID:	32	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Huguenin, Nicole
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Received:	Mar,01 2022 22:11:30
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: There should be NO commercial helicopter tours in Haleakala National Forest.!

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Correspondence ID:	33	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,01 2022 22:15:42
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Helicopter tours over Haleakala is a very bad idea on any scale. One vital aspect of the Haleakala experience is the profound silence and clear air. These same attributes are vital to the life of animals and plants, as well as to traditional Hawaiian sacred space. Helicopters completely destroy the peace and pollute the air with exhaust. They are also visual distractions degrading the experience of a vast area created by nature to become simply an attractive background for flying machinery. The idea of up to 25,000 helicopters per year yields about one every 10 minutes. This would entirely ruin all aspects of the Haleakala experience that are valued today. Every single helicopter that flies over Haleakala compromises the values that NPS is instructed to uphold.

The only reasonable alternative to the current flight-permissible situation is Option 2, the prohibition of air tours within the ATMP planning area.

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Correspondence ID:	34	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	, Liz
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Received: Mar,01 2022 22:16:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours please.Haleakala is a sacred place and one of the quietest places in the world. Let's keep it that way.

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Correspondence ID: 35 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,01 2022 22:28:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think there should be no helicopter tours in Haleakala National Park,

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Correspondence ID: 36 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,01 2022 22:30:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We do not want helicopter tours over Haleakalā National Park. Please do not start allowing helicopter tours.

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Correspondence ID: 37 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Nallie, Jason T

Received: Mar,01 2022 22:32:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours

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Correspondence ID: 38 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Weeks, Katherine R

Received: Mar,01 2022 23:00:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been coming to Maui for about 20 years, and now live here part time (3 months per year). We go hiking in Haleakala at least once a year.

I support Alternative 2 because it is more protective of the environment, and also of the cultural significance of this beautiful place.

I would consider supporting Alternative 3 as long as there were bigger incentives for use of QT aircraft, and also as long as the flights during the 11am - 2pm are limited to no more than 2 per hour. I say this because there may be some people who could never otherwise experience Haleakala, for example, those who are physically disabled. Thank you for asking for public comment.

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Correspondence ID: 39 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Peterson, Gordon B

Received: Mar,01 2022 23:13:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Air tours both helicopter and fixed wing need to fly higher. 1500 feet is not nearly high enough to stop the noise disruption over national parks and communities alike. Should be closer to 5000 feet.

The number of operators and flights needs to be significantly reduced, both over national parks and Hawaiian communities at large. Dial it back to year 2000.

On board altitude and location devices need to be mandated in ALL air tours. These devices need to be monitored, not by the air tour industry themselves or the FAA (both who have proven time and time again not to care about the people and communities on the ground under their flight paths), but rather by independent entities (how about publishing live flight status online). Hawaii counties need to be able to regulate air tours to fit each county. AND there MUST be significant consequences for violations.

The cockpit of the air tour aircraft needs to have dedicated pilots and dedicated guides, NOT the pilot doing both!

There needs to simple and EFFECTIVE methods for public to register complaints of violating air tours.

Lastly, don't allow the air tour industry to cry foul - i.e. "we can't afford your regulations" or "we're too vital to the economy". Collectively it is not the kuleana of the residents of Hawaii to ensure financial success for these operators. Flat out, there needs to be must more restrictive rules in place, more limits on numbers, more consistent monitoring and enforced consequences.

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Correspondence ID:	40	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Grant, Nicholas			
Received:	Mar,01 2022 23:16:17			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I support the adoption of alternative #2. Helicopters tours are not appropriate for any National Park but particularly one considered one of the quietest places on the planet. I hike into and camp in the crater often, hearing and seeing the helicopters from afar is already annoying enough in a place meant to be reserved for connection with nature.

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Correspondence ID:	41	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bogert, Julie M			
Received:	Mar,01 2022 23:23:13			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I vote for NO helicopter tours over Haleakala Crater. Please keep something sacred on the island, and to allow us visiting the park to enjoy the peace and tranquility while in the park.

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Correspondence ID:	42	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Buehler, James			
Received:	Mar,01 2022 23:32:36			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopter tours! Its one of the quietest places on earth, and so peaceful. Imagine helicopters buzzing overhead while you try and watch a sunset or sunrise, or hike among the trails.

Helicopters are just way, way too loud, it would be obnoxious.

Please, don't let tourism further ruin such a beautiful and peacefully quite national park.

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Correspondence ID:	43	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Matheson, Sally			
Received:	Mar,01 2022 23:33:28			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			



Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours over Haleakala. This is a beautiful and sacred place. The pure quiet and serenity would be ruined by helicopter tours. They aren't needed and shouldn't be allowed.

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Correspondence ID: 44 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Tyler, Lauren  
Received: Mar,01 2022 23:38:33  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have experienced both, hiking in the Haleakalā depression and touring the skies around it in a helicopter. Both were absolutely incredible and awe inspiring. Both have their place here. But there is NO way that I think the laws should be changed to let helicopter tours fly over Haleakalā. There are not many places where you can get away from noise pollution- it's almost everywhere. Haleakalā (the quietest place on Earth I've heard?) is that place. And it is an extremely sacred place. There are native birds that depend on this spot as a breeding/nesting site..... and for countless other reasons, I really truly hope with all of my heart that laws don't change to allow helicopters to fly over. The reason would be for money, and greed isn't a good enough reason for me.

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Correspondence ID: 45 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,01 2022 23:40:46  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, no helicopter tours over Haleakala. When hiking the crated we enjoy the silence and the pristine wilderness without interruptions. Helicopters would detract from the experience. Malama Pono.

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Correspondence ID: 46 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,01 2022 23:46:44  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Do not allow helicopters flights in a national park as it will disturb silence of nature and animals

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Correspondence ID: 47 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Salvato, Frances  
Received: Mar,01 2022 23:49:11  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours over Haleakala please

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Correspondence ID: 48 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: I, Allison  
Received: Mar,01 2022 23:51:08  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: #2 no helicopters over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 49 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Whittington, Beth A  
Received: Mar,01 2022 23:57:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternative #2. No helicopters tours in Haleakala. I can't believe it's even a consideration!

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Correspondence ID: 50 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Trotsuk, Katherine

Received: Mar,02 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't allow any helicopter tours over Haleakala. The silence within the crater is one of the most beautiful parts of the experience and should be protected and treasured. Hiking in Waimea Canyon on Kauai is such a different experience with the constant whirring of helicopters either nearby or in the distance. It's sad. Keep Haleakala quiet and as pristine as possible. It's not far to drive to the crater. Anyone who is interested can drive up in very little time rather than using a helicopter. Please.

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Correspondence ID: 51 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,02 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NO helicopter tours. Stop with the noise pollution.

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Correspondence ID: 52 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,02 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I vote no to helicopter tours. No added noise pollution on one of the quietest places on Earth.

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Correspondence ID: 53 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Michelle

Received: Mar,02 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I recently had the privilege of visiting Hawaii Volcanoes National Park for two days. While enjoying a walk through the park on marked paths, I noticed signs requesting quiet and respect for Hawaiian culture and cultural practices.

I also noticed the sound of helicopters.

The sound was disruptive to the quiet sounds of nature. We noticed when the wind blew the resting tree leaves reminded us of the sound of ocean waves. We also could hear birds chirping.

Until we heard the helicopter.

To see the active lava lake from a helicopter must be spectacular. I reflected on how the desire to see a wonder of nature was also disruptive to many species, including humans.

At night, we went to see the lava lake. Again, I thought the view from a helicopter must be spectacular, and the sound would be disruptive. Upon arrival back to our accommodations we pulled up the Webcam views on the HVNP website and marveled at the views all while not making a public sound in the park.

I agree to stop all helicopter visits to all Hawaii National Parks.

Certainly the views are breathtaking. And, I feel the noise pollution reduces the "on the ground" experience of true nature.

Hawaii offers natural beauty in the form of Disneyland-style tours which does not support the local culture nor the cultural history.

While it may be pretty and amazing to see such beauty of any of our volcanoes and mountains it is also highly disruptive to all on the ground below.  
Who are we serving? And why?  
What are our values?

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Correspondence ID: 54 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Mintz, Ralph  
Received: Mar,02 2022 01:07:25  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours, AT ALL. This island is inundated with tourists. We dont need to be selling our souls for them. If they want to see the park, let them get their fat asses out there, and walk around it like everyone else!

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Correspondence ID: 55 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,02 2022 02:35:24  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 56 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,02 2022 09:25:46  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NO Helicopter Tours ever, over Haleakala National Park! Thank you for keeping the experience peaceful.

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Correspondence ID: 57 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Catullo, Joy  
Received: Mar,02 2022 09:26:11  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is the QUIETEST place on earth??!!  
NO HELICOPTERS  
Have some respect for the peace and quiet  
And the Nene??!!

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Correspondence ID: 58 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Webster, Holly L  
Received: Mar,02 2022 10:03:23  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: That's a strong no for me. Considering that an additional 70 helicopter flights a day will had a drastic impact on the quiet neighborhoods these choppers are required to fly near to access to the park. I live next to the fields at the bend of Pukalani and I don't want to hear helicopters all day flying by my neighborhood. Another eye sore that doesn't have any positive impact on the local life & well being of the aina. Please please consider to eliminate this proposal . Haleakala is a special place and needs to be preserved

Correspondence ID:	59	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,02 2022 10:29:17		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	The stillness of the crater is one of the most spiritual and majestic things I've encountered on this earth. Allowing loud helicopters to cross through this area is would negatively disrupt the experience of the crater for all visitors, and will no doubt negatively impact the wildlife as well.		
Correspondence ID:	60	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	carpenter, donald s		
Received:	Mar,02 2022 11:13:55		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	with on enforceable regulations with the unhealthy relationship with FAA Flight standards Honolulu they should have no Tour Helicopter over flights.		
Correspondence ID:	61	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Henley, Sarah		
Received:	Mar,02 2022 11:16:26		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	At some point maui needs to stop putting money and profit before destroying most of the natural beauty and special places left on this island. I think it is extremely important to keep Haleakala a peaceful territory where people feel like they can truly get away. Adding helicopter tours will take away from any peacefulness up there. Please keep the beauty intact and decline the medium to small profit to keep intact that is what makes this island so special.		
Correspondence ID:	62	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Morine, Patricia K		
Received:	Mar,02 2022 11:42:36		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	It is my sincere hope that no air tours are allowed over Haleakala National Park. Haleakala National Park is known as being one of the quietest places on earth. This should be preserved. It's amazing to go into the crater and unwind without extraneous noise. Mahalo.		
Correspondence ID:	63	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Rigdon, Michael		
Received:	Mar,02 2022 11:55:04		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Haleakala helo tours not pono. The next thing that needs to happen is the bicycle tours need to stop in Makawao. Worst case they could continue down Baldwin but road is too narrow to bicycle to Kokomo and Haiku		
Correspondence ID:	64	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,02 2022 11:59:49		

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think option 3. Limited number of flight paths and tours.

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Correspondence ID: 65 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Paulman, Ella

Received: Mar,02 2022 12:26:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that Haleakala National Park should not allow helicopter tours over the crater. These flights will be disruptive for attendees and sound pollution may have unintended negative consequences on wildlife in the park. Overall, I believe that the consequences of helicopter tours would outweigh any benefits.

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Correspondence ID: 66 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,02 2022 14:47:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopters over Haleakala would significantly damage the experience of those visiting the park

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Correspondence ID: 67 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Patel, Amar

Received: Mar,02 2022 14:48:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: 1) use a portion of profits to reduce axis deer population and give the meat (after inspection) to locals at a reasonable price. This helps the indigenous flora and fauna, our farmers, feeds locals, reduces our dependence on meat from off island.

If you guys need a volunteer to help, I offer myself. Just message me

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Correspondence ID: 68 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Altice, Melissa

Received: Mar,02 2022 16:08:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours around Haleakala, at all. Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 69 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Raymond, Stanley H

Received: Mar,02 2022 18:54:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

After reading the Haleakalā National Park's February 2022 Newsletter and the three Potential Alternatives presented therein regarding the Air Tour Management plan, I support the enacting of Alternative 3.

Mahalo,  
Stanley Raymond

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Correspondence ID: 70 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wakefield, Jennifer  
Received: Mar,02 2022 19:04:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not fly over the crater. It is known to be one of the quietest places on earth. Is that not sacred enough??? Do this just so more money can be made feels absolutely shameful  
It's like pimping out nature.  
We have plenty of ways to make money w tourists. And they can fly the helicopters in many other beautiful places on the islands.

Do not make it a money maker. Greed can not lead the way here. Keeping some things pristine is way more important

Thank you  
Jenn

Ps I once assured a woman who flew here from Amsterdam to film and document the quiet of the crater. It's a real thing

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Correspondence ID: 71 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,02 2022 19:43:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park encloses an area sacred to Native Hawaiians, as well as an incredible unique gem of ecosystem, geology, history, and wilderness. There are myriad number of ways visitors can experience the park that are extremely accessible that take place within the already established infrastructure of the park: namely, the roadways, visitor centers, paved trails, and interpretive displays. The quiet, wilderness nature of the park would be forever fractured and disrespected by allowing noisy, invasive, polluting, sightseeing helicopters to fly over the park. If visitors to Hawaii wish to see Haleakala and the beauty within, they have myriad ways to do so without disrupting the experience of other visitors, stressing the wildlife, or disrespecting the cultural heritage of the area. As a frequent visitor to Maui and long-time admirer of the Hawaiian Islands, I am strongly opposed to allowing any helicopter routes over the park.

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Correspondence ID: 72 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,02 2022 20:11:24  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I vote NO helicopters should be allowed

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Correspondence ID: 73 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Moore, Craig  
Received: Mar,02 2022 20:25:57  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha, At one time in my life I had spent 11% of my entire life inside Haleakala. I definitely encourage Haleakala Crater a NO FLY Zone 24/7 365 days a year.. Mahalo, Craig Moore

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Correspondence ID: 74 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Wigmore, Denise  
Received: Mar,02 2022 20:28:48



Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do not want to see helicopters tours over Haleakala crater.

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Correspondence ID: 75 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wigmore, Denise

Received: Mar,02 2022 20:28:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do not want to see helicopters tours over Haleakala crater.

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Correspondence ID: 76 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Arlidge, Janine

Received: Mar,03 2022 01:00:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha, I support any action taken to stop tour flights over Haleakala National Park. It's so disturbing to be there in the peace and quite when planes and helicopters fly over.

Thank you  
Janine Arlidge

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Correspondence ID: 77 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Yuan, David

Received: Mar,03 2022 02:31:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am requesting there be NO helicopter tours in Haleakala national park.

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Correspondence ID: 78 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,03 2022 04:52:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: i don't think any flights through Haleakala should be permitted. These activities only benefit those that can afford the experience. The noise is disruptive to those of us that still participate in traditional and cultural practices. The constant noise of buzzing is disruptive to nature. I never thought i'd see the day when it can stop. I still don't. But i'm hopeful something can be done to stop the irritating buzz.

Haleakala national park should be a no-fly zone. This includes drones.

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Correspondence ID: 79 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Dianora, Mare

Received: Mar,03 2022 07:02:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think flights should be restricted to NPS employees and emergencies only. We are in a climate emergency - why are we allowing this unnecessary burden to our planet?

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Correspondence ID: 80 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Schlueter, Kaley C

Received: Mar,03 2022 07:15:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There are already so many ways to explore the park. No need to ruin other visitors experiences with the noise and the environment with more pollution just so rich tourists can see a volcano.

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Correspondence ID: 81 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: HELLER, SCOTT

Received: Mar,03 2022 10:14:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
I have been traveling and staying in Haleakala Crater for 43 years and I absolutely believe that NO HELECOPTER TOURS OF ANY SORT should be allowed to pass over the crater. I support option 2- NO FLIGHTS OVER HALEAKALA CRATER.

Mahalo,  
Scott Heller  
333 Haumana rd  
Haiku, HI 96708

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Correspondence ID: 82 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: LaFleur, Steve

Received: Mar,03 2022 10:22:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: #2 No helicopter tours over Haleakala!!!

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Correspondence ID: 83 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Oswald, Glenn

Received: Mar,03 2022 10:39:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours

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Correspondence ID: 84 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pyzyna, Paul

Received: Mar,03 2022 10:50:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Part of the sacredness of Haliakala is its pristineness and its silence. No one need to make money by sacrificing the quiet. Some things need to be earned , to make the effort to attain. Haliakala is one of them. If you want to experience the crater get in your car a d make the drive then get on foot.

DO NOT ALLOW AIR TRAFFIC OVER THE CRATER!!

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Correspondence ID: 85 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: A, Ben

Received: Mar,03 2022 11:18:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter tours would be very disruptive and loud for visitors to Haleakala. Haleakala is a sacred place and one of the quietest places on Earth. Helicopter tours would greatly disrupt this tranquility and environment. Please do not allow any helicopter tours over Haleakala.

Correspondence ID:	86	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Boswell, Dan		
Received:	Mar,03 2022 12:02:41		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	The new reservation system for the Haleakala campgrounds is an absolute disgrace. That was the ONE place that locals can escape tourism and now it's just another waianapanapa. I was looking forward to getting out there for atleast one night with friends this summer and the reservations are already booked out 6 months in advance. Why are you doing this to your own people? There's PLENTY of things on the islands to keep tourists occupied. Our ENTIRE ecosystem is based around them. So after all the locals are done slaving away to the hoales, we can't even enjoy our own land. Listen to the people. THIS HELPS NO ONE.		
Correspondence ID:	87	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	king, jason		
Received:	Mar,03 2022 12:44:15		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	PLEASE NO HELICOPTER TOURS ANYWHERE NEAR HALEAKALA CRATER!!!!!!		
Is NOTHING sacred?			
Correspondence ID:	88	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Feeley, Cadence		
Received:	Mar,03 2022 14:08:19		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopters, it disrupts everything magical about Haleakalā.		
Alternative 2 - no helicopter tours over Haleakala.			
Correspondence ID:	89	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Mayer, Rebecca		
Received:	Mar,03 2022 14:40:55		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopter tours; period. Especially not over one of the quietest places in earth.		
Correspondence ID:	90	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	M, Anna		
Received:	Mar,03 2022 15:27:58		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please don't allow helicopter rides obverse Haleakala. It is such a beautiful, peaceful experience and the helicopters would just ruin it		
Correspondence ID:	91	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,03 2022 15:57:22		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: As a 15 year resident and someone fortunate enough to call Maui home, it's been sad to see heritage sites already overrun with unsustainable tourism creating both environmental, social, and spiritual impact on the land and people. There are very few spots left that locals can go to without feeling like they're sharing it with a "for profit" venture. Haleakala has been a place of cultural and environmental serenity, and enabling a fly zone overhead would simply create more realization that we don't create and save places that mean something more than monetary increase. I believe we need to put a stake in the ground and keep this as a no fly zone. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID:	92	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Kapoor, Christine
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Received:	Mar,03 2022 16:36:11
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please NO helicopter tours over Haleakala. Absolutely not, alternative 2 please. No tours.

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Correspondence ID:	93	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	viers, justin
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Received:	Mar,03 2022 17:03:08
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: No flights inside the Crater!

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Correspondence ID:	94	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Levy, Joan
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Received:	Mar,03 2022 18:00:50
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Helicopter rides can be wonderful for visitors but often wreak havoc on residents. Whatever the height restrictions pilots almost always fly lower than mandated. I have camped many a time in kalalau on Kauai where i have been woken by the loud engine sounds of low flying copters- i felt like i was in a war zone.

If helicopter tours are allowed the number of flights per day must be significantly lowered to not be considered a nuisance and noise polluter. And flight heights must be higher and actually adhered to.

We the people of hawaii cannot allow our peace and tranquility sold to the highest bidder so that too many helicopter companies must compete for and clog up the air space.

There should be limits in how many active companies are allowed to fly, and each company should be limited much more so in how many flights per day they can have.

Thank you!

Joan Levy  
30 year resident on kauai

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Correspondence ID:	95	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,03 2022 19:27:32
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: no helicopter tours over haleakala national park

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Correspondence ID:	96	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Carlson, Kenneth
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Received: Mar,03 2022 19:30:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Option 2 No helicopter tours.

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Correspondence ID: 97 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Goettelmann, Margaret

Received: Mar,03 2022 19:45:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I just hiked Haleakala last week & one of it's extra special attributes is it's quietness.

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Correspondence ID: 98 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,03 2022 19:48:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala. This space is sacred and the noise pollution is unacceptable.

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Correspondence ID: 99 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Abrams, Eli

Received: Mar,03 2022 19:53:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala, protect the sacred

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Correspondence ID: 100 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Megan

Received: Mar,03 2022 20:07:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter tours over Haleakala would be very annoying and disrespectful. Please do not allow it. Thanks

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Correspondence ID: 101 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Adam

Received: Mar,03 2022 21:40:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I vote for Alternative 2. No air tours allowed within the boundaries described in the proposal. My second choice would be Alternative 3. Heavy restrictions on where flying is permitted, and how often.

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Correspondence ID: 102 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Riela-Enoka, Lei

Received: Mar,03 2022 22:09:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala should be designated a no-fly zone for tour helicopters.

Correspondence ID:	103	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Hancock, Blessing		
Received:	Mar,03 2022 22:27:49		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Alternative 2: no helicopter tours over Haleakala. Thank you		
Correspondence ID:	104	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,03 2022 23:53:30		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Haleakala National Park is one of the most exquisite places on planet earth. Thankfully, it's available to view easily by those that want to see it. You need only step out of your vehicle, or, if physically unable to do so, access the viewing area using an accessible pathway by wheelchair or walker. Part of the allure is it's solitude, it's quiet, it's undisturbed beauty. To allow helicopters would be a travesty. The soundscape is just as precious as the viewshed. We need to honor such remote wilderness areas for their quiet. To many, that's part of the draw. Our lives are inundated with noise. Haleakala is a place to escape that. Please do not allow helicopter tours to this magnificent place. We need the quiet and the solitude. We need not spoil something so precious for the benefit of a few. It is not the place. Keep Haleakala quiet. Mahalo!		
Correspondence ID:	105	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,04 2022		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopter tours please.		
Correspondence ID:	106	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Richardson, Cynthia		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 01:47:56		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	PLEASE, No helicopter tours within Haleakala National Park. When we are blessed with such wonder and beauty, the serenity of the place should not be spoiled on any account. I can only imagine what our native Hawaiian residents think of this idea. something like running a herd of wild horses through a cathedral perhaps.		
Correspondence ID:	107	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Bayless, Allan		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 02:01:12		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please, no helicopters in Haleakala Park. The peace and quiet there is part of its appeal and should be valued and respected. Helicopters would destroy its sanctity.		
Correspondence ID:	108	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Wayman, FIN		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 02:01:22		



Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Many tourists, and almost all locals would much rather feel the Peace rather than the pollution. Choppers are great fun...for the few. And pesky loud mosquitoes for the many. Just NO. Enuf already!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 109 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lind, Martha

Received: Mar,04 2022 02:06:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National park is a sacred place and should not be disturbed with helicopters flying overhead. Please do not allow ANY helicopters to fly over Haleakala!

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Correspondence ID: 110 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Elliott, Susan E

Received: Mar,04 2022 02:09:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I was shocked to learn of the plan to have helicopter tours over Haleakala.

I vote for NO HELICOPTER TOURS OVER HALEAKALA.

This unique and utterly beautiful volcano should be protected.

Humans need quiet wondrous places like this for their mental wellness.

I appreciate hiking into the crater is not possible for everyone, including myself at the moment. However, flying over Haleakala in a noisy helicopter will never ever capture the healing immersion of being in the silence of the crater seeing the amazing colours, plants, crater rim mountains, and the cloud and light flows.

It is already possible to drive up to the view points or take helicopter tours over many other parts of Hawaii.

Please protect HALEAKALA from ALL helicopter tours. This intrusion has no place in the history of Haleakala.

It feels like the helicopters and their owners/staff will be taking over/inventing a place that does not belong to them.

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Correspondence ID: 111 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Detchon, Parker

Received: Mar,04 2022 02:33:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours over Haleakala. Period.

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Correspondence ID: 112 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Carter, Paul

Received: Mar,04 2022 02:59:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: RE : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

With all my heart I urge you not to allow any helicopter tours flying over Haleakalā national Park. This is a park unlike any other place in the world, it is a world unto itself. And one of its most precious and unique qualities is the silence that you can experience walking through or sitting in the midst I've such a landscape and fast sky.

There is no need for tourist flights over the park. It is so easy to drive up and enjoy the spectacular views, as well as to walk in a ways or hike through.

Please please do not allow such an unnecessary desecration to the heart of East of Maui

Thank you and aloha wale

Paul Carter.

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Correspondence ID:	113	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Nolin, Raphiell			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 04:05:17			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I have been a Maui resident and an avid hiker and outdoors person since 1979. When I first came to Maui, helicopters were an absolute nuisance, flying over Haleakala Crater. Then restrictions were enacted, banning flights over the Crater and it has been a real blessing to enjoy the silence of the "Quietest Place on Earth" without helicopter noise. I saw a movie of that name at the Maui Film Festival, showcasing the quietest places on the planet and Haleakala was at the top of the list. It is a sacred place of worship to the Hawaiian people and tourist helicopters would be a desecration of this most sacred mauna. It's not that tourists don't have access to view and enjoy Haleakala. There is a wonderful, federally constructed road to the top of Haleakala and there are several viewpoints to see inside the magnificent Crater floor. Please keep it as a wilderness area and continue the ban on helicopters over or near Haleakala Crater.

Raphiell Nolin  
Pukalani, Hi.

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Correspondence ID:	114	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Nolin, Raphiell			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 04:05:18			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I have been a Maui resident and an avid hiker and outdoors person since 1979. When I first came to Maui, helicopters were an absolute nuisance, flying over Haleakala Crater. Then restrictions were enacted, banning flights over the Crater and it has been a real blessing to enjoy the silence of the "Quietest Place on Earth" without helicopter noise. I saw a movie of that name at the Maui Film Festival, showcasing the quietest places on the planet and Haleakala was at the top of the list. It is a sacred place of worship to the Hawaiian people and tourist helicopters would be a desecration of this most sacred mauna. It's not that tourists don't have access to view and enjoy Haleakala. There is a wonderful, federally constructed road to the top of Haleakala and there are several viewpoints to see inside the magnificent Crater floor. Please keep it as a wilderness area and continue the ban on helicopters over or near Haleakala Crater.

Raphiell Nolin  
Pukalani, Hi.

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Correspondence ID:	115	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Zarobsky, Kathryn R			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 04:10:07			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please don't ruin the pristine PEACEFULNESS of the quietest place on earth! So much has been lost on Maui already

As we can see, tourism is increasing, not decreasing. Most importantly, Haleakala is a unique place in the world to experience the ultimate experience in beauty and mind altering silence. A rare thing in our world. It IS the experience of that which draws many of us to hike the crater and enjoy its magnificent landscapes. Do not ruin this for the many for the greed of a few. To the Hawaiians, it is a sacred home. Please save it for their culture, for us and for the place itself. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	117	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	McCullough, Lucky
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 06:05:59
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: No helicopter tours should be allowed over Haleakala. We need quiet, peaceful nature. We have that now. Let's not wreck it but preserve it.

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Correspondence ID:	118	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Boatright, Susan M
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 07:44:28
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Aloha, please do not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala. Silence in our world is worth protecting, the pristine environment free from intrusive mechanical noises is precious. There is no need to fly over the crater when it is possible to drive to the top on a well maintained roadway, view from a weather protected enclosure, or hike in a little or a lot and appreciate the beauty this landscape offers. Please do not allow this completely unnecessary activity to be conducted over this sacred place.

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Correspondence ID:	119	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Paradise, Donald
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 08:47:03
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I would advise against any helicopter tours over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	120	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Morin, Marc
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 09:17:57
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I urge you to please not allow helicopter tours. One of the most magnificent and beautiful things about the crater is the ability to experienced incredible silence that's available I'd like almost any other place on earth. Allowing helicopter tours will completely change the nature of the experience. I would also argue that people having an experience of the beauty of the crater along with the silence will do far more good for the world than helicopter tours. Helicopter tours reinforce our separation from nature and this is the consciousness that contributes to the increasing destruction of our planet. Thanks for hearing me and considering this point of view.

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Correspondence ID:	121	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Young, Nancy C
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 09:19:05
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: The quietest place on the planet should remain that way. No helicopters. I am a frequent crater hiker and volunteer with friends of Haleakala

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Correspondence ID: 122 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Young, Nancy C

Received: Mar,04 2022 09:19:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The quietest place on the planet should remain that way. No helicopters. I am a frequent crater hiker and volunteer with friends of Haleakala

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Correspondence ID: 123 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Young, Nancy C

Received: Mar,04 2022 09:19:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The quietest place on the planet should remain that way. No helicopters. I am a frequent crater hiker and volunteer with friends of Haleakala

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Correspondence ID: 124 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Moses, Phyllis

Received: Mar,04 2022 09:44:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a resident of Maui for 21 years, and now only visiting my Ohana once a year; I implore you to please not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala. Besides the fact that helicopters are polluting the air and using valuable resources of fuel to do that, the noise pollution of helicopters in a Sacred place of quietude is abominable. Tourists can drive there, walk through the crater, or watch a film of others walking through there. PLEASE, NO HELICOPTER ROUTES OVER IT.

Mahalo

Correspondence ID:	127	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Telander, Juliette L		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 10:01:49		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I am concerned about the noise pollution while trying to enjoy Haleakala. It will disturb any and all enjoyment of the experience of hiking or visiting Haleakala. Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala.		
Correspondence ID:	128	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Stahl, Liz		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 10:04:40		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I think the idea of limited tours over a specific flight path is the appropriate way to include air tours of the park. I lived in Juneau Alaska for 13 years and it is disruptive to be hiking in the wilderness while helicopters are flying overhead constantly.		
	Please limit the disturbance that flights over the park incur.		
	Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts.		
Correspondence ID:	129	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	n, NIKHILANANDA		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 10:13:25		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Aloha: Though i lean a bit toward limited flights over a set path, for those physically unable to visit by foot, I come down on banning helicopter flights over Haleakala		
Correspondence ID:	130	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Lewis, Kathy		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 10:39:52		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I am a 40 year resident of Haiku, and I have enjoyed hiking, staying in the cabins in Haleakala all throughout that 40 years. It's a very quiet place in deep nature that is much needed, especially now. I remember years ago when helicopters were allowed. It would be shocking, disturbing to hear them approach, they changed the whole atmosphere of finally being in a remote place in nature. I've also seen helicopters abuse their rights, and fly low behind Holua, echoing loudly across the crater floor. I could see the faces of the people inside looking at me. Please do not allow any flights anywhere over the crater. Please Haleakala is a quiet, wild, sacred treasure, keep it that way.		
Correspondence ID:	131	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Doty, Juliet M		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 10:41:48		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	plans to allow helicopter tours over the park		

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. the noise of the said helicopters on their way up is also problematic for the residents of upcountry. I really don't want to listen to 25k of helicopter noise per year heading up there

The crater is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of East of Maui.

Thank you

Juliet Doty

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Correspondence ID:	132	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	nagasako, gail
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 10:42:11
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please forbid all helicopter tours over our treasures and instead encourage folks to truly experience these places directly in person.

I've hiked through Haleakalā at least 20 times and down Halema'u trail even more. We go for the Zen of quiet. Many (most?) of us don't even talk while hiking so we can immerse ourselves in the experience. Haleakalā has been shown to be the quietest place on Earth. To disturb the thing that sets it apart from everywhere else on Earth would be akin to building fast food restaurants right in front of the views in other national parks.

I once did a helicopter tour that went over Iao Valley. It did not compare at all to being on the ground inside the valley.

Haleakalā can be experienced with every on-foot option from a simple overlook to a hardy hike and backpacking trip and everything in between. Just standing in the parking lot at Iao gives a beautiful experience of the place or one can go down to the river and be mesmerized by its beauty and refreshed by its cool waters.

Again, please forbid all helicopter tours over our treasures and instead encourage folks to truly experience these places in person.

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Correspondence ID:	133	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Swee, Wendy L
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 10:43:59
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I was not aware that helicopter sightseeing was currently allowed. I think it violates the principles of the Wilderness Act and the famous quiet of Haleakala Crater. As helicopter tours are quite expensive, there is no accessibility issue with keeping them out. Helicopter tours also impact cultural practitioners and bird monitoring. Mahalo for considering my comments.

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Correspondence ID:	134	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Allen, Jeanna
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 10:45:01
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Aloha

I've been to Haleakala crater many times in my 20 years of living on Maui. The beauty there is like no other place on earth. One if the best things



about Haleakala crater is the silence. It is so quiet  
& peaceful up there. Allowing helicopter tours there  
would take that away from those of us who go there  
to escape the noise from lower elevations, or from  
the mainland. It's a special, sacred place with  
wildlife found no where else. Please continue to  
protect it and keep it sacred by not allowing  
helicopter tours. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID:	135	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Reppun, Seyth			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 10:45:42			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Haleakala should NOT have any helicopter tours! Please do not destroy the peace and quiet of this sacred place. There is no reason to catet to the rich tourists that have no respect for the natural environment. It would be devastating having helicopters flying all over the mountain. These tours would do nothing to benefit the community, they would actually hurt the community. Please do mot allow any helicopter tours on Haleakala! Thank you Seyth Reppun

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Correspondence ID:	136	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Wallace, Ann E			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 11:02:09			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Hello,

I have been hiking in the Haleakala Crater for 30 years, and I always enjoy the stillness and deep silence of the crater.

A few years ago the crater was studied as one of the quietest spots on the earth. I do not support changing this special quality by allowing helicopter tours anywhere in the crater. Sounds carry for miles in that beautiful spot.

Thank you for your consideration on the matter.

Sincerely, Ann Wallace

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Correspondence ID:	137	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Heart, Marguerite A			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 11:17:14			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern,  
I have lived on Maui for 36 years now. Haleakala Crater is very sacred to the Hawaiians. Please DO NOT allow helicopter tours over the crater. It would be a slap in the face to the Hawaiian Community. How would you like helicopters to fly over your church while you are praying? I beg you to look within to find the respect for the sanctity of this land. There is plenty to see without flying over this precious sight. Greed is the only reason that you would move forward with the plan to desecrate the crater with helicopter tours. Enough already!

The Crater is a magnificent sight to behold and the silence felt there is like no other. The thought of hearing the buzz of engines flying over it sickens me. Helicopter tours are already a nuisance and intrusion. Shame on you for even thinking of such a ludicrous idea. Enough with the GREED! Leave the Crater alone PLEASE!!

Sincerely,  
Marguerite Heart

Correspondence ID:	138	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kummer, Reilly		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 11:24:52		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please no helicopters in Haleakala		
Correspondence ID:	139	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Barnett, Amanda		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 11:26:43		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I strongly believe that there should be NO helicopter tours over Haleakala. Haleakala is home to many species that are only found there and we should be everything we can to preserve their habitats without any disruptions of any kind.		
Correspondence ID:	140	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Licht, Mirayam		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 11:32:26		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not offer helicopter tours over our sacred Haleakala Crater. This is a very peaceful and quiet place where many of us go to retreat into the silence. This is a special Place where rare species of birds exist and there is no need to disturb the peacefulness there.		
Correspondence ID:	141	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Buchan, Ryan W		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 11:35:02		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopter over Haleakala you greedy f 2 no Helicopter And stop the tours flying over my head flying down to Hana. You need to police these helicopters flying super low and also stopping hovering over our properties . This is not right invasion of privacy No helicopters should be flying over land mass. We have homes here and then 50 helicopters flying passed out place in one week .. What happened, If you want more evidence I'll start recording this week 8087279442 call me		
Correspondence ID:	142	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Buchan, Ryan W		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 11:35:03		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: No helicopter over Haleakala you greedy f

2 no Helicopter

And stop the tours flying over my head flying down to Hana.

You need to police these helicopters flying super low and also stopping hovering over our properties .

This is not right invasion of privacy

No helicopters should be flying over land mass.

We have homes here and then 50 helicopters flying passed out place in one week ..

What happened,

If you want more evidence I'll start recording this week

8087279442 call me

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Correspondence ID:	143	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Gonsalves, Jezelyn L
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 11:39:35
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: In regards to helicopter tours at Haleakala I strongly urge you to NOT allow it. The noise of visitors and cars is enough. With how silent, serene, and magical it is up there helicopters will not only be an eye sore but an ear sore as well. Native species will be impacted. Imagine living in one of the most beautiful places in the world for a very long period of time where you could be one with nature, all you could hear is nature, feel nature and then all of a sudden here comes an airport that they build close to your house and all you hear now is planes and helicopters flying in and out, how would you feel? Wouldn't you be stressed and irritated? Well that's how those native species would feel. Imagine now, they're hearing and feeling is much more sensitive than us humans so what might seem quiet to us is already loud to them and we all know how loud helicopters are and to these species of living things it's like someone yelling in your ear, or having a high pitch ringing noise that you just want it to stop. So please, I urge you to NOT ALLOW helicopter tours at Haleakala. Mahalo!

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Correspondence ID:	144	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Rose, Alexa S
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 11:44:22
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Hello, I am writing as a long time visitor to Hawaii, and previous resident of Maui. I have enjoyed the profound silence and peace on and around the peaks of Haleakala. Allowing helicopter tours above Haleakala would be devastating, degrading the precious value of the place and ruining the peace that has been pervasive there for so long. Please do not allow any helicopter tours above Haleakala. Thank you.

Alexa Rose

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Correspondence ID:	145	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Mariechild, Joan
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 11:44:22
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I would like to see NO helicopter tours in Haleakala Crater on Maui.

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Correspondence ID:	146	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Feld, Barry
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Received: Mar,04 2022 11:46:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I vote NO on helicopter tours in Haleakala Crater on Maui.

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Correspondence ID: 147 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Florence, Kathy L

Received: Mar,04 2022 11:47:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, no helicopters! This is a sacred place known as the quietest place in the world. Please, let's keep it that way

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Correspondence ID: 148 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Austin, Katie E

Received: Mar,04 2022 12:03:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

I am requesting you please do NOT allow helicopter tours go over Haleakala crater. If you have ever been inside that crater you know the silence, and the energy that is unlike anywhere else in the world! The stillness and quite and is something magical and something we should protect. I go there for the silence. The raw beauty and energy within that silence like I said you can't find many places left in this world, and probably only place on Maui left like that. Please leave Haleakala alone. NO to helicopter tours!

Mahalo for your time  
Katie Austin

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Correspondence ID: 149 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Heartfield, Joan I

Received: Mar,04 2022 12:09:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I vote for No Helicopters at all over the park.

Having walked though Haleakala many times, the blessing of that place is the quiet. A noisy helicopter coming over is the anathema to the peace --one of the only places one can get away from constant noise.

Please ban all helicopters from flying over this sacred place, and give us at least one place where we can experience real quiet.

Sincerely and with Aloha

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Correspondence ID: 150 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Foster, Sherri L

Received: Mar,04 2022 12:11:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let's please not turn one of the most pristine and serene natural landmarks on our island into just one more noisy tourist trap. This would completely spoil what is one of the most spectacular natural wonders in all of Hawaii. Say NO to another tour operator money grab, not to mention the safety concerns and environmental pollution that would definitely have to be considered.  
Keep Haleakala Sacred for everyone!

Aloha,  
Sherri Foster

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Correspondence ID: 151 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Poaipuni pua, Gaison K

Received: Mar,04 2022 12:14:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think they shouldn't do tours over haleakala due to keeping that area a sacred place regardless of money it should be kept the way it is and have no tour elicopters flying in that specific place on maui

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Correspondence ID: 152 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rimel, Sunomen

Received: Mar,04 2022 12:15:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park is one of the quietest places on earth, if there are helicopters flying over all the time the tranquility will be gone. I have hiked to kalalau Beach and the helicopter tours are more than distracting. I propose having no helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park.  
This would completely ruin the experience of going up there and experiencing the one of a kind silence and peace that this place offers to locals and tourists alike.

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Correspondence ID: 153 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Garren, Orvill

Received: Mar,04 2022 12:18:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Do not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala state park.

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Correspondence ID: 154 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Garren, Orvill

Received: Mar,04 2022 12:18:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Do not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala state park.

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Correspondence ID: 155 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Juan A Rivera,

Received: Mar,04 2022 12:25:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

I oppose the flying of aircrafts over Haleakala National Park, specially within the crater and wilderness areas. The Haleakala crater has been called "the quietest place on Earth". This unique environment can only best enjoyed in silence. I am a frequent use of the Haleakala trails which I hike two or three times a year. In fact, I will be camping at Holua Cabin in a couple of weeks. Having aircraft flying above would ruin the experience for those of us who truly enjoy the majestic wonders of the wilderness area in its natural state.

As an example, in 2011 I had the chance of hiking and camping the Kalalau Trail in Kauai. A truly exceptional experience, except for the constant noise of helicopters flying along the coastline. It would sadden me to see this happening at Haleakala.

Please keep Haleakala noise-free and let people enjoy it's beauty as it is.

Mahalo.

Juan Rivera  
Wailuku, HI.

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Correspondence ID:	156	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Harger, Amanda			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 12:33:37			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please protect the silence of the Haleakalā Crater! Do not allow helicopter tours to ruin another peaceful place for someone else's pocket to grow. The helicopters are busy enough! No need to tarnish the wildlife and cause possible erosion in yet another national landmark! Please continue to keep our sacred space silent and safe!

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Correspondence ID:	157	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Macleod, Paul			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 12:43:23			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Haleakala summit is an amazing place. If you have never been for sunrise or sunset you are missing out on a magical experience. Go and experience it for yourself and then imagine a helicopter destroying the peace and serenity of the location. Please do not let any tours go there. Simply drive up and experience it and you will see my point. It's not always about money. The noise pollution alone will destroy the time for all others.

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Correspondence ID:	158	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 12:43:45			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: This is just another money grab that does nothing for aina. More obnoxious catering to tourists. Preserve the peace & quiet of our beautiful Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	159	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Kepler, Angela K			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 12:43:53			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I vote for option #2: NO HELICOPTER TOURS OVER HALEAKALA. Give those who have spent the time, effort and energy to enjoy that wilderness area a chance to enjoy it completely. It must be a very silent place. Many people who go there need silence & beauty. Besides, the Endangered Hawaiian Petrel is struggling to breed up there. Give it a chance! Thank you for listening to me. I'm a well-known biologist in Hawaii.

If no helicopter tours are not an option, then option #3, limited over only one path.

Wilderness Areas should be wildernesses.

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Correspondence ID:	160	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Norrington, Linda C			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 12:48:05			



Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NO to Plan One!! Thousands of flight will destroy the unique and special quiet of this sacred site!

Suggested plan two is only decent if a very FEW days were designated so that those seeking the solitude and quiet of the mountain top can plan around them. This raises the inequality factor with only the very rich able to afford such flights so suggest it be on a lottery basis with normal flight fares required.

Preferred is Plan Three - NO flights allowed over the mountain top!

Please continue to respect the mountain top experience for all, which will be lost with the noise and intrusion of helicopters overhead!

Mahalo for your care and protection of this amazing mountain.

Linda Norrington

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Correspondence ID: 161 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Smith, Shaye

Received: Mar,04 2022 12:55:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please DO NOT allow helicopters over the crater. Maui has been taken over by so much tourism. Haleakala already has been. Please do not allow loud aircraft to disrupt this spiritual scared place for the Hawaiian culture. There is absolutely no need for it. People can drive or hike. Please do not allow any flights!!

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Correspondence ID: 162 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Johnstone, Mark

Received: Mar,04 2022 12:59:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not introduce helicopters to the crater. They are completely disruptive to the experience. Mahalo MJ

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Correspondence ID: 163 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Garrison, Robin

Received: Mar,04 2022 12:59:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha and thank you for receiving my comment,

The peace you get while standing atop Haleakala is like no other. I have had the honor and the pleasure of going to the top of the mountain with Kamehameha Students as they silently acknowledge the mountain and their ancestors prior to their oli. To disturb the peace of these students and the people of this land who ascend the mountain for quiet and solitude would be a sacrilege.

I know tourism is a priority for some but at what cost. Some places should remain untouched by noise pollution and this is one.

Thank you for listening with a compassionate ear.

Robin Garrison APRN CHPN

Maui, Hawai'i

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Correspondence ID: 164 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: acosta, wendy j

Received: Mar,04 2022 13:02:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Mahalo for asking about potential flight helicopter tours over Haleakala.

I strongly support option #2 - NO FLIGHTS OVER HALEAKALA!

It's not just the invasion of the air space, it's the increase in sound pollution that can not be abated. Have studies been done on what will happen to the Nene when they have all that noise added to their environment? The sound will echo across the sands and the valleys, bouncing across the terrain. Remember - sound not only carries - it rises! The reverberations from each helicopter will continue to travel up the sides of Haleakala until they dissipate in to the atmosphere.

DON'T ADD THIS to the Haleakala experience.

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Correspondence ID: 165 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Thibault, Katie

Received: Mar,04 2022 13:09:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please no flying tours over or around Haleakala State Park. Nothing to gain everything to loose. Keep the tours on the ground or off in the distance.

Mahalo nui Loa,

Katie Thibault

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Correspondence ID: 166 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,04 2022 13:19:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter flights over Haleakala

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Correspondence ID: 167 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Regal Salmon, Heather

Received: Mar,04 2022 13:24:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. I also understand that it is one of the most quiet places on earth. Why would anyone want to disturb that with loud helicopters? It would also disturb the beautiful vistas.

This is a sacred mountain to the Hawaiians.

It is also very easily accessible by car and foot.

I am not seeing what benefit this would be to the local residents of Maui. We already have issues with over tourism.

Please help us to maintain the beauty of our island.

Thank you,

Heather Salmon

Correspondence ID:	168	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kitts, David		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 13:27:44		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopter to fly over the crater. It is one of the few places on the island where there is no sound pollution. Helicopters can already fly all around the mountain which is quite spectacular enough. Please leave the crater free for those who wish to walk in silence.		

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Correspondence ID:	169	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Cabral, Tria		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 13:29:57		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Re: Allowing helicopter tours over Haleakala Park		
I urge you to PLEASE NOT allow any helicopter tours over Haleakala. This profound sacred land is unlike any other on planet earth!			
The best quality that our family & friends enjoy about it is the immense Beauty! The quietness & stillness are apart of what make it so Beautiful. Haleakala is a sanctuary, a place to find Peace & stillness eclectically in these unprecedented times. Having constant noise traffic from helicopters would completely disrupt the Peace & Beauty of the place.			
Driving to the park and walking is the best way to visit and enjoy Haleakala! Please do NOT allow any unnecessary desecration of Our Sacred Haleakala!			
Tria Cabral			

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Correspondence ID:	170	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Felty, Christina		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 13:31:10		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Regarding plans to allow helicopter tours over the park:		
I urge you with deep concern to not allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This sacred mountain is so precious with its unique landscape, in that it is one of the quietest places on earth! There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easily accessible by car to enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.			
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of East Maui.			
Mālama 'Āina			

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Correspondence ID:	171	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Jette, Guy E		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 13:34:51		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	My position is - No flights over Haleakala National Park !!		

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Correspondence ID:	172	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Fonseca, Jamie		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 13:35:11		

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Omg yesterday morning a helicopter Flew quite low early in the morning was very scary and all the birds flew away and animals were frightened  
The apapane is now coming to our property and we do not need helicopters touring up here with noise pollution and possible crashes

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Correspondence ID: 173 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Newman, Karl

Received: Mar,04 2022 13:50:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala crater is a special place. It is believed to be the quietest outdoor space in the world. That quiet leads to a peaceful and spiritual experience for those who choose to hike into the crater. As such, I am concerned about the potential noise impact of any increase in air tours around the summit district of Haleakala National Park. I understand that the park experiences thousands of air tours per year, and thankfully I have never noticed them when I've been in the park, so that suggests the current management is working well. I ask you please don't do anything to spoil this magnificent gem. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 174 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Brenden, Kathleen

Received: Mar,04 2022 13:56:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Absolutely NO helicopters over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 175 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Brenden, Kathleen

Received: Mar,04 2022 13:56:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Absolutely NO helicopters over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 176 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Vickery, Susan

Received: Mar,04 2022 13:57:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any Helicopters tours over Haleakala. It is a sacred mountain! May peace and quiet prevail.

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Correspondence ID: 177 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Chapman, Kelley A

Received: Mar,04 2022 14:08:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
I recently received information that commercial helicopter tours are wanting to begin flying over Haleakala National Park. This park is such a gem and one of the only places to receive absolute silence on the islands. It is home to the native Nene Bird and many other endemic species. Please do not allow this to happen.

Correspondence ID:	178	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:12:48		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No need tours on Maui to much		
Correspondence ID:	179	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	McKee, Eileen F		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:19:16		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please, please, please, keep tours out of the skies of Haleakala. Our island has been inundated with so many tourists. We need to have someplace to go where there is peace and quiet. Let's not ruin the silence of the House of the Sun with man made noise pollution. Mahalo, Eileen McKee		
Correspondence ID:	180	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:21:13		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of East Maui.		
Correspondence ID:	181	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Dack, Audrey		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:25:41		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I go to the summit of Haleakala for the spiritual silence I can experience in various spots in the park such as sliding sands trail, trails that overlook the summit and trails lower on Haleakala such as those in Hosmer's Grove and other trails that start there and provide travel up to the crater. Any air travel over these areas or near these areas would no longer afford me the ability to obtain this type of spiritual activity. Others with more stamina than I have will enter the crater and hike to Kaupo. They should be allowed this silent hike as well. We have so few places of true silence left for common citizens to access. Please do not take this away from us and do not continue to usurp and intrude upon the sacred sites of the Hawaiian people, Kanaka Maoli. No air flights of any kind over Haleakala.		
Correspondence ID:	182	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Davey, Kathy M		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:26:38		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: Aloha,  
Please do NOT allow any helicopter or any other mechanical flying over, around, or anywhere near the tranquil beauty of Haleakala. National parks are for everyone to come to and enjoy the tranquil beauty and silence of nature. I respectfully implore you to not allow any flights of any nature whatsoever anytime or anywhere near the park! Respectfully submitted, Kathy Davey

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Correspondence ID:	183	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	berman, arthur			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:27:41			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: i vote no on helicopter tours over Haleakala Crater... the peace and quiet in the crater is hard to find and helicopter noise would ruin the experience for sure.

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Correspondence ID:	184	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Prince, Ginger			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:27:51			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Holly Akala national Park does not need the beauty and silence of its expanse bothered by helicopter tours. We can drive up and see the splendor and you can hike in and see the splendor. No helicopter tours.

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Correspondence ID:	185	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:34:08			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of East Maui.

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Correspondence ID:	186	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Marlin, David			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:36:07			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I am completely apposed to allowing helicopter tours over Haleakala. None should be allowed at all!  
. There are plenty of other places they can fly.

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Correspondence ID:	187	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Simmons, Melanie			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:40:42			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			



Correspondence: This is one special spot for those of us who live here year-round the silence and stillness is a spectacular gift and very special because you're able to drive all the way to the summit that there are trails that you can hike on vistas you can get views on and plenty of road space to see a sunset. I urge you not to allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala it will change and shift the energy forever it is the centerpiece of our whole island it is special and sacred again from a standpoint of tourism I think it is so accessible there isn't really the need to allow this I thank you for listening

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Correspondence ID:	188	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Daniells, Eva A			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:40:44			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: The dormant crater of Haleakala in Haleakala National Park on the island of Maui, Hawaii is one of the quietest places on earth. This serenity is so rare in our world today. We are constantly bombarded by the noise of motorized vehicles, machinery and all of the almost 8 billion human beings with their devices and televisions, barking dogs and crowing chickens.

Helicopter flights would disturb the precious silence that makes Haleakala Crater a unique and sacred space. It would also disturb the nene geese and other native birds that make their homes in the crater.

My husband and I have resided on Maui for over 45 years and hike in the crater many times a year. The wildness and undisturbed essence of the place is part of what makes it so extraordinary.

I sincerely implore you to continue to prohibit all helicopter flights over Haleakala crater except in cases of emergency rescues.

Thank you.  
Mrs. Eva Daniells

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Correspondence ID:	189	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Miller, Melanie			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:40:44			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Maui was once my home for five years- I frequently visit as I still have many dear friends and family that love there an on neighboring islands.

Hiking Haleakala is always on my list while visiting as the quiet and solitude found there is like no other place I've ever hiked.

Please do not allow helicopter tours over this parkland. It will completely alter this parks aesthetics. There are alternatives available for visiting this park and plenty of videos that could be viewed as IMAX for those that desire a 'fly over' experience. Keep something sacred- why must everything be desecrated at the ah d of tourists dollars?

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Correspondence ID:	190	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:43:13			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I urge you not to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala crater or park lands. Haleakala is a special and sacred place. It's serenity will be ruined by allowing theses types of tours.

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Correspondence ID:	191	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Fischer, Bob N			

Received: Mar,04 2022 14:43:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow commercial flights over this National Park. Many Maui residents including my family regularly hike and backpack there. One of the main beauties of the park is its remote wilderness quietness. It is my understanding that it is one of the most quiet accessible places in the world. Let's keep it that way

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Correspondence ID: 192 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Fischer, Bob N

Received: Mar,04 2022 14:43:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow commercial flights over this National Park. Many Maui residents including my family regularly hike and backpack there. One of the main beauties of the park is its remote wilderness quietness. It is my understanding that it is one of the most quiet accessible places in the world. Let's keep it that way

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Correspondence ID: 193 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Decker, Jessica R

Received: Mar,04 2022 14:44:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please DO NOT allow this precious and very in unique environment, that as you all know as one of the quietest place on earth a very healing experience for all who enter. It would be devastating. Please think beyond tourism and money!

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Correspondence ID: 194 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wood, Heather

Received: Mar,04 2022 14:44:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re: Helicopter and all other air tours over Haleakala National Park

I am a 5th generation, life-long Kula resident. I strongly oppose ANY helicopter or other aircraft tours over Haleakala.

Maui has become a playground for the rich while the residents struggle living paycheck to paycheck. When we do have time to enjoy our island home, our beaches, forests, and parks are filled with tourists. Now they want to fill our airspace as well? No. It is time to limit the amount of people visiting our beautiful, sacred island and where they can go.

No helicopter or any other aircraft tours over Haleakala!

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Correspondence ID: 195 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: H, M

Received: Mar,04 2022 14:45:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: HALEAKALA NATIONAL PARK HELICOPTER TOURS

NPS,

Please do not loosen the current restrictions on helicopter tours near Haleakala National Park. Tightening the current restrictions would be in the proper directions for the currently proposed environmentally conscious

tourism industry. This sacred area is a gift that cannot be forfeited for monetary gain. The helicopter industry does not need to be increased. Open spaces need to be increased, or in this case, preserved. Please do NOT approve this flippant & thoughtless plan. I would guess helicopters would disrupt native species and any visitors to the park. History can not be restored once destroyed.

Please preserve this sacred area.

MH

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Correspondence ID:	196	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	H, M
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:47:56
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: HALEAKALA NATIONAL PARK HELICOPTER TOURS

NPS,

Please do not consider ANY helicopter tours near Haleakala National Park. Check with the military and their security requirements. Millions of dollars of technology is homed there.

Tightening the current restrictions would be in the proper directions for the currently proposed environmentally conscious tourism industry. This sacred area is a gift that cannot be forfeited for monetary gain. The helicopter industry does not need to be increased. Open spaces need to be increased, or in this case, preserved. Please do NOT approve this flippant & thoughtless plan. I would guess helicopters would disrupt native species and any visitors to the park. History can not be restored once destroyed.

Please preserve this sacred area.

MH

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Correspondence ID:	197	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	H, M
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:50:31
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: HALEAKALA NATIONAL PARK HELICOPTER TOURS

NPS,

Please do not consider ANY helicopter tours near Haleakala National Park. Environmentalists, HTA, Sierra Club, hikers, Native Hawaiians and everyone EXCEPT the persons pocketing the money will be protesting continually. Rethink this absurd idea. The monies promised to the park will be minimal after filtered down.

MH

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Correspondence ID:	198	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Karaca, Jennifer
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:51:46
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I do not support any helicopters tours.

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Correspondence ID:	199	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	H, M
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:52:19
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: HALEAKALA NATIONAL PARK HELICOPTER TOURS

NPS,

Please do not consider ANY helicopter tours near Haleakala National Park. Do not allow billionaires to ruin this National Park. The route from the airport to La Perouse is over the park.

MH

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Correspondence ID:	200	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hoge, Peyton			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:53:33			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha! Please do not allow helicopters or airplanes to fly over Haleakala crater. The silence that exists in that place is so important to the place, to the animals who live there and to the visitors who take the time to hike through it. There are so few quiet places left on earth that it would be a shame to destroy this one. Mahalo!

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Correspondence ID:	201	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hoge, Peyton			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:53:33			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Correspondence ID:	202	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Lyons, Maxwell			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:58:10			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala. It would be extremely disrespectful to the Hawaiian people who have revered this volcano as a sacred place long before colonization. One of the most special things about the crater is the profound silence that one can experience while walking through and being able to disconnect from the rest of the world. It would be an extreme violation of cultural respect to fly a helicopter full of tourists over this sacred place. The community of Maui will not stand for this. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	203	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Santos, Zoe K			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 14:58:48			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of East Maui.

Correspondence ID:	204	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 15:07:18		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I am a born and raised resident of Kula, Maui for over 70 years. My wife and I have four children and eight grandchildren who all live and call Maui home. Our ancestors have lived here in peace and tranquility for generations Many of these places are also considered sacred to us. Haleakala is one of those places. Yes the entire mountain. Enough desecration. No helicopter tours period.		
Correspondence ID:	205	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Sharp, Susan		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 15:12:41		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I used to live on Maui and this would be a tragedy if they allow this to happen		
Correspondence ID:	206	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Sharp, Susan		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 15:12:44		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I used to live on Maui and this would be a tragedy if they allow this to happen		
Correspondence ID:	207	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Woodhouse, Jonathan		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 15:13:16		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Regarding helicopters over Haleakala, I strongly urge the complete banning of helicopter flights.		
	Haleakala is known as one of the quietest places on the planet. The feeling of serenity up there is quite remarkable. Maui psychologist Dr. Tom Vendetti made a doc about this - "The Quietest Place on Earth.&quot;		
	The film took its title from the work of acoustic ecologist Gordon Hempton, a "Sound Tracker," who travels the world searching for places "where natural silence reigns," such as Canada's Grasslands National Park, Washington's Hoh Rainforest and Haleakala National Park. Hampton has discovered that the average daytime noise-free interval in most wilderness areas and national parks has shrunk to less than five minutes.		
	"For 30 years he's been trying to find the quietest places in nature on the planet. I traveled down into the crater with him, which was quiet an experience. He was recording sounds, but it was literally so quiet that it went off the scale (into negative decibels) he was using to record. At one point a fly went by and it sounded like a helicopter."		
	Please respect this sacred Hawaiian space and don't allow helicopters to ruin it!		
	thank you, Jon Woodhouse		
Correspondence ID:	208	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	King, Michelle		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 15:13:32		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: I do not support ANY helicopter flights being permitted at or near the summit of Haleakala. This area is easily accessible by vehicle and is known for its silence and serenity- there is no need to profit further from its' natural beauty.

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Correspondence ID:	209	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Mountain, Jody			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 15:18:30			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please please do NOT allow helicopter tours to fly over Haleakalā. It is a Sacred Place to the Hawaiian people and for many of us. One of the things I love best about that place is the profound silence. For that healing presence to be broken up by the assault of helicopter noise would be devastating. It is a sanctuary for me and for many. PLEASE do not destroy this!

Approving this action is the latest way you would be allowing 'over-tourism'. Maui is a rich and beautiful environment. There is plenty to see and enjoy without a 5 minute view of the crater from the air.

As a person who has lived here for over 30 years, I am strongly opposed to this proposition.

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Correspondence ID:	210	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Leonard, David B			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 15:19:02			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Someone wants to bring helicopter tours to the quietest place on Earth? Hey, what an awesome idea! I mean... what could go wrong?

No helicopters all all, please.

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Correspondence ID:	211	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Blaylock, Jessi			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 15:20:32			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha, my comment is that flight paths over Haleakala crater would be a monumental loss to this pristine environment. The Mauna is one of few very peaceful, quiet, truly "out there" spaces on this small island and there is no need to further exploit it for tax dollars. Those who wish to see the inside of haleakala should go and hike there. To truly experience the quiet and grand beauty. The helicopter tours should not be allowed at all. They should not be aloud to take away from hikers and visitors looking to experience a true quiet, unique place.

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Correspondence ID:	212	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Rayne, Ruah			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 15:22:37			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopter tours!!!!!!

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Correspondence ID:	213	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	McIntosh, Ian			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 15:24:12			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			



Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I could not agree any more completely with the statement below. Please do not destroy one of the most special places in all of Hawaii with more horrible noise pollution.

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of East Maui.

Thank you and Aloha WalePlease do not ruin one of the most incredible places in all of Hawaii with more noise and pollution from helicopters.

thank you

Ian M

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Correspondence ID:	214	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bruck, Melissa			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 15:31:34			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: #2

There is absolutely NO reason that helicopters needs to ever fly over Haleakala for maaaaany reasons!

The rare peace and quiet that is there is found there is precious beyond measure.

There are so many ways to drive up and enjoy this magic.

The sound of helicopters flying overhead will DESTROY the stillness that makes it one of the most magical places on Earth.

The rich, entitled tourists that trample this land everyday have everything else.

Please! I urge you so not allow the sacred summit of Haleakala to be desecrated in this way for tourist money.

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is a sacred place. To allow commercial helicopter tours to fly over what has been called the most quiet spot in the world would be detrimental to the crater. As a community we must protect this national park, including keeping the noise pollution to an absolute minimum. Considering the tours do not provide any funding to support the protection of this landscape, it makes no sense to allow them to ruin the serene beauty found only here. I have so many fond memories of hiking through the crater and I enjoy it respectfully as much as I can. I can't imagine what the experience would be to have helicopters flying noisily overhead. Not to mention the risk to the wildlife, specifically the native bird populations, that call the volcano and its crater home. Please protect this park, and if you have ever been to sacred Kalalau Valley on Kauai with the tours constantly flying over then you know what is at risk. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 217 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Winiaski, Tessa

Received: Mar,04 2022 15:49:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I grew up at 3600 ft in Haleakala, and the peace and quiet of that mountain deeply touched my soul. Please keep it pristine. There is no need for Helicopters at the crater. What makes it so special is that you have to work for it to truly experience it. Helicopters would just be catering to the wealthy, and the island has already done that enough. Please don't allow any helicopters at the crater.

Tessa Winiarski

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Correspondence ID: 218 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Winiaski, Tessa

Received: Mar,04 2022 15:49:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Tessa Winiarski

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Correspondence ID: 219 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Sutrov, Margaret T

Received: Mar,04 2022 15:49:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please limit ALL aviation over Haleakalā National Park. I have been hiking in Haleakalā Crater with my family since I was a child, with many overnight stays in the cabins. This is well known as the quietest place on Earth. As is, helicopters buzzing just below the crater walls often interrupt the silence. Allowing them more fly-over access would be a travesty.

Other than helicopters for safety and conservation efforts, there should be no aviation over Haleakalā National Park. Protect the soundscape of this natural resource.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Maggie Sutrov

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Correspondence ID: 220 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Migneault, Julie

Received: Mar,04 2022 15:53:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This comment is from a concerned citizen and resident of the county.

I oppose the proposed plan to allow any helicopter tours over Haleakala for tourism or recreational purposes. The crater is of significant sacred / religious meaning to the indigenous peoples of Hawaii. It requires our environmental protection against desecration of this land and the air space.

During this time of over-tourism stretching and harming the resources of the beautiful and fragile island, it is the responsibility of our government and leadership to provide the necessary protection for our environment and for the residents of this land.

Thank you,  
Julie Migneault

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Correspondence ID: 221 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gabriel-Skye, Eden

Received: Mar,04 2022 15:53:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Most Native Hawaiians and even those of us who live here but are not Indigenous DO NOT support helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of East Maui. Please no more harm to the islands!!  
Mahalo!

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Correspondence ID: 222 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ganz, Nicole Y

Received: Mar,04 2022 15:56:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 223 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Woods, Janna

Received: Mar,04 2022 16:01:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is a sacred place, one of the quietest places in the world. To allow helicopter tours over Haleakala is to give preference to privilege and capitalism. This is SOOO inappropriate and completely unnecessary.

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Correspondence ID: 224 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Schneider, Carla

Received: Mar,04 2022 16:04:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
I am strongly not in favor of helicopter tours being aloud above Haleakala. I have lived in Maui for 21 years and

have hiked the crater many times. My experience there is like no other in the way of peace and quiet. I cannot imagine the disruptiveness this would cause to those who go there in part or wholly for that reason. This does not seem like a way to respect the island. It would gain financially but cost so much in another way.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Carla

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Correspondence ID:	225	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Civitello, Laura
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 16:07:28
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Correspondence: As a Maui resident of 37 years I have been privately studying Hawaiian cosmology, history, and culture the entire time. As difficult as it is for my western mind to grasp and for my language to describe I have come to be very sure that the indigenous people of Hawai'i had a deep knowledge of the "Life of the Land" that if studied and heeded could turn back the course of destruction that we seem insanely committed to. We must stop treating this perfectly-designed, life-supporting environment as if it is a playground, something to be exploited, and turn to those that do understand to lead. Disturbing with extreme noise such a special environment, one who's true purpose we do not even see, so that "Looky Lous" can gawk at it from above is ABSURD. Native Hawaiians did not enter these high realms with out very specific reasons, FOR GOOD REASON.

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Correspondence ID:	226	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	CONRAD, CYNTHIA
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 16:11:06
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do NOT allow any helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park. They would most certainly disturb the peace, the flora, and fauna within the park. NO FLIGHTS of any kind over the park should be allowed.

Mahalo.

A Makawao Resident

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Correspondence ID:	227	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Palmer, Darla M
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 16:13:37
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: There are so many places of my youth on Maui where I found peace in the silence and mana of the wilderness. Places we can no longer go to because they are overrun with tourists or now closed by private land owners because of a lack of respect for the aina. So now we turn to the skies to abuse our pristine and natural environment? Our peaceful hike to a remote camping outpost is now to be punctuated with helicopters buzzing overhead? No! Just no. I beg you from my heart, and from our lost culture and lessons from how we have already abused natural resources to not allow ANY helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. Haleaka is a place of powerful mana to be respected and cherished. There is no need for helicopter tours to further feed our out of control tourism machine that has swelled way beyond our community plans. I ask your ho'ohanohano in this regard- please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of East Maui, and the soul of our island.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Darla Palmer-Ellingson

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Correspondence ID:	228	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: fricke, patrick j  
Received: Mar,04 2022 16:15:08  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
I am writing in regards to the proposal of helicopter tours in Haleakala crater.  
I speak for myself and my entire friends group with strong opposition to the introduction of helicopter tours.  
The crater is Maui's last peaceful hiking and camping refuge. We hike, camp, meditate, and restore our spirits. The stillness and quiet are what draw the vast majority of visitors.  
There is no for a helicopter tour, with such great road access available. Helicopters are great for sea cliffs and other remote areas, but the crater is clearly not such a place.  
Simply put, helicopters in the crater sounds horrible (pun intended) I hope my words lend support to the proper solution for the community and visitors alike.  
Thanks and mahalo,  
Patrick Fricke

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Correspondence ID: 229 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Masessa, Greg  
Received: Mar,04 2022 16:15:33  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No noise over Haleakala please. Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 230 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,04 2022 16:22:16  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of East Maui.  
Thank you and Aloha Wale

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Correspondence ID: 231 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: , Friend of Haleakala  
Received: Mar,04 2022 16:28:17  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please don't disturb the Sacred space, silence and peace of the crater. I've experienced the constant helicopter traffic over another sacred site and it disturbs the peace and sacred climate/environment of the area and is disrespectful of the Hawaiian ancestors and culture.

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Correspondence ID: 232 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Yoshihara, Carl  
Received: Mar,04 2022 16:33:42  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakalā is a scared place, culturally and spiritually for many people. It is a place of endangered and endemic life found in no other place. It is also one of the most quietest places on Earth.

To let tours fly over it is a desecration to the Native Hawaiian culture and to nature itself. The National Parks were created to protect these wild and beautiful resources. Allowing noise pollution can alter thousands of years of evolution. One accident will change things forever in this environmentally delicate area with limited access. Letting companies and those that can afford ruin this sacred place is a travesty and insult.

Haleakalā is nature, not an amusement ride.

Absolute NO to flying over this pristine and sacred land.

Carl Yoshihara

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Correspondence ID:	233	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Van Doren, Nadia			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 16:42:09			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: 2. Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	234	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Van Doren, Nadia			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 16:42:10			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: 2. Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	235	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Smith, Deanna			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 16:55:56			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: My friend Paul Carter put it perfectly and I absolutely concur with him-  
- I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of East Maui.

Thank you  
Deanna Smith

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Correspondence ID:	236	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bailey, Michelle			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 16:59:42			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over our Peaceful & sacred Mountain. Enjoy access by car & foot

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Correspondence ID:	237	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: Keau, Diana  
Received: Mar,04 2022 17:06:25  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please no helicopter tours. It would ruin the peace.

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Correspondence ID: 238 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,04 2022 17:11:48  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In response to NPS wanting opinions about allowing helicopters in Haleakala Crater:  
PLEASE don't allow this in our sacred crater. People go up there to experience the silence and beauty of nature. Not to feel like they are in a war zone with the loud sound of helicopters. The roar of helicopters on the Na Pali trail in Kauai is so sad. People put in the hard work to hike the trail and have to listen to that loud noise. Please don't make the same mistake in Haleakala.

ALSO, please change the time frame for camping in Kipahulu. It used to be first come, first serve. Locals are having a hard time getting camp sites in Hosmer's Grove because of this recent change. Tourists plan 6 months-1 year ahead. They don't care if they don't show up, they use it as a plan B option. Then these sites are empty and locals get shut out. My request is to at least change it back to first come, first serve. If that is absolutely not an option, change the reservation time to 1 week or 1 month prior. This will give locals a better opportunity at a camping reservation. And trust me, all sites will be booked!

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Correspondence ID: 239 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Smith, Aaron  
Received: Mar,04 2022 17:15:11  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopters over one of the quietest places on earth. This is also a huge environmental disruption in the name of profit. Please respect our environment and national park system.

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Correspondence ID: 240 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lay, Terril  
Received: Mar,04 2022 17:17:17  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have lived on maui for 50 years yes and have hiked through the crater and camped there many times. . I appeal to you as a a voting citizen of this state to please not allow helicopters over the crater. We have gone through this before and when a helicopter comes below the edge of the rim it echoes back-and-forth in a terrible noise. A major part of the experience inside Haleakala is the deep silence that that is becoming very rare throughout the world. I remember one trip through the crater when a local man was bringing a friend for the 1st time and he was so happy and talking about how quiet it would be when we got inside. I had to throw a damper on his exuberance by saying &quot;you haven't been in the crater recently because the helicopters come over as soon as the sun comes up and the noise goes rattling around horribly loud'. The people managed to get the tours stopped once. Please don't let them start up again. Not even in a &quot;regulated&quot; way. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. T. Lay

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Correspondence ID: 241 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lay, Terril  
Received: Mar,04 2022 17:17:44

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: I have lived on maui for 50 years yes and have hiked through the crater and camped there many times. . I appeal to you as a is a voting citizen of this state to please not allow helicopters over the crater. We have gone through this before and when a helicopter comes below the edge of the rim it echoes back-and-forth in a terrible noise. A major part of the experience inside Haleakala is the deep silence that that is becoming very rare throughout the world. I remember one trip through the crater when a local man was bringing a friend for the 1st time and he was so happy and talking about how quiet it would be when we got inside. I had to throw a damper on his exuberance by saying &quot;you haven't been in the crater recently because the helicopters come over as soon as the sun comes up and the noise goes rattling around horribly loud'. The people managed to get the tours stopped once. Please don't let them start up again. Not even in a &quot;regulated&quot; way. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. T. Lay

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Correspondence ID: 242 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Ginny

Received: Mar,04 2022 17:20:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: If you need to see Haleakalā via helicopter, you are missing the point. There is no need to exploit a sacred place of worship and silence. Nuff already.

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Correspondence ID: 243 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Davis, Darcy B

Received: Mar,04 2022 17:26:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not let helicopters fly over sacred Haleakala, one of the most intensely quiet and beautiful places on earth.

Anyone can drive in a car and see the magnificence.

Please keep the caldera free of intrusive aircraft.

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Correspondence ID: 244 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Potter,

Received: Mar,04 2022 17:27:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There should not be any helicopter tours allowed in Haleakala Ntl Park. As more and more spaces are seeking to find a way out of their flight paths, it stuns me that one of the most special (and silent) spaces on this island is even allowing the question of possibility. There is no benefit to anyone to allow helicopters access to this special place.

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Correspondence ID: 245 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Maushardt, Rhonda

Received: Mar,04 2022 17:31:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am sending my hard no on helicopters over Haleakala crater on Maui. Every single day starting at 7:00am helicopters begin flying over my neighborhood. Multiple flights throughout the day. Not one day of quiet and peace. This is a violation of my space by an unregulated industry . No self regulating company is going to put residents before tourists when making profits.

NO TO HELICOPTERS OVER HALEAKALA  
MORE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THIS INDUSTRY IS NEEDED NOW.

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Correspondence ID: 246 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: drayer, mary

Received: Mar,04 2022 17:32:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE NO TOURS OVER SACRED SPACES

Haleakala is sacred space for kanaka - and also revered as peaceful and mystical for countless others. we have all become the victims of MONEY as the reason for all things. ..pray for the time when people and honoring places become more important.. Mauna Kea, Haleakala and countless other places are seeing desecration enough with out adding more! PLEASE help save humanity from itself - mahalo (note i am Maui resident of 74 years, and have seen way too much hewa to last another 74 years)

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Correspondence ID: 247 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Radyushkin, Marina

Received: Mar,04 2022 17:32:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha!

This comment is to urge Haleakala NP and County of Maui decision-making bodies to NOT allow ANY helicopter tours to fly over HNP territory, either above the crater or above any land of Haleakala National Park. Pristine skies and deep silence are some of the very important parts of experiencing remoteness and uniqueness of HNP. It would also be very disrespectful to Hawaiian culture that holds Haleakala summit as sacred. As a resident of Maui county for the last eighteen years, I'd like to say there are many waterfalls and other sites in other parts of Maui that are more interesting from the air. Please do not allow any non-emergency helicopter traffic above HNP. Do not take away from a very few truly pristine spaces left on Maui.

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Correspondence ID: 248 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kunin, Janie

Received: Mar,04 2022 17:42:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a Maui resident of over 50 years who has made many treks into Haleakala Crater, I'm imploring you to prevent the approval of helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park. This sacred space is truly unique in our islands and on earth and the absolute silence is one of the main reasons that makes it so special. Those who travel to Haleakala do so to experience it's powerful magic and sacred peace. To disrupt that peace by the artificial, loud and polluting noise of a helicopter would be tragic. Thank you in advance for following your conscience and voting NO to helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park.

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Correspondence ID: 249 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: LeFors, Jayne M

Received: Mar,04 2022 17:49:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As someone who has hiked Haleakala several times, including twice all the way out through Kaupo Gap, I think there should be no helicopters allowed over the park. One of the best experiences the park affords is the silence of everything except the sound of the wind, trees, and birds. Allowing helicopter tours would ruin that experience. Some places are sacred and meant to be left in peace. Haleakala is one of those places. No helicopter tours!

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Correspondence ID: 250 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Donald, Debbie  
Received: Mar,04 2022 17:50:38  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am absolutely opposed to ANY overflights of any national park by any type of aircraft. These are some of the last remaining places in this country where peace and quiet can be experienced. The noise of overflight is unacceptable.

However, I am also opposed due to safety considerations. As a 41 year retired Boeing 777 captain, who has also flown other aircraft and helicopters, there is no reason to allow these overflights when we have already seen far too many aircraft fall out of the sky. The human cost is enormous and the tragic damage to the parks is completely unreasonable.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to ban all overflights, by any type of aircraft, at any altitude, at any national park.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Donald  
Captain, retired

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Correspondence ID: 251 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Neckelmann, Melissa  
Received: Mar,04 2022 17:51:43  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not even consider allowing helicopters to fly over Haleakala. It's the most peaceful tranquil quiet place and helicopters would disturb that and ruin it. We treasure the meaningful calm we experience when we go up to the summit or into the crater. It's like being on another world for a while. It's easy enough for people to drive to the top to experience looking inside. Although we value our visitors experience it is not worth it to allow this, ever.

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Correspondence ID: 252 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Mackay, Prakash  
Received: Mar,04 2022 17:56:44  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the Haleakala crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of East Maui.  
Thank you and Aloha Wale  
prakash mackay M.A.

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Correspondence ID: 253 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,04 2022 17:56:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters should be permitted over Haleakalā. Leave the sacred alone.

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Correspondence ID: 254 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

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Received: Mar,04 2022 17:59:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly anywhere over the park! Right now it's one of the few remaining places on the island where man-made noise is almost nonexistent--and it should remain that way, for the benefit of residents, visitors, wildlife, and the aina. Some things should not be sold; the peace and wellbeing of the park are such things.

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Correspondence ID: 255 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

Hovey, Wangdu

Received: Mar,04 2022 17:59:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala crater is a special place to spend peaceful time connecting with nature, reflecting on life, and being inspired by the awesome beauty that is readily abundant there. Allowing helicopter flights for the sake of tourism would completely destroy the serenity and tranquillity of this majestic place. Please do not allow helicopter flights there for any reason other than emergency medical evacuations. There are not many spots that native Hawaiians, and locals can go to get away from the tourism that is overtaking most of our sacred spaces where we can go to get away from it

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Correspondence ID: 256 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

Lichtwardt, Meg

Received: Mar,04 2022 18:13:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I'm writing today to ask that helicopter tours over Haleakala park NOT be allowed. Haleakala is such a beautiful, sacred, and ancient place, where if one is patient and observant, Endemic species can be observed. It is a place of silent beauty, a rugged landscape that was A Holy lace for ancient Hawaiians.

The essence of the National Parks is the preservation of

Unique spaces on this planet. I think that keeping external distractions to a minimum is

The best way to keep that essence alive.

It's not a far drive up to the Crater. In fact, as a resident of Maui I find the drive to the summit one of the most scenic and beautiful on the island. Let's keep nature wild and not interfere with the silent beauty up there.

Meg Lichtwardt

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Lichtwardt, Meg

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Meg Lichtwardt

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Correspondence ID:	258	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Lichtwardt, Meg
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 18:13:57
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Meg Lichtwardt

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Correspondence ID:	259	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Barrie, Lorraine
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 18:18:08
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: My vote is to completely prohibit helicopter tours over Haleakala crater. As a Maui resident of 24 years I have often hiked the crater. The silence of the park is a great part of its mystery & beauty, until the nerve shattering pounding drone of a helicopter destroys the peace and sacredness that is Haleakala. Tourists can find other entertainment, but the crater itself, the creatures like the nenes and those who invest the effort to actually walk into it are the ones who suffer.

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Correspondence ID:	260	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Barrie, Lorraine
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 18:18:09
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence ID:	261	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Mata, Sabrina
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 18:25:49
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not all helicopter flights above Haleakala.

Part of what makes this place so special is the rare silence within the crater at any time of day.



Silence in nature is a powerful antidote to much of modern day disease and stress. There are plenty of places for helicopters to fly above glorious beauty.

I could imagine there could be exceptions made 4 times a year for people who are permanently physically disabled to a degree that makes it impossible for them to experience the crater.

But for everyone else, get in shape and hike.

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Correspondence ID:	262	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Breitbach, Brad			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 18:28:22			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please consider limiting the number of helicopter flights over the crater of Haleakala. The disturbance that the helicopters cause is significant to the people enjoying the quiet solitude of the area. Helicopters create a massive noise pollution and it should be mitigated.

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Correspondence ID:	263	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	McKinley, Roger			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 18:34:08			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopter tours in Haleakala park. The unbroken quiet within the crater and mountain surrounds are one of the most rare and valuable part of the experience of hikers and those communing with nature. In addition, the effect on wildlife, like nesting Nene, should take priority on the financial gains of for-profit companies within park lands.

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Correspondence ID:	264	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Rybak, Deborah			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 18:39:49			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: NO HELICOPTER TOURS!!!

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Correspondence ID:	265	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Rybak, Deborah			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 18:39:50			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: NO HELICOPTER TOURS!!!

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Correspondence ID:	266	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Krall, Ashley			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 18:41:50			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala. It is the last place we have for complete peace within nature.

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Correspondence ID:	267	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Waters, Judy E			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 18:47:29			

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please please do not permit helicopter tours over Haleakala crater. Please do not desecrate this most special place and the unique experience / presence felt there by those who hike in. Haleakala is sacred ground not just the aina, but the pristine quiet airspace as well . It would be an insult to Hawaiian culture and spiritual belief to allow this commercial venture.

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Correspondence ID: 268 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Varsames, Susan

Received: Mar,04 2022 18:49:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I live in lahaina where some over the top rich doctor  
Put the word Aloha in shrubs on our  
Mountain. We get helicopters all day long going over to see it and it's obnoxious.  
We are heartbroken at the thought of this happening on  
Haleakala  
We oppose this strongly as it is disruptive to peace and the sacred  
Nature of this area

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Correspondence ID: 269 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lorenzo, Jessica

Received: Mar,04 2022 18:50:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha-

Let's not add to the traffic and noise pollution of Haleakala. It's a beautiful, serene space. Let's keep it that way.  
No thank you helicopters.

Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID: 270 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Emma

Received: Mar,04 2022 18:51:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am deeply outraged that helicopter tours flying through Haleakalā is even a topic for conversation. The only helicopters that should ever be allowed in this space is that for emergency rescue. Are the drastic effects of these incredibly disturbing loud machines really being considered? This is ONCE AGAIN catering to the tourists and out of state company owners in spite of and with the blatant disregard of the well being of the land, the people, plants, and animals who are from here. This is not Disney. This is a sacred space. Have you ever heard how loud these are? Even from 5000 feet above? I have. Many times. If you have too, then you would know how none of the options proposed are anywhere close to acceptable. The animals and birds are disturbed every single time. You really want to do this and see how it effects all of the endangered that live there? Isn't it common sense by now? This proposal is a hard and unwavering NO. Do the right thing and preserve this space. There are so few left. NO to ALL helicopter tour proposals. None of them are okay.

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Correspondence ID: 271 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Foster, Olga

Received: Mar,04 2022 18:54:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours over the crater and over the Haleakala National Park. It will disturb the serenity and sacredness of the place. No helicopters over Haleakala please!!!

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Correspondence ID: 272 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Janes-Brown, Paul

Received: Mar,04 2022 19:06:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The Hawaiian Islands are the most remote major island group on earth. On the second-largest island of Maui, the world's tallest dormant volcano, Haleakalā rises 10,023 feet - nearly two miles - into the sky. And the massive crater located at its summit carries the unique distinction of "The Quietest Place on Earth." For some, the exquisite stillness of this stark volcanic landscape can mimic a religious experience, while for others, it simply inspires a deeper awareness of humans' place in nature.

This sacred silence exists nowhere on this planet. It must be honored, preserved and protected. When they invent a silent helicopter maybe it would be OK to have them invade this space. However, until that time, protect the airspace over Haleakalā. Ban all flights. Create a NO FLY zone that will insure the peace and tranquility experienced there, will be able to continue.

Visitors, who wish to see the amazing place can drive up the mountain or take a land tour.

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Correspondence ID: 273 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Austin, Stephanie

Received: Mar,04 2022 19:07:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National park is a peaceful, sacred place.

There should be NO helicopter tours over the crater!

There are other ways visitors can appreciate this park: helicopter tours destroy the silent majesty of this unique, special place!

(I am a long time resident, who has (in my younger days)

hiked through with my family - 4 children, many times - staying at the cabins,

hiking out Kaupo Gap. It is no place for helicopters!

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Correspondence ID: 274 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Henderson, Remy

Received: Mar,04 2022 19:14:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a Hawai'i resident and a frequent user of Haleakalā National park, I would like to express my desire to keep Haleakalā a quiet, peaceful place. I believe allowing helicopter tours over the National park would take away from Haleakalā's uniquely peaceful environment. Helicopter tours already pollute many of Maui's sacred spaces with noise, and allowing helicopter over the crater would be yet another exploitation of Maui's natural resources for the sake of tourism. I ask Haleakalā National park to not allow helicopter tours over the crater. Please choose to protect Hawaiian's sacred spaces over further exploitation of their land for tourists. If helicopters are to be allowed, please consider keeping it to a bare minimum.

Thank you for your consideration!

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Correspondence ID: 275 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,04 2022 19:21:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No way.

If they are too lazy to go hike there then do not ruin all the people who have the energy to hike the crater, let them do so in peace. this would be a bad decision to allow. Whoever wants this, they are lazy and not of this island or even care about the place. They only want money!

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Correspondence ID:	276	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	McKinley, Ellen B
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 20:10:14
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Protect the sacred. Keep helicopters out of this temple. It belongs to unmotorized beings, and it should stay that way. Not everything should be exploited for commercial gain. Mahalo!

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Correspondence ID:	277	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Markham, Casey
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 20:11:40
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: The peace and tranquillity of Haleakala is sacred. Helicopters will ruin that.

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Correspondence ID:	278	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Sipman, Kele
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 20:56:25
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I urge you not to allow helicopter tours. With so little on maui remaining sacred Haleakala should remain on of them. The noise pollution, environmental pollution and eye sore should be more than enough to compel you to leave Haleakala as she is.

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Correspondence ID:	279	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 21:01:53
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: no helicopter tours please!!!! it's such a special place for us because of the peace and quiet. there needs to remain somewhere on the island where that is promised.

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Correspondence ID:	280	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Shaw, Dr David J
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 21:01:54
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours in Haleakala National Park. They are dangerous and disruptive.

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Correspondence ID:	281	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Gontoski, Sarah
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 21:02:19
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please DO NOT ALLOW helicopter tours over/through/around Haleakala Crater. How sad anyone even wants to do this and disturb the unique beauty of this one of a kind place IN THE WORLD, but it's all about making money no one cares about quality of life anymore. It is not worth that money. If it must be allowed in some way which is what it looks like in the article I read that led me to comment here, then keep the M-f-ers as high up and far away as possible.  
What a shame this is happening.

Sincerely,  
Kula resident

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Correspondence ID:	282	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Holter, Lance W			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 21:02:47			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: As a 42 year resident of Hawaii and a frequent visitor to Haleakala NP I am well aware of the impacts from helicopter flights into and near the crater. TOURISM Flights should NEVER BE ALLOWED into the crater but kept to the edge or beyond and at least 5,000 feet from the 10,000 ' peak of Haleakala. There needs to be places where we can find peace and solace from modern industrial noise. Emergency flights or upkeep and maintenance would be acceptable. Please, please do not destroy the peace and quiet of Haleakala National Park.  
Lance Holter

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Correspondence ID:	283	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Kanekoa, Shannon L			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 21:11:48			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do NOT allow Helicopter Rides or Tours to invade the peace and serenity that permits people to feel the Sacred nature of this rare Spiritual place on the Earth! Haleakala is a treasure that needs to be protected. It can be reached by private vehicles as well as buses full of people...that is ENOUGH! For the sake of the Ancient Hawaiians, the present day Hawaiians and the Hawaiians of the future, please, let us NOT allow 65 noisy, disturbing-of-the-Peace, helicopter rides EACH DAY, to destroy it's ambiance!!!  
Shannon Kanekoa

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Correspondence ID:	284	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Kanekoa, Shannon L			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 21:11:49			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Correspondence ID:	285	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Kanekoa, Shannon L			
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Shannon Kanekoa

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Correspondence ID: 286 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Cohn, Deborah  
Received: Mar,04 2022 21:11:58  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please stop the assault to our treasured area, Haleakala. What is being proposed with this helicopter invasion is a travesty to the solitude of this sacred spot. Money should not circumvent solitude. Imua Haleakala!  
Deborah Cohn

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Correspondence ID: 287 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Frank, Joan  
Received: Mar,04 2022 21:13:29  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do NOT allow ANY helicopter flights over the pristine, fragile, threatened beauty and historic and cultural grandeur that is Haleakala and its immediate environs. This is travesty against resources that should by now have been well-established as unique, precious, and priceless. The silence there, evoking what has been called "the vastness of geologic time," is beyond valuation. Surely every human being working for your office understands this at some deepest level of their being. Please. Protect and preserve this major wonder of the world---and that should automatically, unequivocally include protection of airspace and silence (the opposite of noise pollution). PLEASE. The threat of such a violent, ugly intrusion on the beauty and tranquility of that land is as MORALLY OUTRAGEOUS as, say, bombing it would be. I lived on Maui for many years. Do you value your children, and their children? What exquisite parts of the island remain unmolested should be everyone's responsibility to guard with extra care for the enjoyment and education of untold generations to come.

Please contact me anytime for any reason. Thank you for INSISTING ON PROTECTING THE PRISTINE AIRSPACE OF HALEAKALA.

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Correspondence ID: 288 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Taylor, A  
Received: Mar,04 2022 21:21:34  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hiking and spending time inside the crater is such a beautiful special and sacred experience; having helicopters flying above constantly would completely ruin this and it is just another example of exploitation of this beautiful island. It's so incredibly sad that the state and the helicopter tour companies care more about profit than maintaining the PEACEFUL sacred environment that is Haleakala. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW HELICOPTER TOURS ABOVE/NEAR CRATER, NOW OR EVER!

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Correspondence ID: 289 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: brodehl, inge  
Received: Mar,04 2022 21:22:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: please please  
no Helicopters over Haleakala.  
this sacred silence should not be disturbed .  
there are only a few places left on this island that are quite so please honor this special place by not allowing  
Helicopters to disturb this rare sacred space  
Inge Brodehl

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Correspondence ID: 290 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Moore, Christopher

Received: Mar,04 2022 21:29:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not spoil one of the quietest places on the island. Part of the beauty and the experience of being in the crater is enhanced by the silence. Helicopters tours would ruin the special quality of walking in the crater.

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Correspondence ID: 291 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lottig, Adam J

Received: Mar,04 2022 21:29:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to tour through Haleakala. This is a special place and the helicopters would change it permanently. There is already access by the road and hiking trails allow people to still have access without the noise and disruption that the helicopters bring.

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Correspondence ID: 292 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: N, Helen

Received: Mar,04 2022 21:30:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Regarding Haleakala National Park: I understand there is a proposal to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala crater once again. It's been banned for a number of years now.

Please do not allow the helicopter tours to return to this incredible park.

I am very sympathetic to helicopters (I love them, I love tours in them), but I believe Haleakala crater should remain a quiet oasis, free of lights, noise and aircraft. Hawaii is so isolated, having many rare flora and fauna unique to this little island in the big Pacific. So much of the island is affected by traffic, both car and air traffic. This area should be kept separate and remain as it's been for millions of years, without aircraft.

Again, I love, love small aircraft and have a private pilot's license.

Please do not allow helicopter tours to return to Haleakala.

Just as a nice note: I live just a couple of miles from the park on the southeastern end of the island. I used to visit often, but over the past 20 years the tourist traffic has become so very heavy that I rarely ever visit any more, going once a year, many years not even visiting. Please keep the crater quiet.

Thank you,

Helen Nielsen

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Correspondence ID: 293 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: McCollum, John A



Received: Mar,04 2022 21:34:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please no helicopter tours over any part of Haleakala National Park. Park is beautiful and wonderful with the sounds of nature. And is one of the quietest places on earth. we don't need any more noise from any machines of any kind in or near the park. Thank you for considering my viewpoint.

Respectfully, John McCollum

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Correspondence ID: 294 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Polland, Pamela A

Received: Mar,04 2022 21:36:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please NEVER allow helicopter tours or drones to fly overhead at Haleakalā Crater. A case could be made that this is sacred ground, but even if it wasn't, I'm sure there's not a single visitor to the Nat'l Park that would EVER want the noise of helicopters flying above during the precious time people spend in the Park. I'm sure there's some protected air space that allows for aircraft to fly around the periphery of the crater, but please NEVER allow any kind of aircraft to fly over or across the crater.

Thank you for maintaining some semblance of sanity in this increasingly crazy world.

Pamela Polland

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Correspondence ID: 295 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kealoha, Dheya

Received: Mar,04 2022 21:42:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

As someone who grew up on Maui I have so many amazing memories of Haleakala. It is a sacred place to me and so many who grew up here. One of the most special parts of it is the silence and the feeling of being in a whole other world when you are there.

Over my lifetime I have seen so many special spots lost to tourism. It saddens me to know that my children and grandchildren will never get to experience so many parts of Maui the way that I did.

I beg you not to allow helicopter tours of Haleakala. Please allow our mountain to remain a quiet and peaceful place for us and the generations to come. There are already many other helicopter tours available and you can enjoy the mountain by driving. Destroying the peace and quiet of our sacred space is not worth any amount of money.

Mahalo,

Dheya Kealoha

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Correspondence ID: 296 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Be, Reverend Bodhi

Received: Mar,04 2022 21:48:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having lived on Maui for 47 years, I have often had the feeling that we here who live on Maui have the important job of protecting Haleakala Crater for future generations. Every year of these 47 I have camped in a tent or in cabins and wandered the trails taking in the silence and the beauty. Often I would be silent for days, sometimes even when I was with people. I described Haleakala as the 'loudest silent place' I'd ever been. These were spiritual walkabouts where my mind could stretch out and relax and my ministry would be revitalized and renewed. In my early years here, helicopters flew over, the harsh sounds so strange to be in this sacred place. And I

remember when they were no longer allowed to fly over, so many of us feeling the rightness of letting the crater have its silence back.

PLEASE keep helicopters away from the crater. So many go into the crater for the silence, reflective time and a break from the busy-ness and noise of daily life. So many of us see it as a 'chapel'.

I understand the story that helicopters can make the crater more accessible to people unable to walk about but this cannot be a reason, nor can I see any reason to destroy the pristine, quiet, nature experience found in the crater. There are few places left in the world where true silence can still be found, and we need such places for prayer, contemplation and 'time-out'.

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Correspondence ID:	297	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Nieblas, Steve
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 21:49:00
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Correspondence: This cannot happen again. The islands continue to try and make living out here a challenge and make it just a playground for tourists and the wealthy. Haleakala is protected land and home to the nene and let's keep things quiet and respect nature and those that enjoy the calm and beautiful hikes in the area. We have a right to enjoy the beauty of this island and connection to nature without the intrusion of noisy aircraft from companies that are just out for \$\$\$ . Enough!

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Correspondence ID:	298	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Cabot, Amiel
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 21:50:08
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I just heard there's a plan to allow helicopters in the most peaceful place on earth. Please don't do this!

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Correspondence ID:	299	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Hand, Alexis M
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 21:51:35
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Helicopter tours over Haleakal National Park would impede upon a sacred place that already is disturbed by foot traffic. Keeping it simple and allowing for hiking to continue as the sole way of experiencing the crater is key to protecting what exists there. The serene silence experienced within Haleakala would be severely interrupted by having aircraft fly overhead. Please, no helicopters allowed.

With respect for what is sacred,  
Alexis

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Correspondence ID:	300	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Swatek, Ryder
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 22:01:36
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please keep helicopter tours above 5,000 feet to ground level in the park. It is a sacred place that does not need that level of disturbance.

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Correspondence ID:	301	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Barker, Bonnie
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Received:

Mar,04 2022 22:06:42

Correspondence Type:

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Correspondence: I lived on the side of the Mountain for many years and was so privileged to explore, hike and enjoy the spectacular beauty and spiritual presence of Haleakala National Park. I experienced all the trails, cabins multiple times. It is sacred and pristine. The House of the Sun does NOT need the intrusive drone of helicopters over head. Some places need to be saved from those that would profit from an unconscious maneuver such as an intrusive helicopter flying overhead. NO NO NO! Do NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN! Where's the integrity in preserving something so precious as Haleakala. Wake up people! Don't do this Do the right thing! Do Not allow this to happen!

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Correspondence ID:

302 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

Malcolm, Kylie

Received:

Mar,04 2022 22:06:56

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: The new reservation system for camping in Haleakala National Park makes it extremely difficult for local residents to enjoy our home. Priority should be given to Hawaii residents over visitors in this new reservation system. The Kipahulu Campground has been a very special place to my family and me, but we now worry that we won't be able to return for a long time. Visitors planning their vacations have the time and resources to plan ahead and book up all available campsites. Camping there used to be a fun and spontaneous activity, but the stressful reservation system almost discourages residents from wanting to camp at all. This online reservation system (also including sunrise park access and the Hosmer's Grove campground) seems disproportionately unfair to residents of Maui, who arguably care and respect the National Park more than tourists who don't have the same sense of connection to these special places.

On another note, I completely disagree with allowing helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala. One of the main splendors of the park is the beautiful peace and quiet. Helicopters would greatly interrupt the experience of going to the summit. Haleakala is a sacred place to be respected, not exploited by tour companies.

Thank you

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Correspondence ID:

303 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

Folsom, Illah

Received:

Mar,04 2022 22:12:08

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not increase or allow for helicopters to fly over Haleakala. It is a sacred place and has the distinction of being the quietest place in the world! It is a place of pilgrimage, a place to pray, a place to bring offering and respect. A place for people to experience the wonder of this beautiful Creation. People can drive up by the thousands already and experience it's healing touch. People can also drive around the island and see it's beauty. Not everything should be available for sale. This would be something only wealthy people would be able to participate in as well. I humbly urge you, as a longtime resident of Maui, and as a mother to not allow the flying of helicopters over Haleakala. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

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Correspondence ID:

304 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

Gontoski, Carolyn E

Received:

Mar,04 2022 22:13:34

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: The thought of helicopter tours over any national park is against any thinking person's sensibilities. Nationally protected properties are to be safeguarded from intrusion. We try to manage our

intrusiveness with our footprints, let us not add another assault. No. My comment is &quot;No, no aerial assault to Haleakala National Park.&quot; -- Carolyn Gontoski

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Correspondence ID:	305	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Speed, Kahone F
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 22:26:06
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Correspondence: From a safety standpoint point definitely a no. If a helicopter goes down in the crater, who is going to conduct search and rescue? How would it be conducted? What kind of an impact would it leave? Is the monetary value worth more than the ecological damage that this incident would incur?

Highly against helicopter tours going over the crater. Not a fan of the 500ft rule nor am I a fan of the 5000ft rule. I highly encourage the national park system to continue its tradition of no helicopter tours over the crater. It's is one of the very last places that you can actually hear the silence of nature ringing in your ears. The last thing that needs to happen is a disturbance of that peace. Furthermore, if I was a Nēnē I would not want to get caught by a propeller of a transient body through my home.

Thank you for you time and consideration.

Kahone Speed

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Correspondence ID:	306	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Salez, Erin
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 22:31:16
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Correspondence: I am disheartened to learn of the proposal to allow any type of aviation in the airspace around our in Haleakala National Park. My parents are both pilots and I live being in the air. However, Haleakala is one of the most saved places on this planet to native Hawaiians and those of us who are fortunate to be residents here.

I live 2 miles from the turnoff to Old Crater Road and the lack of noise pollution is one of the most striking features of this mountain. If you've ever even spent any time on Haleakala, either the Kula side or in Kipahulu district, you would understand what an affront aviation tours would be to what makes this park, this 'aina so special. I beg of you, please do not turn Haleakala and it's surrounding neighborhoods into a zone that requires air traffic control.

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Correspondence ID:	307	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 22:34:06
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I have lived on Maui for 45 years. Having hiked the crater many times, I can NOT imagine having to listen to helicopters buzzing overhead in such a special place! Please don't allow ANY flights over Haleakala!! That would destroy yet another spot on our Island!

Thank you!

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Correspondence ID:	308	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Scott, Anne
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Received:	Mar,04 2022 22:40:52
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly over the park the silence is golden and that would ruin it I hike all over Maui and that makes the Crater one of the most special places on earth please do not allow helicopters thank you

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Correspondence ID: 309 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: DePolo, Vinceanna

Received: Mar,04 2022 23:03:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please NO helicopters!  
Respect nature

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Correspondence ID: 310 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ciser, Kim

Received: Mar,04 2022 23:04:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I'll keep it short. Enough already. Think about the well being of the land & the people who enjoy the epic space in silence. Tourists & people should not have access to everything. If they can't hike it or view it from a lookout they should not have access. PERIOD.

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Correspondence ID: 311 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Baskerville, Ray

Received: Mar,04 2022 23:08:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The idea of helicopters over Haleakala national park is abhorrent. This unique and pristine environment is in part so profound because it is so uniquely quiet. This sacred place will be desecrated by the violent noise of helicopter. It will be an unforgivable travesty to allow helicopter flight anywhere at any height above the park. I urge you to reject outright any proposal to allow the flight of helicopters over the pristine beauty of this treasured and culturally sacred place.

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Correspondence ID: 312 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Maxwell-Juan, Hi'ilei

Received: Mar,04 2022 23:19:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters fly over one of Maui's most sacred places we have been fighting for ever trying to keep our Mauna sacred. Our government has sold it out from out our feed. Already the frustrations were felt just from not regulating tours there. As I am going to share a letter my dad wrote why this place means alot to the people of Maui.

Why Haleakala is not sacred anymore

The Maui News

Letter to the Editor

Sunday, June 06, 2004

In ancient Hawaii, Haleakala was considered a wahi pana (legendary place, sacred place) and a wau akua (place where the gods live). Today, it is abused daily with bike tours, tourists in rented cars, buses and hundreds of people viewing this magnificent place that was revered by our ancient ancestors. The question is: Why is it not sacred anymore?

Do the Kanaka Maoli culture and their reverence to this wahi pana not mean anything anymore? Haven't we as Kanaka Maoli given up the land, our lifestyle and finally our sacred places to people who have exploited its beauty and sanctity for the sake of commercialism?

What about the protection of the natural resources? When will people realize that the National Park Service and the state Department of Land and Natural Resources as stewards of the trust lands failed miserably to protect the resources on Haleakala from commercialism? We have passed the stage of having a pleasant drive to Haleakala to "enjoy" its beauty and have the bike tours barrel down the mountain and all the tourists and tour buses going up to see this "sacred" crater only to find there are so many cars in the parking lot there is no room for anyone else. That is the reason local people don't visit Haleakala anymore.

Now Ben Hall and his Haleakala Bike Co. want to come down Skyline Trail - enough already. The Na Ala Hele group should be the only ones allowed to take guided tours (noncommercial) down Skyline Trail, and no one else, including individuals and bike riders, should be allowed to ruin this once pristine and sacred area to the Hawaiian people. That is being responsible caretakers. It is long overdue and the park should have a parking area by the ranger's station and allow only a certain amount of cars and buses to enter the park. It is done at other national parks, why not here?

Steps should be taken now before we lose one of the most treasured places for many people that live in Hawaii, but most of all for the Kanaka Maoli who look to this sacred icon of Haleakala with its ancient name "Ala Hea Ka La," or the Path To Call The Sun.

This is where the demigod Maui lassoed the sun so his mother, Hina, could dry her tapa cloth. This is the former home of Pele, the goddess of the volcano who created 16 cinder cones, looking for a permanent home to live. Pele and her younger sister, Hi'akaikapoliopole, died at Haleakala later in mythological history in a battle between her rival sister, Namakaokaha'i, where their iwi (bones) were scattered through the crater and the hill at Aleamae named Kaiwiopole. This place contains the mo'olelo (stories) of our Hawaiian race and should be protected at all cost for the generations yet to come, so they know what their past was to prepare them for the future as Kanaka Maoli of Hawaii Nei.

Kahu Charles Kauluwehi  
Maxwell Sr.  
Pukalani

And still nothing has been done about this. We cannot let our airspace be cluttered with noise. Please consider not to allow this to happen.  
Mahalo

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Correspondence ID:	313	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	willow, stone			
Received:	Mar,04 2022 23:22:28			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: This is regarding the proposed plan to allow helicopter tours over Haleakela Volcano on Maui, Hawaii. I've had the privilege to visit the park, see the sunrise over its summit, and hike into its magnificent caldera. It is a spiritual experience. Please do not contaminate the air with unnecessary noise pollution, not to mention exhaust from the helicopters. Their mere presence will completely ruin the experience of the majority of park visitors who go there over land. Some places are sacred and should remain that way, and thus warrant protecting from undesirable development, which allowing helicopters certainly falls under the category of. So NO helicopters over Haleakela, no matter how few, how high, or low. NONE! Period!

Sincerely and Mahalo,

Stone Willow  
Honolulu  
Hawaii

Correspondence ID:	314	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kipervaser, Anna		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 23:26:10		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopter tours please. It's a serene, silent, and magical place, please don't take that away.		
Correspondence ID:	315	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Herschberger, Elena		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 23:27:14		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please, NO helicopter tours over Haleakala Crater. This place is so special because of its silence. Plus, the presence of aircraft may alter or deter Nene flight paths. The Crater is a jewel of Maui --let's not sell it out.		
Correspondence ID:	316	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Slutzky, Jada N		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 23:34:26		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do NOT approve the helicopter tours over Haleakala. It would destroy the peace and wonder of being present up there. No more tourism ruining our sacred places! NO!!!		
Correspondence ID:	317	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 23:36:25		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopter flights under 5000 ft over Haleakala. This is one of the quietest places in the world. We love to hike there because it is serenely quiet. Keep helicopters out of the crater. Judy Buettner, Haiku, Hawaii		
Correspondence ID:	318	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Friends, John W		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 23:41:22		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow any helicopter flights over Haleakala. Thank you.		
Correspondence ID:	319	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Buchanan, Kat		
Received:	Mar,04 2022 23:42:21		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please, NO flights over Haleakala Crater.		
Correspondence ID:	320	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	, Gabriel		



Received: Mar,04 2022 23:45:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of East Maui.

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Correspondence ID: 321 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Campbell, Nancy

Received: Mar,04 2022 23:50:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
I am writing to voice my strong objections to any type of helicopter tourism within Haleakala Crater, or the entire Haleakala Nation Park.

Haleakala is a sacred place and there should never be any further development, including any amount of helicopter traffic. This is taken directly from the NPS website :

Important cultural places and sites are found within the Summit and Kīpahulu areas of Haleakalā National Park and are spoken of in numerous Hawaiian mele (songs/chants) and legends.

We cannot undo the past ...colonialism and desecration of places sacred to indigenous people , but we can and must halt further desecration and blatant disrespect of indigenous people and sacred places. Allowing helicopters to destroy the peace , silence and purity of this living temple would be shameful and an indication that those making these decisions are no better than those colonists of the past.

There are so few places one can go on this earth and enjoy the sacred silence and connect with ourselves and Ke Akua in the way we can at Haleakala .

Mahalo,  
Nancy Campbell

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Correspondence ID: 322 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: rugg, adele

Received: Mar,05 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha ..  
please do NOT allow helicopter flights over Haleakala ..  
this is one of the most magnificent and peaceful places on the planet ..  
if one wants to 'see' Haleakala .. one can drive .. hike into the crater ..  
please, please .. preserve this gorgeous place ..  
NO helicopter flights ..  
i humbly ask for your consideration to NO flights over Haleakala .. ever !  
mahalo nui loa ..

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Correspondence ID: 323 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Welch, Emmett G

Received: Mar,05 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I enjoy hiking in Haleakala Park and find any helicopters flying over very disturbing.

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Correspondence ID: 324 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Miller, Brian

Received: Mar,05 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly feel that helicopters tours should stay at the current rules of distance and elevation restrictions should stay in place

For the those people on the ground experiencing nature in an awesome unique environment so don't deserve the have their experience compromised and tainted by a few that just want to see a quick glimps or a quick tour (fly by) of a natural park.

Individual groups and their impacts , out in nature should always be taken into consideration when it comes to the peoples best interests and granting special permission

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Correspondence ID: 325 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,05 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours to desecrate the sacred Haleakala Crater peace and silence. The point of enjoying this place is to be able to appreciate one of the most quiet places for spiritual reasons and cultural reasons. This would destroy a natural wonder in a world that has less and less silence when it needs it the most. There is plenty of opportunity for corporate greed in others area of tourism elsewhere on Maui, let's not let it spread to the entire island and ruin what pure natural beauty is left.

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Correspondence ID: 326 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Chang, Amy J

Received: Mar,05 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha and Thank you for reading Our concerns.

Please keep Haleakalā Crater a " no-fly zone". The silence is a rare and powerful healing environment. I remember hiking with the helivopters decades ago and it was always such an intrusive force. I have also been in a helicopter and Yes it was magnificent, however the Island is Now currently experiencing a huge explosion and onslaught of tourism like never before. We must protect What natural areas we are able to.

There are several places to overlook the crater that is easy access walking distance for those unable to hike.

Perhpas those could be marked better? If the helicopter tourists industry is so powerful that you must give in, then please on certain days Not every Day and only certain routes.

Mahalo for your Heartfield consideration, Amy Joyce Chang

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Correspondence ID: 327 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: samiljan, robert

Received: Mar,05 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter to fly over Volcano it's the only quiet place left DMV hearing in

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Correspondence ID: 328 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Patterson, Diana  
Received: Mar,05 2022 01:06:08  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours over Haleakala, it's a sacred and silent wonder! Allowing this will only serve to deteriorate not only the land, but also the sky and the silence. I live right under a helicopter flight path and it's not pleasant, my property however is not a tourist destination, but I know that this Aina will not be mine forever, and it's my duty to protect and preserve it in the best manner possible, for future generations to enjoy and also care for it, to the best of their abilities. It's not only a choice, but a duty!  
The drive to Haleakala is one of the best, most scenic things to do on Maui.  
Please consider every aspect and ramification.  
Sincerely,  
Diana Patterson

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Correspondence ID: 329 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: DeBoer, Jessica L  
Received: Mar,05 2022 01:09:53  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please respect this beautiful place and do NOT allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. I speak on behalf of myself and so many of my community who live here. The silence and sacredness of this majestic place should be respected and there is no need to have helicopters fly over when one can easily drive and experience it.  
I implore you to do the right thing and not allow the noise and energy pollution of the helicopters for the rest of us and the park.  
Thank you!

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Correspondence ID: 330 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Cazal, Jim  
Received: Mar,05 2022 01:12:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Administrators,  
I was aghast and very surprised that this proposal was even considered much less introduced for a number of reasons.

1. One of the reasons people, including myself, go up to the National Park is to get away from the hustle, bustle and noise from the lower elevations. It's one of the quietest places on the planet and one of the very few 'quiet' spots left in the world that is easily accessed especially down in the 'crater' where sound equipment has been known not to pick up a single decibel!  
<https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/hawaii/quietest-place-on-earth-haleakala-hi/>
2. In addition, to but mention a few, Haleakala National Park is home to many endemic bird species, the Pueo (Hawaiian owl), Hawaiian Petrel, i'iwi, 'apapane, 'amakihi and the Nene, the rarest goose in the world.
3. There is also the increased noise factor for the upcountry residents of Kula, Makawao, Pukalani, Olinda and Haiku to consider. This will also affect the experience and ambiance for all the visitors that visit our National Park. I live in Makawao and hear them daily.

In my mind it makes no sense or benefit to affect such a beautiful serene treasure such as Haleakala National Park, it's endemic species and all the upcountry residents for the sake of air tours.  
Being my favorite place in the world I emphatically recommend a resolute no to any air tours whatsoever for Haleakala National Park.  
Most respectfully,

Jim Cazel  
17 year Haleakala tour guide

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Correspondence ID: 331 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Holland, Carol  
Received: Mar,05 2022 01:18:52  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not resume or allow helicopter tours over Haleakala. This space is sacred and home to many indigenous species. Research shows excess noise such as helicopters impacts reproduction and well being of organisms already endangered. Additionally if protecting the endemic indigenous species was not enough these make excessive noise over homes and farms often scaring livestock and pets not to mention disrupting residents lives. We are not required to sacrifice ourselves on the altar of tourism.

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Correspondence ID: 332 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Epstein, Judy  
Received: Mar,05 2022 01:26:08  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please prevent helicopters to fly over Haleakala crater!!! This needs to be a sacred place of quiet. I have camped for 3 nights (not in cabins) and appreciated the silence. After hard earned hiking, it is disrespectful and disheartening to have a helicopter over head. I experience this sad experience when hiking in Sedona, AZ. So wrong!! KEEP THE PEACE AND QUIET!!

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Correspondence ID: 333 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Drayer, Lindsey  
Received: Mar,05 2022 01:26:36  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : helicopter tours over Haleakala  
I urge you not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence. Also, I believe this would have a devastating impact on the animals and ecosystems. We do not need to commodify everything wonderful about Maui! Some places are sacred and should not be up for commodification so tourists can have a "nice memory" while visiting. We've sold out enough for that already.  
Thank you,  
Lindsey

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Correspondence ID: 334 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Nicklaw, Dean  
Received: Mar,05 2022 01:27:03  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the noise free serenity in the park.

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Correspondence ID: 335 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Wainui-Tucker, Shahlia  
Received: Mar,05 2022 01:27:36  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours should be able to fly around the top of Haleakala. It is a cultural site that must be protected.

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Correspondence ID: 336 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Peterson, Amy

Received: Mar,05 2022 01:29:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There is absolutely NO reason that helicopters needs to ever fly over Haleakala for maaaaany reasons!

The rare peace and quiet that is there is found there is precious beyond measure.

There are so many ways to drive up and enjoy this magic.

The sound of helicopters flying overhead will DESTROY the stillness that makes it one of the most magical places on Earth.

The rich, entitled tourists that trample this land everyday have everything else.

Please! I urge you so not allow the sacred summit of Haleakala to be desecrated in this way for tourist money.

Received: Mar,05 2022 01:32:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please help to protect Sacred places. No helicopter tours on Haleakala. Lets respect and honor natural beauty not monetize, exploit, and desecrate it. I want to remember true Aloha together. Before it's too late. Helicopter tours on Haleakala are not respectful to native culture, nor the land and Spirit of Hawaii.

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Correspondence ID: 341 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,05 2022 01:32:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please respect our sacred Maui places and refrain from supporting Haleakala helicopter tours. This is not Oahu, this is not the mainland. The reason Hawaii is so special is because it isn't overrun and commercialized. Let's keep it that way. Mahalo :)

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Correspondence ID: 342 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,05 2022 01:43:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park is asking for comments on plans to allow helicopter tours over the park.

I want to share my voice against the allowing of helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park. These special places become less prized all the time as we destroy the peace and beauty of these natural treasures in the interest of profit.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha Wale

Shannon Meade

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Correspondence ID: 343 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ronge, Sabine

Received: Mar,05 2022 01:56:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep this beautiful place the way it is . The quiet is what's one the most amazing experiences hiking or being up in and around the crater . It is easy to go up by car and the quiet and solitude would be destroyed by the sound and sight of helicopters . Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 344 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,05 2022 02:02:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No Helicopters, keep Haleakala quiet and in it's natural state.

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Correspondence ID: 345 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Garrison, Charles

Received: Mar,05 2022 02:03:10

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
There is hardly any sacred places left!  
Let's keep Mountain peaceful and sacred



Correspondence ID:	350	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Alexander, Melinda		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 02:45:05		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I am requesting the park service to keep helicopter tours far away from the park. It is a sacred place for Hawaii and Hawaiian. The silence is sacred to me and park of Haleakala's majestic beauty. We already have over tourism. We don't need more destruction via disturbing noise pollution on Haleakala.		
Correspondence ID:	351	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	mello, kaley M		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 02:47:55		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopter tours AT ALL.... respect the mauna. And we live here. No one wants to hear that all day everyday. There are many other things to do here on maui let alone Hawaii. Period.		
Correspondence ID:	352	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Ranney Medina, Sarah		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 03:26:51		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. I may not live on Maui, but have spent my life visiting family who do love there, and deeply feel the sacredness of this land. Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui. Thank you		
Correspondence ID:	353	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Burke, Joette		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 03:31:07		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park NO HELICOPTERS PLEEEASE! I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui. Thank you and Aloha, Joette Burke		
Correspondence ID:	354	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Gober, Christopher P		

Received: Mar,05 2022 04:10:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As someone who works in the tourism industry I can say that there is too much.

To have more would be of the benefit of the pockets of the wealthy, and to the dismay furthering the loss of culture in Hawai'i altogether. No Helicopters!! Respect the resting place of many past Hawaiians, and their ohana! The nature needs not be disturbed anymore.

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Correspondence ID: 355 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Watson, Kelly

Received: Mar,05 2022 04:32:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha to those of you assigned to decide this matter, you have a heavy burden on your shoulders!

Hale a ka La, the House of the Sun, is a very sacred place not only to native Hawaiians but Haole Hawaiians and millions of people from all over the world! Much has been published, documented and filmed about the absolute peace and tranquility that can be obtained by spending time here. One of the main reasons for this, beside the beauty, is the unique utter silence. It has been scientifically determined to be one of the most quiet places on Earth. This is a rare delight that is more difficult to find every single year.

We rent the cabins several times a year, typically. Every time a helicopter appears along the ridge, we cringe! The noise is so loud! It completely changes your experience up there. Any further intrusion into this tranquil space must be heartily denied! In that way, your decision should be very simple, ABSOLUTELY NOT!!! Thank you for your dedication to attending to these matters. For anyone who supports this asinine idea, I will make certain that I will do my best that they will never hold office here. Mahalo!

The state motto is; "Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono, The Life of the Land is Perpetuated in Righteousness". In this, your choice is simple. Please do not make any regrettable decisions in this, the regret will be all yours.

Mahalo for taking the time to hear my plea. Respectfully Yours, Kelly Watson

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Correspondence ID: 356 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Cortney

Received: Mar,05 2022 05:14:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I love visiting Maui and especially Haleakala. That place is very special. I would hate to see people flying overhead. One of the greatest things about visiting there is that it is peaceful and quiet. You can watch the clouds untouched by anything. I would request that any attempt to fly over for tours be rejected.

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Correspondence ID: 357 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,05 2022 05:39:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: please do not allow helicopter tours of Mount Haleakala. it would be a tragic day to see and hear a bunch of noisy helicopters polluting the sacred air space of Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 358 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kakalia, gordean

Received: Mar,05 2022 05:43:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hi I personally do not agree to helicopter tours at Haleakalā. I was a Park Ranger there and really enjoyed the stillness of this majestic mountain. We will no longer call this place the quietest place on Earth. It would destroy native birds habitat and the quiet for campers who come there just for that. You must also consider Indigenous peoples intent of this place as a consideration. While they studied the stars at night they also considered value in this land in the light. If tours were allowed to enter air space into Haleakalā then it would be now be considered a commercial venue. I guess I hold this place sacred and would rather teach through talks at night or in the day from afar. The National Park must balance the needs of there service and the respect of the host culture in Hawaii. A good example of helicopter tours gone wrong is the State park on Kauai - The Kalalau Valley. I did this hike and it was non stop noise. Intrusive to the point you could feel the down draft of the helicopter winds above us as it flew pass. Kalalau State Park is also a gem. Please consider a no fly zone one that adheres to Park standards and those of the Indigenous people. Haleakalā was given to us to take care of but not to exploit her.

Mahalo nunui

Gordean Kakalia

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Correspondence ID: 359 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Mullinax, Richard

Received: Mar,05 2022 05:48:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Experiencing the profound silence of Haleakala crater was a complete surprise. I hope you will preserve the air space above it for all visitors. Please do not allow helicopters access. I have limited mobility and was able to walk gently below the rim and feel the soundlessness. I look forward to returning.

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Correspondence ID: 360 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Young, Melinda

Received: Mar,05 2022 06:40:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I object to tours going into Haleakala.

Already guests get a fantastic view of the crater, with the air restrictions in place now, and have a great aerial experience.

Please let all guests enjoy it without allowing the nuisance of low flying helicopters ruining the experience for those who have chose to drive in, during the day,

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Correspondence ID: 361 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Schwab, Lauren

Received: Mar,05 2022 06:53:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There are so many beautiful places on the island but this particular area feels sacred. The thought of helicopters flying overhead not only takes away from that but disrupts the life of the ecosystem inhabiting the park. And for what? Profit?

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Correspondence ID: 362 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Chris

Received: Mar,05 2022 06:54:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Being one of the quietest places on earth, Haleakalā is a special area that must not be disturbed by helicopters flying over. The noise would disturb this precious place. I have enjoyed hiking and enjoying the pristine nature since I was young. Please help preserve this area and deny aerial tours of this beautiful area. Cultural practices are important and having chanted upon the summit I recognize the sacredness of Haleakalā. I oppose any helicopter tours over the mountain.

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Correspondence ID: 363 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Winham, Michele

Received: Mar,05 2022 06:55:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We loved our 20 plus years teaching and raising our children on the slopes of Haleakala. The thought of helicopters doing tours over the crater just makes us sick. The peace, quiet and sanctity of that spot must be protected. Please do not allow this to move forward. You are charged with being stewards of this spot.

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Correspondence ID: 364 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Welling, Tracy

Received: Mar,05 2022 07:02:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There is absolutely NO reason that helicopters needs to ever fly over Haleakala for maaaaany reasons!

The rare peace and quiet that is there is found there is precious beyond measure.

There are so many ways to drive up and enjoy this magic.

The sound of helicopters flying overhead will DESTROY the stillness that makes it one of the most magical places on Earth.

The rich, entitled tourists that trample this land everyday have everything else.

Please! I urge you so not allow the sacred summit of Haleakala to be desecrated in this way for tourist money.

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours. This beautiful place is like no other in the world and many people go to meditate and experience life with no sound or traffic or the complexities of modern day world. This is truly a place like no other and the sounds of helicopters whirling over with truly ruin.

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Correspondence ID: 367 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Lauri

Received: Mar,05 2022 08:14:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over haleakala. It is such sacred ground where the peace and quiet is unlike anything I have experienced anywhere on this world. Adding the noise pollution of helicopters regularly flying over the crater would absolutely ruin everything that so many people love about haleakala.

It is not difficult to drive there, and take in the views and all that the land has to offer our souls.

I urge you to seriously reconsider this plan.

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Correspondence ID: 368 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Karr, Suzi

Received: Mar,05 2022 08:15:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, please, please DON'T do this!!!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 369 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bonadio, Jennifer L

Received: Mar,05 2022 08:25:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha!

I am beseeching the county and state powers that be to resist and refuse the breaching of sacred space over Haleakala with helicopters. Any flight plan below 5000 ft is an obscene and offensive idea. . .there is no reason for it.

Please consider restraining this needless expansion and protect what is sacred on our beloved Maui.

Thank you for your consideration and conscience.

Aloha

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Correspondence ID: 370 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Montano, Carlos

Received: Mar,05 2022 08:34:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No no no. No helicopters over Haleakala. Just a greedy money grab. Not a good idea at all Please don't do this. It would be highly disrespectful to the people of the island

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Correspondence ID: 371 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cockett, Pauahilani J

Received: Mar,05 2022 08:44:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala.

Correspondence ID:	372	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Pozin, Debra		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 08:46:13		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please NEVER allow helicopter tours or drones to fly overhead at Haleakalā Crater. A case could be made that this is sacred ground, but even if it wasn't, I'm sure there's not a single visitor to the Nat'l Park that would EVER want the noise of helicopters flying above during the precious time people spend in the Park. I'm sure there's some protected air space that allows for aircraft to fly around the periphery of the crater, but please NEVER allow any kind of aircraft to fly over or across the crater.		
Correspondence ID:	373	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Perkins, Jerrie		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 09:20:03		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopters to fly over the park or crater. It is a beautiful place and I hate to see it destroyed for the money they can make. You can drive up and really enjoy the quite and beauty of the park with out helicopters		
Correspondence ID:	374	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 09:21:18		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala. Haleakala is a wahi pana, a sacred site. The noise pollution of helicopters is incredibly disruptive to the entire area. Please show respect and care of the area by restricting all helicopters. Mahalo		
Correspondence ID:	375	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Caminos, Marlinda		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 09:27:18		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Leave the nature alone! Stop being greedy!		
Correspondence ID:	376	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Chen, Stephanie		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 09:47:54		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I strongly oppose helicopter tours above the national park. There are so few places left where one can experience such profound silence. It would seriously degrade the visitor experience. I also have concerns regarding the impact on wildlife. The park is home to endangered species and the noise from the helicopters could be detrimental. There is no need to add helicopter tours above the park to the laundry list of tourist activities already available. Please abandon this idea.		
Correspondence ID:	377	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Goods, Kathy Uilani		

Received: Mar,05 2022 09:49:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I write as a Native Daughter of Maui, he mo'okū'auhau maiā Hana a me Kaupō. Do not allow further destruction and mockery of Maui. Tourism already takes far more that it gives. Intrusions like this would only undermine our determination to change that. Instead send funding to develop aloha 'āina programs for tourists who want the honor of giving to the land they visit and not just stare at her and pour sunscreen in her mouth.

There is no need for this terrible helicopter zoo idea. During the pandemic we had a lot of time. A lot of time to put deep and sincere effort into doing things better. Treating and caring for our ISLAND home better. Stop forcing mainland ways driven by consumerism here. Our approach should be true preservation and replenishment. These kinds of invasions to our small land in the middle of the Pacific hamper those kinds of efforts exponentially.

We have seen the return of our endangered Nene goose. She does not want or need your ridiculously loud, imposing and clumpy metal birds faqn up the skyways. We have so many other speicies to protect. We battle against invasives daily. Do Not send any more.

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Correspondence ID: 378 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Nakahashi, Monica

Received: Mar,05 2022 10:01:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicoptered flying over our sacred land

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Correspondence ID: 379 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Nakahashi, Monica

Received: Mar,05 2022 10:01:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicoptered flying over our sacred land

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Correspondence ID: 380 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bell, Mona

Received: Mar,05 2022 10:01:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please DO NOT allow air tours over Haleakala. I appreciate the silence and serenity of the park. I see the abuse of nature that only increases with human interaction.

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Correspondence ID: 381 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bell, Mona

Received: Mar,05 2022 10:01:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please DO NOT allow air tours over Haleakala. I appreciate the silence and serenity of the park. I see the abuse of nature that only increases with human interaction.

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Correspondence ID: 382 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bain, William

Received: Mar,05 2022 10:03:16



Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am personally in favor of Alternative 2, which appears to provide the highest level of restrictions. As a decades-long hiking fan of Haleakala, I've found the encroachment of air tours over and near the crater to be invasively noisy. While the view from the air is outstanding, enacting and enforcing the most restrictive limitations possible will only improve the joyful experience of spending time in the crater -- benefiting those of us for whom traditional Hawaiian culture is sacred, and for all who venture there. Mahalo for opening this question up for public comment.

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Correspondence ID: 383 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hill, Erica

Received: Mar,05 2022 10:05:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I copied this from another resident but fully agree with the words. I urge you not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

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Correspondence ID: 384 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Eldridge, Sarah

Received: Mar,05 2022 10:08:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW HELICOPTERS NEAR HALEAKALA!

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Correspondence ID: 385 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Tate, Jenna

Received: Mar,05 2022 10:12:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No. This is a terrible idea. The noise pollution alone would be challenging to find a work around for. This would be impactful for people who access the mountain and the park for spiritual reasons. People aren't supposed to walk off trails because the ecosystem is so delicate. I don't understand how allowing machines that weigh thousands of pounds to be flying so low inside these ecosystems.

The federal government can provide funding if that's what the park administration is trying to secure. No need to endanger a beautiful resource.

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Correspondence ID: 386 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Robin, Knox S

Received: Mar,05 2022 10:17:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleskala is a sacred place. It is renowned worldwide for its silence. Please do not disturb this natural wonder.

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Correspondence ID: 387 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Whelchel, Sylvia

Received: Mar,05 2022 10:27:11  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: NO flights over Haleakala- the worst thing imaginable !!!!  
Damaging to environment in every way !

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Correspondence ID: 388 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Al-Saadoon, Thanya  
Received: Mar,05 2022 10:29:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please! No helicopter tours whatsoever over Haleakalā! Im a tax paying senior who hikes through the crater monthly AND a committed volunteer with the Friends of Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 389 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Goldbaum-Almeroth, Cristina  
Received: Mar,05 2022 10:36:48  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I love the peace and tranquility of hiking the Haleakala Crater. I can't imagine having that with helicopters hovering over the crater. Not only would it create a distraction it would destroy the beauty and quietness I go up there for. Please please please don't allow yet one more tourist attraction to destroy all that is sacred on our Island.

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Correspondence ID: 390 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Fabry, James  
Received: Mar,05 2022 10:38:02  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly oppose allowing helicopter tours on Haleakala. It will disturb the magical & spiritual peace felt while hiking or visiting the Crater and mountain. This should be sacred. There are already plenty of tours to the top of the mountain with total access to the views & beauty.. please Vote down this Proposal !!!

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Correspondence ID: 391 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Fabry, James  
Received: Mar,05 2022 10:38:03  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly oppose allowing helicopter tours on Haleakala. It will disturb the magical & spiritual peace felt while hiking or visiting the Crater and mountain. This should be sacred. There are already plenty of tours to the top of the mountain with total access to the views & beauty.. please Vote down this Proposal !!!

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Correspondence ID: 392 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: TICO, TERESA  
Received: Mar,05 2022 10:39:15  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am a resident of the State of Hawaii. Over the five decades I have resided in this State, helicopters have become an increasing public nuisance and threat to safety, especially over our state and national parks and residential areas. Our efforts to curtail their flights, such as the Hotline on Kauai, have been futile. Unless you have been in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Na Pali Coast State Wilderness Park, or Haleakala National Park, you cannot imagine the jarring, reverberating infliction of noise blasts on your brain and body that comes from helicopters flying overhead (or even below you!). The whole point of having parks is for us to enjoy the serene beauty of these special places, but how can they be enjoyed with constant disruptions to the peace and quiet of the place? Helicopters defeat the whole purpose. I can't tell you how many times I've been hiking in Koke'e on Kauai and helicopters are flying BELOW the ridge trail, well below the recommended 2,000 ft. One of my first cases as a young lawyer back in the 70s was to obtain an injunction to prevent helicopters from landing in the valleys of Na Pali. It took a citizens' lawsuit to stop them as the State and FAA would do nothing. As you know, there have been too many commercial helicopter crashes in our parks, especially on Kauai because the pilot is flying in a valley, the clouds move in, the helicopter loses visibility and crashes against the mountain, killing everyone onboard. Helicopters should be banned from our state and national parks, period. And flying over residential areas below 2,000 ft should be criminalised. Nothing short of a ban or stiff penalties will deter their flagrant disregard for the peaceful enjoyment of our parks and homes.

Sincerely,

Teresa Tico, Attorney

PO Box 220

Hanalei, HI 96714

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Name:	Lincoln, Noa
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 10:47:25
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please no helicopters in the national park. For one, with climate change and environmental impacts, the parks should not be promoting such exorbitant waste of energy and resources. It is in direct conflict with the values of the park system to preserve the natural systems. But more important is the extreme noise pollution cause by the helicopters. Haleakala crater is one of the quietest places on earth, and a large amount of the immersed experience of the area is to be able to preserve that quiet. The helicopters shatter that experience, and take away from everyone enjoying the park on the ground. Please opt for your second option of banning all helicopters from the park.

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Correspondence ID:	394	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Smith-Morse, Terri
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 10:50:12
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please preserve the sacred spaces that are our national parks. Please keep them quiet and pristine - a place to go to enjoy nature in its natural, unblemished form. Wasn't that the purpose of setting aside the space as National Parks? This includes airspace. As someone who owns property in the state of Hawaii and visits often, I appreciate the need for tourism and tourist dollars, however, I also was drawn to Hawaii by the natural beauty and quiet. So many of Hawaii's spaces have been degraded for the sake of tourism and to appeal to those who want a "quick hit" of nature. Please don't allow Haleakala to fall victim to the same fate as Waimea Canyon and Napali Coast of Kauai. Keep the helicopter tours out of Haleakala. It is a sacred and special place that can be accessed in other ways by those who want to enjoy it. The helicopters disrupt the natural environment including the birds and other creatures that live there. Don't allow this to happen. Preserve Haleakala as it was intended to be, a place to enjoy nature, naturally.

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Name:	Pechacek, Laine
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Received: Mar,05 2022 10:59:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hi,

I had the pleasure of living on Maui just 10 years ago. I visited friends and family right before the pandemic and again just recently, Feb 13-28. The changes I noticed with tourism in the 2 years since the pandemic are astounding and devastating. Adding to the chaos, helicopter tours over sacred Haleakala? No way, I think it is a terrible idea. It is already crowded to a point where reservations are needed for sunrise. Throughout the day the traffic is constant, the crowds dense, add to that the noise of a helicopter luring around and over you? It would KILL the experience for any normal run of the mill tourist who cannot afford to pay a helicopter to prince them around the top of a sacred volcano. Now, consider the locals, what an incredible disrespect to when they need to and will visit their volcano, the intense crowds are already overbearing, but there is a chance to escape by hiking down into the crater. There is no escaping the helicopter. Sacred place destroyed. Please do not allow helicopter tours on top of Haleakala. Mahalo Nui.

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Correspondence ID: 396 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,05 2022 11:00:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters over Haleakala National Park. It is a beautiful and unique place, offering peace and tranquility while enjoying the magnificent views. Helicopter tours over Haleakala would change all of this immensely. It is fairly easy to drive up to Haleakala and enjoy the views, whether you hike in or not. This would change everything. Please don't allow this. Thank you for protecting this island and its unique beauty.

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Correspondence ID: 397 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Baird, Scott

Received: Mar,05 2022 11:04:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No flying over sacred zones r please

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Correspondence ID: 398 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Allen, Carole

Received: Mar,05 2022 11:07:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters! This special place needs to remain serene.

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Correspondence ID: 399 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lopez, Reba

Received: Mar,05 2022 11:08:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a resident of Maui, I think that having helicopters in one of the quietest places on earth, would completely ruin the experience. Haleakala is such a sacred spot and to try to profit from the airspace as well, is just unimaginable. The beauty of the park should be preserved, including its noise levels and visual appearances.

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Correspondence ID: 400 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: SUSSMAN, STEPHEN

Received: Mar,05 2022 11:15:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to any increase in helicopter flights over Haleakala National Park. This park is a wonder of nature and has been shown to be one of the quietest places on our planet. I have spend many days hiking it and many nights sleeping in it. Even the current helicopter flights skirting the rim are disturbing.

I cannot see any good reason to increase flights. The helicopter tourist injury can continue to succeed without them. Helicopters create noise, burn up lots of fossil fuels, and contribute to global climate change.

PLEASE protect this important area and do not permit more flights and lower altitude flights.

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Correspondence ID: 401 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Foghino, Jason

Received: Mar,05 2022 11:16:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I humbly ask to continue restricting the helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park. On Maui, being on foot in the crater in one of the few vastly open and solitude places one can experience. That stillness and silence is healing for the spirit. Allowing one to feel the great power of the aina. For those that make the journey into the beautiful wilderness, their reward is the ability to see it, hear it, and be with it. Helicopters disrupt that experience. Its distracting and takes you out of the moment. Places like that need to be earned.

On Kaua'i they have the Na Pali Coast and Kalalau Valley. My all time favorite place to be. It is riddle with helicopter tours, what used to be starting at 8 am a single helicopter every 15-30 minutes flying high above the valley, has evolved into 4 helicopter at the same time all day long. Some flying in and below the valley rim. We work so hard to get there just to be bombarded by that noise pollution. It takes the magic away. We cannot let that happen to Haleakala. The state does not need that extra money from the tourism. Hawaii is a place of adventure, a reason to get physical and explore. If we just let people see these special places by laying money and sitting in their okoles, we enable the unhealthy lifestyles of the American society. There are enough tours you can take to see the magnificent remote beauty the islands have to offer.

Thank you for all that the NPS does for us hikers.

Please keep Haleakala for those who work for it.

Mahalo

Jason Foghino

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Correspondence ID: 402 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: James, Victoria

Received: Mar,05 2022 11:21:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Every time I go to Maui I go to Haleakala. The most intriguing part of the experience is the expanse of view, the depth of the crater, and the quiet as the sun either sets or rises. I cannot imagine anything more disturbing than a helicopter during this precious, spiritual time.

As much as I have enjoyed helicopter tours in kauai, or Alaska, I would never take this tour knowing that there is nothing that I wud benefit from that being there gives one

I urge you to abandon the idea of helicopter tours over Haleakala. How sad!!! or is it greed?

Victoria James

Retired Principal

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Correspondence ID: 403 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bass, Jennifer  
Received: Mar,05 2022 11:22:47  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re: plans to allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala crater and surrounding park lands. Please DO NOT allow helicopters to fly over this area. The breathtaking views, complete serenity and silence would be ruined. This park is such a sacred and special place please keep it that way. Visitors, locals and native go to Haleakala for this deep pause from the outside world. We go to enjoy true nature away from commercialism and pollution. Please keep our mauna pure. No helicopters!!  
Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID: 404 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Cutts, Pamela  
Received: Mar,05 2022 11:25:16  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, please keep aircraft out of Haleakala Crater. It's the only place one can have peace and quiet for the spirit. Maui is not Disneyland.

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Correspondence ID: 405 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Jones, Ben  
Received: Mar,05 2022 11:25:30  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I urge you to not allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is unique on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence that you experience while visiting this sacred space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and hike into the crater and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to Haleakala NP!  
Thank you and Aloha  
Ben Jones

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Correspondence ID: 406 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Ruston, Jeane  
Received: Mar,05 2022 11:26:31  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours whatsoever on , above or near Haleakala. We have already had so much desecration to this beautiful, unique, sacred place. The present noise and air pollution alone to this area should be more than enough reason NOT consider adding any more negative, destructive tourism schemes to our over touristed island home.

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Correspondence ID: 407 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Eudene, Deborah D  
Received: Mar,05 2022 11:36:52  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please no helilcopters over Haleakala for the sake of private tourist dollars! The damage to wildlife from sonic disturbance is not fully understood & it interferes with the peace people feel when pillgimaging to the top of a sacred mountain. It is a desicration. Please respect Hawaii's sacred sites.

Correspondence ID:	408	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Tanaka, David J		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 11:38:03		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>Please don't. Haleakala, and in particular the inside of the crater is the last refuge we have to "get away" on Maui. Every other inch of this island is full of tour buses and tour groups, and the energy and experience is not one where a person can engage with nature, reflect, and experience revitalization. Our oceans are full of boats zooming around, I kayak rentals, etc. Haleakala is the last escape.</p> <p>Additionally, the mountain is the last refuge for many native plants and animals. Helicopters make a lot of noise and will interrupt the environment there as well.</p> <p>For so long tour companies have been able to bully their way into exploiting our natural wonders here in Maui. Either through tenacious lobbying or by fronting cold hard cash, they have succeeded in taking over the island. Regarding helicopter tours in particular, this is not something that the average, everyday person can afford to experience, it is solely for those who have more than enough means. They could pay to take one of the many tours over the rest of the island and still have a "once in a lifetime" experience. As it is now, Haleakala is available to everyone, and the lack of commercial tourism within the crater is a major reason that this is such a special experience.</p> <p>Please don't sell out the crater or the people who enjoy it to make a few dollars. Sometimes the natural wonder is worth more than monetary gains.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	409	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Ohler, Dana		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 11:49:35		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>Do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala. Please, please please do not do this thing. There are plenty of places helicopters can go already. They're loud and obnoxious. They're expensive to operate and to purchase tickets for, so opening up the airspace to them above Haleakala doesn't open up accessibility in any meaningful way. No. Just don't. This isn't an improvement, it's a downgrade.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	410	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Thomson, RIchelle		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 11:54:30		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>Please no helicopter flights!!! This will disturb the entire environment and it's already threatened by the sheer number of visitors. Please further restrict vehicular numbers also.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	411	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Resnick, Leslie		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 11:55:59		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park</p> <p>I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.</p>		



Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Thank you and Aloha Wale  
Leslie Resnick

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Correspondence ID:	412	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Johnson, Ginger			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 11:59:52			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	No stinkin helicopter tours over Haleakala!			

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Correspondence ID:	413	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	WERDEN, SCOTT			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 12:02:41			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I go into Haleakala and Volcanoes National Parks often for bird watching. There are several native bird species in Haleakala that are endangered, some critically. Due to ecological pressures such as avian malaria, some of these birds can live nowhere else on the island of Maui. Our assistance to maintain the integrity of their shrinking habitat is the only hope they have to survive and we owe it to them to give them the maximum chance for survival. Banning helicopters within Haleakala would help in this. The situation is similar in Volcanoes National Park. So my vote and recommendation is to adopt Alternative #2 as described in the Scoping Newsletter of 2-15-2022.

Mahalo,  
Scott Werden  
Ha'iku, Hawai'i

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Correspondence ID:	414	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Greenleaf, William R			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 12:04:50			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: The Park is for walking...Helicopters will impact anyone in the park with noise...they are not necessary. This is a terrible idea that will lead to lots of trouble with protests, etc. Haleakala is Sacred in the Hawaiian Culture...this is a terrible idea...

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Correspondence ID:	415	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 12:09:52			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters. The silence and beauty is what the experience is about. Please do not take this away Respect what is important. The first time I hiked inside standing on the floor and stopped, the silence really hits you One of the most amazing experiences of my life

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Correspondence ID:	416	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Herman, Jonathan			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 12:15:19			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopters over Haleakala!

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Correspondence ID: 417 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,05 2022 12:17:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: A'ole! Please stop with all this. Leave this beautiful island alone. No more noise!!

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Correspondence ID: 418 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rosasco, Thomas

Received: Mar,05 2022 12:19:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't destroy the wilderness experience of any national park. Helicopters are extremely noisy. We need peace and solitude national parks provide. Corporations encroach on all life experience. Please the people the choice of a wilderness experience. The Napali coast use to be a beautiful retreat that is now destroyed by the ever constant noise of helicopters. They ruined the experience and one of the most beautiful places in the world. Helicopters are incredibly noisy. Please don't sell out to the highest bidder like everything else in the world.

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Correspondence ID: 419 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Conway, Joan

Received: Mar,05 2022 12:34:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopters can fly anywhere but not the Crater!!!!  
We are bombarded daily by road congestion and overcrowding on Maui. Keep Haleakala pristine. There are so many species of plants there that would be endangered including the Nene.

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Correspondence ID: 420 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: baum, marty

Received: Mar,05 2022 12:38:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: commercial tours have turned this sacred place into a cash cow.

here is something to consider in the hawaiian language....

hale...house

akala...money

so commercialism has turned this 'house of the sun'...into 'house of the money'.

congratulations.

i don't expect your policies to ever change.

you will always favor the money.

i never go there anymore.

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Correspondence ID: 421 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Novotney, Matt

Received: Mar,05 2022 12:39:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't spoil the incredible silence that is akin to Haleakalā. Allow for some places to remain sacred and not intruded upon. As a resident I hope that our considerations will be taken seriously.

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Correspondence ID: 422 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Knappstein, Susanne E

Received: Mar,05 2022 12:41:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
we've lived on Maui for 8 years during elementary and middle school of our daughter. Regular hikes through the crater with a group of friends and their kids were particularly magic due to the silence in the crater day or night or listening to the sea birds during nesting time.

Keep that magic and nature intact - by all means.

I've also done a helicopter tour to the crater flying up Kaupo gap and circling the crater in the allowed area. That was plenty experience, totally fine. It was particularly special to learn that the 'bowl' was protected to not be disturbed by touristic helicopter flights and I was impressed by that form of respect of the aina.

Besides not disturbing nature it would also add noise pollution for humans. I doubt that Maui residents 'need to' or want to fly over the crater. Don't make it about tourists.

Keep the nature undisturbed.

Mahalo

Susanne Knappstein

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Correspondence ID: 423 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Nehl, Madelynne

Received: Mar,05 2022 12:41:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re : Plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

Please, please not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This is my favorite place on earth, what I love most about it is the silence you can experience here. This is one of my favorite things to share with people who come visit, as I love bringing friends on hikes through the crater. It is a sacred, silent place. One of my most fond memories involves sitting in the almost eerie silence during a cabin stay and hearing the approaching wind. To allow helicopters to come in would absolutely be an insult to the mauna. Aircraft can already be heard in the distance, please protect this sacred space.

Mahalo,

Madelynne Nehl

Makawao Resident

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Correspondence ID: 424 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ARK, ARABELLA

Received: Mar,05 2022 12:45:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: A very definite NO to any helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park or Volcanoes National Park at Kipahulu

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking

through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Arabella Ark  
Maui County  
resident

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Correspondence ID:	425	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Tanaka, Michael			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 12:45:35			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not agree to helicopter tours of Haleakala National Park. Even one would be extremely detrimental to the sanctity of the park. The park is home to so many native plants, animals and insects that could be adversely affected by helicopter activity. Also the noise pollution would be extremely upsetting for park goers who are there enjoying a hike, the birds, the views, camping or just to be out in nature. I grew up in Maui, left for a professional opportunity but return home approximately 8 times a year and go up to the park about 25 days a year to enjoy being in its environment. It is my favorite place on earth. Please do not ruin it by allowing a business to run tours through the area. The tourism industry has enough outlets to go to on island, please maintain the serenity of their special place.

Mahalo

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Correspondence ID:	426	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	auswacks, ed			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 12:46:05			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: PLEASE. NO HELICOPTER TOURS OVER OR NEAR HALEAKELA

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Correspondence ID:	427	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Oliveira, Jessica			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 12:52:35			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Re: Plans to Allow Helicopter Tours over Haleakala Natl Park

I urge you to not allow helicopter tours over the park.

The noise from helicopters will disturb the native wildlife and disrupt the most peaceful place on Earth. Not worth it. What benefits could these proposed helicopter tours possibly have for the park?

All I can see is a negative impact on the pristine natural quiet beauty.

It is already accessible by foot and driving up to the park. There is no real need except the greed of helicopter owners.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our sacred and important Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	428	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Young, Alison			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 12:52:54			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: plans to allow helicopter tours over the park:

Please, I urge you with all my heart NOT to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please, please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui - disturbing the native animals and plants even more.

Mahalo nui

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Correspondence ID:	429	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Johnson, Elizabeth
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 12:57:21
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Do not allow any helicopter tours in or around the Haleakala crater.  
Sincerely Elizabeth Johnson.

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Correspondence ID:	430	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Plauche, Elisa
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 13:00:59
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Haleakala is a spiritual experience and I want to keep it that way by limiting any aircraft, helicopter noise to ruin my hikes.

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Correspondence ID:	431	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Schaefer, Madge
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 13:10:52
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala National Park. Part of the experience is the silence ! Access is easy by car. Please deny any fly overs. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	432	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	BOREN, MARY
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 13:15:23
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do NOT allow helicopters to fly over the National Park of Haleakala, It is one of the few remaining sound free zones on our island, and we deserve to have quiet there. Never, never, never allow helicopters to fly over this special area.

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Correspondence ID:	433	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	BOREN, MARY
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 13:15:24
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do NOT allow helicopters to fly over the National Park of Haleakala, It is one of the few remaining sound free zones on our island, and we deserve to have quiet there. Never, never, never allow helicopters to fly over this special area.

Correspondence ID:	434	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Benoit, Corinne		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 13:21:00		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>I do not support ANY helicopter tours on or around Haleakala Crater. One the best parts of being their is the beautiful silence of nature. I've hiked through the crater many times through my life and enjoyed the cabins many times as well. This would severely interrupt the serene and peaceful feeling we all get to experience when there. And I'm sure the birds and other animal life would like it too mich either. How dare we even think this is okay when the protected Nene birds would CLEARLY be affected. I can't see how this wouldn't put them in danger.</p> <p>We are loosing the enjoyment of so many places on the island right now, please lets not lose this one too.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	435	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Fields, Deborah M		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 13:22:30		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>Please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over the Haleakala crater and the national park. This place is one of its most precious lands to experience peace and silence while hiking. Or just sitting anywhere in the crater. Why do we need a helicopter tour? You can drive to the crater and be able to enjoy amazing views, hike in the crater or enjoy the quiet and majestic view of this land.</p> <p>Please please do not allow this desecration to the heart and soul of east Maui.</p> <p>Thank you. The people of Maui are letting their voices be heard.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	436	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Hart, Sarah		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 13:30:11		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>I urge the National Parks service to extremely limited the number of tours allowed over the Haleakala Crater by helicopter and one flight path only. As one of the quietest places on the planet, it's a much needed space to experience nature in stillness and quietude. The noise from helicopters would undoubtedly alter the experience of each visitor to the crater for the worse with noise pollution. The helicopter tours would cater to and service mainly tourists who could easily enjoy the crater by foot. An appreciation of the preciousnesses and the fragility of this national park is something to be enjoyed by foot, not solely by air. My family would be devastated to be in the crater enjoying one of the last untouched places on our planet (and island) and have loud helicopters above.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	437	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Shore, Wendy		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 13:31:02		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>Please do not permit any helicopters over Haleakala. Of the many magical things about it, the sounds of the wind and the quiet are breathtaking. It is separate from the rest of the world. Please leave it that way.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	438	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Tracy, Shari		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 13:36:55		

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Don't ruin the peace and serenity of lady Haleakala. No commercial helicopter tours!

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Correspondence ID: 439 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hoecker, Jessica

Received: Mar,05 2022 13:41:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE DO NOT allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This environment is rare and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while being in this unique space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy it.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to Maui - there has been far too much already.

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Correspondence ID: 440 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pearce, Ami

Received: Mar,05 2022 13:52:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE NO helicopter tours! Let this scarred place stay as it is. It would ruin the peaceful, otherworldly magic. Please don't do it.

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Correspondence ID: 441 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pascual, Evan

Received: Mar,05 2022 13:54:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

As kama'aina, I strongly oppose the proposal of allowing helicopter tours near, above, or in proximity to Haleakala. This is a place of cultural, environmental, and scientific significance where commercial activities offer no benefit to this delicate ecosystem. Given the ongoing conservation efforts for nene, native seabirds, and other endangered or threatened animals, allowing helicopter tours, for the benefit of visitors to take place, is both dangerous and counterintuitive. Culturally, this is a sacred place for native Hawaiians and the local community. The noise, prop wash, etc. would be extremely detrimental to the peace and quiet this place offers for cultural practices and recreational activity. The crater is one of the most quiet locations on earth, which would be negated by helicopter activity. Helicopter tours already operated within the valleys and coastlines of Maui Nui - there is no need for them to intrude on Haleakala, and they will be the sole benefactors of such an approval. Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Evan

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Correspondence ID: 442 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: P, Katie

Received: Mar,05 2022 14:10:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please DO NOT, I REPEAT DO NOT ALLOW HELICOPTER TOURS OVER HALEAKALA CRATER NATIONAL PARK.  
THIS IS A HARD NO.

The crater is very accessible by car absolutely no need for air tours.



One of the most beautiful experiences when up at the crater is the SILENCE.  
PLEASE SAY NO to this ridiculous notion.

Thank you

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Correspondence ID:	443	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	BROWN, DAVID H
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 14:13:19
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: HALEAKALA NATIONAL PARK MUST REMAIN HELICOPTER FREE EXCEPT FOR DIRECT MANAGEMENT.

THERE WAS A TV SHOW CALLED "THE QUIETEST PLACE IN THE WORLD" WHERE THE SOUND RESEARCHER SAID HALEAKALA CRATER WAS THE QUIETEST PLACE IN THE WORLD. THERE IS NO EARTHLY REASON TO BREAK THIS QUIET WITH HELICOPTERS.

HAPPY TRAILS,

DAVE BROWN

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Correspondence ID:	444	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Salez, Barbara
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 14:19:23
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Correspondence: Please respect the aina and keep the helicopters off of and out of Haleakala There are plenty of helicopter tours around Maui without that particular disruption We have all of the cars,bikes and motorcycles going up and down Haleakala hwy to and from the crater

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Correspondence ID:	445	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Rice, Gail
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 14:20:55
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Helicopter tours should not be allowed over the crater. It is culturally and spiritually significant to maintain the quiet.

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Correspondence ID:	446	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Gleason, Laura M
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 14:21:56
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Correspondence: This extraordinarily silent and sacred place must be left as is, without the commercial exploitation that will ruin the very core quality of its presence. Apparently it is still the most silent place on earth. This silence serves to offer many one place to go to commune with earth without interference. This offers profound healing, and balance to many., It is why so many choose to hike into this incredibly special and silent place to reconnect, away from the noisy world. Once taken away this can never be given back. This essential pristine silence is beyond any amount of profits. If it is even being entertained to have helicopters fly regularly over the crater, then it is clear those entertaining this possibility, have never taken the time to experience this gift. And now they are even willing to go further by taking away this gift from many others for their own profit. it is the same old story...destroy another piece of precious nature for money. When will we learn?

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Correspondence ID: 447 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hanger, Barbara  
Received: Mar,05 2022 14:22:58  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours whatsoever to this sacred crater. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 448 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Dame, Bart  
Received: Mar,05 2022 14:25:51  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I cannot think of a good reason for allowing helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park, as they seriously degrade the experience of the crater for other people. I have hiked and camped in the crater on two previous occasions, years ago. While the hike itself is strenuous, those who are not physically able to hike can view the crater from several points accessible by car.  
  
Only emergency and work-related flights to service the mission of the crater or to conduct research should be allowed to degrade the experience of the crater.  
  
Thank you for considering my thoughts on this important matter.

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Correspondence ID: 449 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Mefford, Leslie  
Received: Mar,05 2022 14:26:53  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Here's what I said:  
(Feel free to copy if you don't have time for your own message;)  
#2  
There is absolutely NO reason that helicopters needs to ever fly over Haleakala for maaaaany reasons!  
The rare peace and quiet that is there is found there is precious beyond measure.  
There are so many ways to drive up and enjoy this magic.  
The sound of helicopters flying overhead will DESTROY the stillness that makes it one of the most magical places on Earth.  
The rich, entitled tourists that trample this land everyday have everything else.  
Please! I urge you so not allow the sacred summit of Haleakala to be desecrated in this way for tourist money.

Received:

Mar,05 2022 14:48:32

Correspondence Type:

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Correspondence: I live on the slopes of Haleakala in Kula and have hiked Haleakala Crater for many years. My father was instrumental in purchasing the 'Ohe'o Gulch with a group of Honolulu businessmen when I was young and transferring the ownership to the National Park Service.

The tranquility and serenity of our sacred Haleakala is of utmost importance to me and my family. I want to emphasize serenity, because the whirring sounds of helicopter engines would totally change quiet contemplative hikes on Haleakala.

I have enjoyed helicopter tours in other destinations including the Mauna Loa, the lava fields and the flow of lava into the ocean. Few others were living and/or working on the route we flew. I also encountered helicopter noise on a trip through the Colorado River on the Grand Canyon. Again, a tranquil and peaceful and sacred location but disturbed by the sound of helicopters. We also visited the Hualapai tribal area. The Hualapai tribe has a heliport on the edge of the Grand Canyon where flights leave every ten minutes, flying out over the Grand Canyon and transposing what is usually a glorious serene landscape into a crowded noisy landscape. Granted they own the land and fly over their territory, but still it is offensive to those who enjoy the peace and serenity of the area.

I believe that Alternative #3 provides the most stringent rules for Haleakala helicopter tours. The number of tours should be limited to no more than 4,824 yearly. In my opinion, there should be one air tour route as specified in Alternative #3 that keeps these tours away from populated areas with a minimum AGL of 2,000, hours should be between 11AM - 2PM for all flights, no-fly days should be Wednesday, SATURDAY, and Sunday and in accordance with the Hawaiian Moon Calendar and Makahiki Season.

Thank you for considering alternative #3 with more strict regulations of helicopter traffic on Haleakala.

Irene Ii Brown

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Correspondence ID:	452	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Stoll, Jane K
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 14:50:54
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please no helicopters flying anywhere near Haleakala Crater. The Crater is such a peaceful place. It would be terrible to disrupt the quiet there.

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Correspondence ID:	453	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Gebel, Jessica
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 15:07:24
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Correspondence: I used to live in Hawaii and I believe in its purity!

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Correspondence ID:	454	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 15:11:30
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: There is enough tours on the island as is. Haleakala already has enough traffic by road and we don't need them flying in to see it too. Locals can't even enjoy the mountain anymore without paying to enter the park or having to make reservations to enjoy the sunrise. No air tours of Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	455	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: ,  
Received: Mar,05 2022 15:12:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not do this. No helicopter tours. Cars can drive there. I love the peace and solitude that I feel whenever I go there. It's so beautiful and amazing to be up that high and to feel the air. Being around and in the crater and taking it all in is wonderful. The beauty, the majestic views, the thoughts about how amazing Mother Nature is. Helicopters would erase all of these wonderful experiences for people who will come here in the future. Helicopters are noisy, there's an issue with both noise pollution and air pollution. How would this affect the plant life as well as the Nene and other wildlife that live in the area. No helicopters.

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Correspondence ID: 456 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Beattie, Paul  
Received: Mar,05 2022 15:13:46  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha, please leave Haleakala as it is. We fought to eliminate the flights in the 80's. It has to be protected and kept as it is.  
Thank you, Paul Beattie. 808-280-3863

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Correspondence ID: 457 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Elliott, Margaret  
Received: Mar,05 2022 15:15:30  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No help tours please

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Correspondence ID: 458 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,05 2022 15:16:32  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE respect the integrity of Haleakala as it is in its pristine majesty. Do not pollute the entire area with un-holy encroachments of the 21st century that have NEVER been part of Haleakala in all its existence. For the sake of all of Haleakala's Beauty and magesty NO HELICOPTERS at all. Deep thanks for your protection and respect for Haleakala

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Correspondence ID: 459 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: raimo, robert r  
Received: Mar,05 2022 15:27:32  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: i think the air space over the Haleakela should be strictly off limits.

i use the area about 20 times a year for bird watching at hosmers grove and spiritual purposes. the proposed aerial tours would interfere with my religious worship practices and i see little need to add that helicopter and air plane tours to the tourist experience.

You can throw the bikers off the hill as well for all i care.

But really, approving this is detrimental to my experience up there and it should be not permitted at all. And i as a disabled person and limited to areas that i can drive to and yet are wild. so approving this would be against my civil rights as a disabled person.

robert Raimo

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Correspondence ID:	460	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Schweitzer, Zach			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 15:29:04			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. Please do not allow this to go forward.

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Correspondence ID:	461	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Johndon, Amanda			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 15:32:35			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala at all. This is a sacred place to the Hawaiian people and we are lucky enough to have the privilege to walk around such a beautiful place. We don't need helicopter tours.

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Correspondence ID:	462	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	little, patty			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 15:35:51			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: To whom this man concern,

I am writing my thoughts regarding the possibility of allowing helicopters in the crater. I feel STRONGLY this is NOT at all beneficial to anyone, any plant or animal which inhabits and visits the crater. I feel driving up to enjoy the sights and hiking in are adequate. LEAVE OUR CRATER ALONE.....This is one of the most pristine places on earth, with the quiet and peace we can submerge ourselves in and in MUST BE PROTECTED AND PRESERVED.

As a long time Maui resident I feel it imperative HALEAKALA CRATER BE PRESERVED PERMANENTLY. It is a priceless gift we have on our island. Tourists have many other things they can view from a helicopter, this however is one that MUST BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS.

Please consider my thoughts. This will protect our Park for generations to come and MUST be considered.

Thank you.

Patty Little  
Kula

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Correspondence ID:	463	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 15:45:25			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No more helicopters please. Let this be one of the few places in nature where it can be heard and observed for what it is.

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Correspondence ID: 464 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Christensen, Pamela S

Received: Mar,05 2022 15:51:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Oh please reconsider, this is a horrible idea. The Crater should be allowed to continue to be as quiet and peaceful as it is now forever.

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Correspondence ID: 465 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Depalma, Kathy

Received: Mar,05 2022 15:54:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please NO to helicopter tours in Haleakala National Park. Interferes tremendously on the walkers, hikers, riders, drivers that have made the trek to experience the sacred and "silence" of this cherished (w)holy place. Just no no no. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 466 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Taylor, Rod D

Received: Mar,05 2022 16:00:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours over any part of the crater at any elevation. There are other spectacular places that helicopter tours can visit without impact to people. Haleakala crater is the most peaceful place. Do not destroy that peace for the commercial benefit and revenue for a few. If someone wants to see the crater they can drive up, look in or hike. No, no, no, not for any amount of money.

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Correspondence ID: 467 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: DiBella, Mia

Received: Mar,05 2022 16:05:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha. Please, do what is PONO. Do not allow for any helicopter flight in/around Haleakalā. The summit and crater are powerful, sacred sites that can be easily accessed by car for enjoyment, prayer, and revelry. The profound peace, clarity, and silence one feels in this space would surely be disrupted by the presence, sight, and sound of helicopter flights. There is no where on earth quite like Haleakalā. No amount of financial gain can compare to the incomprehensible value of this place. Please preserve this incredibly special place by honoring the voice of the people who aim to protect it. Mahalo!

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Correspondence ID: 468 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,05 2022 16:06:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Very limited helicopter tours over Haleakala. Maybe only once a week?

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Correspondence ID: 469 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rayhill, Kent

Received: Mar,05 2022 16:12:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No no no, absolutely no to any helicopter tours over or anywhere near the Haleakala crater. I can't believe this is even up for discussion. The crater is one of the last quiet places on earth. The thought of helicopters breaking that sacred silence makes me sick.

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Correspondence ID: 470 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Schmidt, Jennifer R

Received: Mar,05 2022 16:15:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hale'akala has been a sacred sanctuary for me for the last 7 years I have lived on Maui. Hiking through this pristine, calm, tranquil environment has healed my soul, revealed truth, and transformed my life. The quiet here is a huge piece of the medicine of the crater - getting to be fully removed from the world and only in connection with nature and the depth of listening that is possible in this holy place. Please do not allow any helicopter tours through or over the crater in any form. Please preserve this temple. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 471 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gabriel, Tanya

Received: Mar,05 2022 16:17:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No! No to the proposed helicopter tours over the sacred mountain. No to the resulting noise pollution, air pollution, and energetic pollution on and around the sacred mountain. Keep Haleakala sacred!

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Correspondence ID: 472 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kelmenson, Kalia

Received: Mar,05 2022 16:17:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk into the crater and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Thank you and Aloha Wale  
Kalia Kelmenson

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Correspondence ID: 473 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Dollar, Holly E

Received: Mar,05 2022 16:20:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter flights in around above Haleakala . It is Sacred and silent. We the people of Maui need that to be kept that way for our peace of mind

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Correspondence ID: 474 Project: 103365 Document: 118738



Name: Lemay, Sarah  
Received: Mar,05 2022 16:24:03  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is a sacred site no helicopters should be going over it nor around it. This is a place for prayer and silence. This will disturb all calming creative energy and will only benefit the commercial business and tourists. This shows no care for the land.

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Correspondence ID: 475 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,05 2022 16:24:22  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I lived on Maui for 7 years and was blessed to hike in Haleakala. The following words from another commentator describe my experiences as well. Please protect this beautiful, sacred place. Do not permit helicopters to shred the air surrounding its majesty and grace.

He wrote:

"I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui."

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Correspondence ID: 476 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,05 2022 16:28:26  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Extreme DISAPPROVAL for the potential of helicopter tours in Haleakalā National Park. This would disrupt the entire ecosystem includes animals, plants, and people. The silence and stillness is what makes this place so profound and sacred. This is a place of prayer, where people come to listen... to themselves, to the ancestors, to those who have passed, to the spirit of Maui and so much more. Not only would the noise pollution of helicopters impact Haleakalā itself, but all of upcountry Maui. As a resident of Makawao, it is extremely valuable to me to NOT hear flight machinery.

Please do not roll through with this project for the sustainability of the entire island.

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Correspondence ID: 477 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Pua, Tu'u  
Received: Mar,05 2022 16:30:51  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: First of all, why would anyone try to propose helicopter flying options near, at or around our sacred Haleakalā!!! The idea of even letting helicopter tours fly above Haleakalā national park is ridiculous and completely selfish. Its selfish to consider destroying our natural resources just to give tourist the aesthetics they want & not to mention Utterly Disrespectful to our land, disrespectful to all our native species that Live/Grow there & disrespectful to our hawaiian culture,our people & those who cherish this sacred space. Be smart & act with reverence in mind for the local community & natural resources here. Certain things are prohibited in such areas for a reason-- to protect our ecosystem! We deal with similar problems in hana with drones/ helicopters goin where they shouldn't, causing more damage than good. Everyone is aware of the

negative impact this could create. I don't need to say anymore. You people know better, so act right & quit putting tourist enjoyment before the health of our environment!

"Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono"

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Correspondence ID:	478	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Drayer, Sharon
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 16:50:13
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Correspondence: Aloha

I am very concerned that helicopter tours are being considered to fly over Haleakala Park & crater.

This is a special place - one of the most unique beautiful characteristics being the utter and complete QUIET you can experience when walking through the crater and around the paths. I have never experienced anything like it. PLEASE do not take this away. The mauna deserves to keep her mana intact and pure.

Visitors can drive up and experience Haleakala as it really is without the noise of engines and blades.

Please keep this place the treasure that it is.

With aloha,

Sharon Drayer

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Correspondence ID:	479	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Watson, Nirmal
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 16:52:47
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please no helicopter tours over Haleakala...this is a very special place to visit...the vastness and the silence offer something that cannot be found elsewhere on this island...there is nothing preventing folks from driving up and experiencing the awesome beauty and silence for themselves...

Thank you for considering this request, this plea...

Nirmal Watson

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Correspondence ID:	480	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Rasmussen, Lynn
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 16:55:37
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Correspondence: Please. Kokua. I support Alternative 2: No helicopter rides for tourists within the ATMP planning area. Maui is not a theme park. These tours offer no connection to the land or culture of Maui and reflect the low consciousness of the operators.

The noise and vibrations of helicopters echo throughout the crater and coastal areas disturbing our lives and our birds and other animals. They spew carbon.

As a resident in Makawao for 40 years, twice my husband has gathered signatures of neighbors and attended meetings of helicopter tour operators to ask them to stop flying over our town. They have, but we're well aware of the disturbance caused in other communities, in open spaces, and in our parks.

A resounding &quot;No!&quot;

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Correspondence ID:	481	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Campbell, Lois R
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 17:01:42
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: No to flying over Haleakala National Park Crater, this is one of our National treasures. Vision & sound are 2 of our 5 senses, they are so important to human beings. Haleakala is so quiet to our ears it is soothing, & so beautiful to our eyes it is inspiring. There was a documentary done on Haleakala Crater being one of the quietest places on Earth. Why would we want to change that? No to aviation over the crater.

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Correspondence ID: 482 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Fields, Suzanne M  
Received: Mar,05 2022 17:05:49  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW helicopter tours in Haleakala! NONE!!!  
We go to the crater for the peaceful nature and calming environment and NOT for the invasion of tourists.  
IF you want to see the crater, take a hike!

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Correspondence ID: 483 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Schlichting, Lisa  
Received: Mar,05 2022 17:06:09  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative 3 only if this will not impact the residents that will be along that fly zone route. There are many people living in these remote areas and they should not be subjected to the noise of aircraft, especially since the aircraft seem to all be helicopters. If there will not be a significant reduction in flight numbers then I support Alternative 2, where there will be no flights at all.

I often go up to Haleakala and the quiet of this sacred place is like no other on the planet. We need to maintain this. I do appreciate the desire of tourists and sometimes locals to experience this place from the air but we need to maintain the soul integrity of this beautiful place.

So in short while not given the option to put them in order, I offer my opinion of Alternative 3 only with the reduction in flights, otherwise Alternative 2.

Mahalo for the opportunity for this input.

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Correspondence ID: 484 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Rulloda, Ricky  
Received: Mar,05 2022 17:28:54  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Respect the Aina. There should be no helicopter tours whatsoever. There would be a huge environmental impact and disrespect to this mountain, to the Hawaiian culture, to its myths and lore, and to me (even though I'm not Hawaiian by blood). Haleakala is known as the quietest place on the earth. Let's advertise and perpetuate that now and for future generations to come.

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Correspondence ID: 485 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: , Christina  
Received: Mar,05 2022 17:28:58  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re: Allowing helicopters over Haleakala National Park, Maui, Hawaii  
I am completely against any tours over Haleakala Park and Crater. I have been lucky to grow up with this amazing and special habitat at my doorstep. Hiking and camping in the crater is unlike any experience you will find on earth and so much of that is because the land and air is sacred and pure. Not only should this air space be kept clear to protect the Hawaiian's 'aina, anyone that has been in the crater knows the reverberating effects even one

helicopter can make. The mountains encircle this beautiful land and reverberate any noise. Most of the time it is the distant calls of nene flying across the cinder cones, but on unfortunate days it is a helicopter. The sound bounces off the walls and disturbs the peace of this land. Please think about all aspects of this issue. This park is protected for a reason and should not cater to monetary, commercial opportunities. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 486 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Rose, Olivia A  
Received: Mar,05 2022 17:37:02  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No helicopter tours

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Correspondence ID: 487 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hoag, Marcie L  
Received: Mar,05 2022 17:40:21  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly over the summit. There are a number of observatories that are doing critical scientific work and having helicopters flying in the line of sight would interfere with data sets. Additionally people go to Haleakala for peaceful hikes and the sound of helicopters flying overhead would destroy the peace and quiet that many enjoy by being there.

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Correspondence ID: 488 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Stodder, Sheilia  
Received: Mar,05 2022 17:52:19  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters or tour companies to fly into Haleakala. I am opposed to it!

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Correspondence ID: 489 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Stodder, Sheilia  
Received: Mar,05 2022 17:52:21  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters or tour companies to fly into Haleakala. I am opposed to it!

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Correspondence ID: 490 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hugg, John A  
Received: Mar,05 2022 17:56:47  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Long ago I did the Air Maui helicopter tour around Haleakala. I was grateful for the wonderful views, and delighted that the pilot stayed outside the edge of the crater out of respect. Let's make sure that kuleana stays in place. Please don't add any noise pollution in the crater.

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Correspondence ID: 491 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Becker, Cheryl  
Received: Mar,05 2022 18:06:42  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours to Haleakala. One of the most beautiful things about the crater is the silence. Not to mention what the noise would do to the residence that live here

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Correspondence ID: 492 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Barry, Barbara A

Received: Mar,05 2022 18:40:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
I am extremely opposed to allowing commercial helicopter tours in Haleakala National Park.  
This is a sacred place to Native Hawaiians and home to endangered birds.  
Some things are not meant for financial exploitation and spoiling the environment for tourists.  
I'm also very opposed to the commercial flights that are flying to Kona from Honolulu taking the flight path over Haleakala.  
There's lots of room to go around the mountain.  
Please protect this sacred and quiet environment for present and future visitors to the park and for the endangered birds who call it home,  
Mahalo for allowing us to submit our comments.  
Ms. Barbara Barry  
Ha'iku, Hawai'i

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Correspondence ID: 493 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Berkmen, Mehtap

Received: Mar,05 2022 18:57:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No please no.to the helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park.  
Not everything has to be touched and destroyed by us, humans.  
Haleakala is a scared place . Go make money somewhere else.  
Aloha  
Mehtap Berkmen, MD.

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Correspondence ID: 494 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bryan, Sarah

Received: Mar,05 2022 19:11:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please no helicopters at all in the crater. It's literally one of the quietest places on earth. There is absolutely no need to offer this to these companies and the harm far outweighs any good (more dollars in a tourism pocket).  
Just say no.

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Correspondence ID: 495 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,05 2022 19:16:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do not agree with allowing any type of business or activity interfering with the peace and sacredness of the Haleakala Crater. This is totally against Mother Nature and will not be welcome on ANY level by the spirits that reside there. It will be a big mistake to go through with anything related to disturbing the natural land. I stand for it to remain UNTOUCHED.

Correspondence ID:	496	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Hafoka, Latu		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 19:20:16		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I am a concerned citizen of Maui County. I do not believe a tour flying over Haleakalā will be beneficial for this mauna. What are the possible negative impact will these tours have on native species? Please reconsider these plans.		

Correspondence ID:	497	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	BINSTOCK, LAURA L		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 19:24:17		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	This is deeply concerning.. Thank you for allowing us to have a voice in our island's future. My husband and I and many riends go up the mauna and into Haleakala Crater many times a year.for renewal and reset. One of the main aspects of the experience is SAVORING THE SILENCE! When Patsy Mink was forthcoming in keeping helicopters above the rim, it was of vital important. Please, please, please, we implore you to deny any requests to have commercial flight operations of terribly noisy helicopters away from our precious national treasure. It would be such a devastating blow to TAKE AWAY THE STILLNESS AND PEACE that is is to stand at the top of the crater, and to wander into the breath-taking wonder of our most treasured places on our aina, HALEAKALA NATIONAL PARK. SINCERELY PRAYING FOR THIS OUTCOME. PROTECT OUR MAUNA. LAURA L BINSTOCK		

Correspondence ID:	498	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Glavor, Venus		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 19:33:30		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Haleakala is an amazing place to hike , it's so quite and peaceful, it's a magical place to be and helicopters are going to be noisy and take away Haleakala's magic. Plase don't allow them to fly in crater		

Correspondence ID:	499	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Glavor, Venus		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 19:33:31		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Haleakala is an amazing place to hike , it's so quite and peaceful, it's a magical place to be and helicopters are going to be noisy and take away Haleakala's magic. Plase don't allow them to fly in crater		

Correspondence ID:	500	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Vonsonn, Ma		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 19:35:55		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please don't desecrate the special profound silence of Haleakala with the noise of any helicopters . Visitors can pay their respects to the mountain by driving up there and experience it by hiking .		

Correspondence ID:	501	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Vonsonn, Ma		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 19:35:57		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please don't desecrate the special profound silence of Haleakala with the noise of any helicopters .		
	Visitors can pay their respects to the mountain by driving up there and experience it by hiking .		

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Correspondence ID:	502	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Palm, Jeffrey		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 19:37:45		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I am deeply disheartened to hear the NPS is considering the allowance of air tours over Haleakala National Park. In my opinion, absolutely no tours should be permitted. I lived on Maui for three years and routinely visited Haleakala and enjoyed its pristine beauty and peaceful silence. Native Hawaiians are continually fighting to protect their rightful land, and the consideration to allow air tours over this sacred place is a direct disregard for Hawaiian culture.		
	Please do not allow the tourism industry to continually exploit these natural ecosystems and ensure the preservation of this park for future years to come by not allowing any air tours over Haleakala National Park.		

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Correspondence ID:	503	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Julen, Kim		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 19:38:59		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Regarding the proposed helicopter tours over Haleakala:		
	Please do NOT allow this to happen. Haleakala is sacred and part of what makes it so precious is the lack of commercialism. There are very few places like this in the world where you can drive up to this elevation and stand above the clouds.		
	Having helicopter noise would violate the beauty and soul recharging energy you feel when you hike in this sacred place. Helicopters would bring noise pollution. Please do not allow any pollution in this pristine and sacred Hawaiian space.		
	Kim Julen		

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Correspondence ID:	504	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Mead, Trinity		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 19:41:59		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Haleakala is a place of unparalleled beauty and peace. Many come to this sacred site for worship and to find stillness, solitude and silence. The quiet, crisp air is unlike anything I have ever experienced and the reason why I and many others travel so far to this magnificent place.		
	If helicopter tours were allowed in or around Haleakala, this would COMPLETELY ruin the entire experience of this incredible location.		
	I STRONGLY OPPOSE ALLOWING THIS. And I am not alone in this opposition.		
	This sacred site is not for exploitation, but contemplation.		
	Please help keep it quiet and peaceful so those of us who journey to this site may find silence and peace within		



ourselves.

This is a place of reverence.

May it continue to be respected and honored as such.

Thank you for your time.

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Correspondence ID:	505	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Boyd, Hayley
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 19:46:43
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: One of the most incredible parts of Haleakala is the peaceful silence found in this spiritual space. Native Hawaiians are constantly being pressured and bombarded by the tourism industry and have been able to protect their spirit filled land. This proposal is offensive to Hawaiian culture and will ruin the unique experience people go to the park to have. I loved on Maui for nearly 2 years and Haleakala was always one of my favorite places on the island. You feel completely alone yet surrounded by nature when submerged in the silence of the crater. Please, for the sake of the Native community and tourists seeking a humbling and centering experience, do not allow helicopter tours to begin over the park. Frankly, I think it is horrible that the Parks service would even consider this. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	506	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Lopez, L.
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 19:47:44
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Correspondence: Aloha,

One of the most remarkable things, besides the sheer beauty of Haleakala, is the healing experience of the silence there. I can imagine how invasive the sound of a helicopter would suddenly be, while enjoying the peace of the park. Can we please have this one place on Maui where silence is golden? Mahalo

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Correspondence ID:	507	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Leigh, Taryn
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 19:50:53
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I do not support the decision for helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala. For one, I live in crater road, and it would disrupt the quiet abs peace in which I have sought out by living where I do. For another, Haleakala is a sacred spot on the island of Maui. ...and I take this very seriously!!! Do NOT, by any means, move forward with this plan. I will not be the only resident you hear from! Mahalo for taking my request in deep consideration.

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Correspondence ID:	508	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Ely, Kathleen R
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 19:54:42
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I understand you are considering flying helicopters of Haleakala. Don't. One of the most majestic, peaceful, quiet and awe-inspiring places on earth would be destroyed! Mahalo Nui.

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Correspondence ID:	509	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Quiocho, Malia
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Received: Mar,05 2022 19:57:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Absolutely no helicopters unless necessary for RM  
Horrible you even consider it

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Correspondence ID: 510 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pike, Perry R

Received: Mar,05 2022 19:58:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The silence in the rim of that majestic volcano is breathtakingly, achingly beautiful. I only traveled there once. To imagine introducing the whirl of helicopter blades is offensive. There are times that we should question profitability. Please maintain the vast silence in the glorious space.

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Correspondence ID: 511 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,05 2022 20:02:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, please do not let helicopter tours happen over Haleakala! it is one of a few remaining pristine places that you can go and hear nothing but silence. isn't that what national parks are supposed to be doing... Protecting the last pristine areas that we have left in the United States? It's obviously money driven to even consider such an idea. I am surprised that national parks would even think that it's OK to ask or consider.

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Correspondence ID: 512 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Congero, Mark

Received: Mar,05 2022 20:04:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,  
I have been a resident on Maui for 10 years. Haleakalā has always been a place peace, and solitude. I feel strongly it should remain that way. Helicopters are loud and intrusive. If people want to see the beauty and majesty the crater offers, they should have to work for it and experience the hikes on foot.

I respectfully ask that Helicopter tours of Haleakalā and the crater be turned down, now and forever

Sincerely,

A concerned resident

Mahalo

Mark Congero

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Correspondence ID: 513 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,05 2022 20:13:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a full time resident on the island of Maui, I'd like to humbly request that you not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala at anytime. Haleakala is a sacred place on Maui and contains one of the most quiet places on earth. Allowing helicopter tours to fly over the mountain will disrupt this beautiful, pristine space. Is nothing sacred anymore? Is there no place on this island that residents can go to get a respite from the constant tourist activity? The noise pollution that helicopter tours would produce is unimaginable. Please, please vote with your heart and not from the pressure of commercialism and the desire to exploit our beautiful natural resources.

Thank you,  
LJ- Kihei, HI

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Correspondence ID: 514 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: N., Skip  
Received: Mar,05 2022 20:13:34  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No helicopters over Haleakala National Park please

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Correspondence ID: 515 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,05 2022 20:18:39  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park is a unique experience like no other in this world. People travel here to experience this natural beauty and the serenity and peace that envelopes you. By allowing any type of air traffic inside the crater rim will kill this experience. We have worked hard over the years to prevent this from happening again and appreciate the stillness that has prevailed for all. The view of the crater is easily accessed by vehicle and sitting along the rim is a one of a kind feeling.  
Please do not allow any type of air traffic inside the crater rim to gain some extra income. You will scare away those who have been trying to experience this for themselves in years to come. Do not be greedy with this natural resource that many of us go to enjoy.  
There is enough air traffic over the most inaccessible places on Maui to enjoy. Places that most have never had the honor of visiting due to cost or fear of flying. Please do not take this last accessible place away from us and pollute it with air traffic, there is enough noise in this world already. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID: 516 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: dwork, john  
Received: Mar,05 2022 20:19:17  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have spent 21 of the past 23 winters living on Maui, where I consistently spend many thousands of dollars supporting the local economy every year. Also, I sit on the Board of Directors of Maui's Prayer Rock Foundation, a Buddhist meditation hermitage 3500' up on Haleakala's south face. We plant and nurture rare, endemic plants on that land and host meditation retreats that would be threatened by additional helicopter noise. As you are well aware, Haleakala crater is like no other place on Earth. One of its most precious qualities is the profound silence one can experience while hiking through or sitting in it. Perhaps you have not been to Kauai and experienced for yourselves the constant, maddening buzz of helicopters that make substantively restorative time in Nature no longer possible on much of that once lovely island. I won't go back to Kauai because of the helicopters noise. If you desecrate this lovely place by allowing helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands, I will substantially curtail the time I spend on Maui and will take my hard-earned money with me.

Mahalo for your time in this matter,  
Johnny Dwork

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Correspondence ID: 517 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Morrison, Elizabeth G  
Received: Mar,05 2022 20:26:27  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Don't make the park like living in Los Angeles. We need to get away from the use of helicopters that are noisy and use fossil fuels. Try using hot air balloons or silent gliders. ANYTHING but helicopters.

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Correspondence ID:	518	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	, Tim
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 20:26:28
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I do support helicopter or airport tours over the island.

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Correspondence ID:	519	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Eisen, Jessica
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 20:33:06
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do NOT fly helicopters over this sacred sight. The world is losing so much already and this is a safe and healing space for so many. Noise would be such an awful disturbance to this place. Please no helicopters over Haleakala period.

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Correspondence ID:	520	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Lloyd, Carolyn M
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 20:36:38
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Part of what make Haleakala so incredibly serene and special is the lack of helicopters and flights going over the summit. You will ruin yet another beautiful area of Hawai'i by allowing helicopters and planes to fly over the summit.

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Correspondence ID:	521	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Gustafson, MariAna
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 20:37:21
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I have just learned of the plan to conduct helicopter flights over Haleakala Crater.

I ask that you work to protect the silence which is the true essence of the beauty that is Haleakala. This gift of nature needs to be explored and appreciated in its presence. I had the most important spiritual awakening of my life just a short way down from the top of the crater. Standing there, I knew how minute we human beings are, how insignificant in the greater scheme of the Universe, and it change the direction of my life.

And yet, we can create more chaos through our insensitivity and never get to the place we really desire to be - in that deep silence that brings us home to ourselves, to the home of our souls. The crater needs to be preserved in its natural state, not to be invaded by the commercial greed that has taken over in so many aspects of our lives. It is a place we can go to escape from our cultural violence of busyness, the fast fix...Haleakala is a vast, powerful beauty, a place of peace and serenity.

My wish would be for all of the island to still exist as I knew it in the 70's...6 months to begin to heal and transform my life. So grateful for the opportunity. Please preserve what remains, and help the land and the sea heal itself, to be whole, so it can fulfill its purpose to support all of life, the creations of our Mother Earth.

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Correspondence ID:	522	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: Love, Naomi  
Received: Mar,05 2022 20:39:19  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No  
More noise

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Correspondence ID: 523 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Strohm-Herman, Kiera L  
Received: Mar,05 2022 20:43:24  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
I urge you to select Alternative 2 in your Air Tour Management Plan. The natural quiet of Haleakala is an integral part of its natural and cultural resources and deserves the utmost protection.  
The current helicopter situation is already too disruptive to park visitors so Alternative 1 is not a good choice. Alternative 3 does not go far enough to mitigate the impacts of the noise and visual disturbance of air tours. Native Hawaiians should not be restricted to a few days per year of uninterrupted ceremonies or contemplation, they deserve this experience at any moment they choose to visit these lands, whatever their purpose in doing so. Park visitors and native animals also deserve to experience the quality of quiet found in the Wilderness Area on every calendar day of the year. It is a powerful and important thing to experience in our modern life.  
There are already many ways to experience Haleakala National Park. Not every place needs to be viewed up close via helicopter. Our National Park is certainly one of those places.  
Mahalo,  
Kiera Strohm-Herman

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Correspondence ID: 524 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Valdes, Elliot  
Received: Mar,05 2022 20:44:11  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakalā is a sacred place and should be treated as such. Please refrain from turning this sacred space into a tourist trap via helicopter.

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Correspondence ID: 525 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Wuertz, Kevin  
Received: Mar,05 2022 20:48:51  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala park. There is already too much helicopter traffic over Maui and they do not follow the prescribed flight paths. The last thing we need is more helicopters creating noise pollution.

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Correspondence ID: 526 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: bumpus, sarah  
Received: Mar,05 2022 20:53:42  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: aloha, i am writing to strongly encourage you to NOT allow helicopter tours over Haleakala national park.  
one of the lovely things about the park is the quiet of nature. i have hiked on the naplili coast in Kauai when it was

like being in Apocalypse Now , constant helicopter noise. not pleasant. it is SO unnecessary. please leave this natural wonder as is!! thank you

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Correspondence ID: 527 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: patton, Sara  
Received: Mar,05 2022 20:56:51  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly below 5000 feet over Haleakala. It is a sacred space and tourism has no place in the skies here.

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Correspondence ID: 528 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Morgan, Leah  
Received: Mar,05 2022 21:02:31  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Aloha  
I really don't think that it is a good decision to fly helicopters in and around the Haleakala Volcano.  
This is such sacred land. A place where we come for peace, clarity, silence, to connect with our selves, nature and the ancestors.  
There will be so much more tourism and pollution.  
I've visited this magical place many times. Enjoyed the peaceful sunrise and sunset and beautiful hikes through the crater where it was me, my friends and the Earth and I pledge in peace for it to stay that way!  
We have to respect the native Hawaiians land and the amazing nature we already get to enjoy.  
I hope you make the right choice and let it remain as it is-a place of tranquillity.  
Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 529 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Marques, Jordi  
Received: Mar,05 2022 21:07:17  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I often go up to the crater to pray and commune with nature. One time I was up there for sunrise, and my friend burst into tears because of the power of the immense natural beauty. I told her, this happens every day!  
A few minutes later, a drone flew overhead taking pictures. The sound was very noticeable and irritating. Her crying intensified, except this time it was coming from a place of anger and sadness. She felt that the sound was so disrespectful. I agree with her, those mechanical buzzing sounds take us out of the moment and disconnect us from the sacred. I strongly oppose any plans to allow helicopters in the crater.

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Correspondence ID: 530 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hartman, Cindy  
Received: Mar,05 2022 21:07:29  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Re: helicopters in Haleakala. Please do NOT allow helicopters in the park. I have many friends who live near Volcanoes National Park here on the Big Island & they are seriously disruptive. Preserve the quiet of your park & the communities in the flight path to approach it.

Correspondence ID:	531	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Frost, Quiana G		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 21:09:20		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>Please please please Vote NO to helicopters over Haleakala. I've lived on Maui for years and the crater is such an exceptional and sacred place that to bring in helicopters would be a total violation. I still remember hiking to a remote waterfall on the Hana side and a helicopter flew over and dropped in low. It was nothing less than traumatizing. Helicopters are exceptionally loud and the crater is a place of supreme peace and quiet. Please preserve what makes Maui special.</p> <p>Mahalo.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	532	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Haber, Karuna		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 21:23:36		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park</p> <p>I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.</p> <p>Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.</p> <p>Thank you and Aloha,</p> <p>Karuna Haber</p>		
Correspondence ID:	533	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Jackson, Nikki		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 21:33:01		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>ABSOLUTELY NOT.</p> <p>they can watch it on videos, lots of them.</p> <p>And the animals and neighbors and surrounding ranch's can have peace.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	534	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Rundel, Wendy		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 21:37:55		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>NO helicopters over this sacred volcano, PLEASE! It's already easy enough to access by road. Preserve the quiet, the peace ~ too few places anymore for such Beauty and Peace. Thank you!!!!!!</p>		
Correspondence ID:	535	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Short, Amy		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 21:45:01		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>No helicopter tours over Haleakala! It's the quietest place on the planet, why ruin that?!</p>		



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Correspondence ID:	536	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bryan, Mariko			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 21:45:39			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala.

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

It is a sure fire way to destroy an already overtaxed system and pollute the precious air and land of Maui.

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Correspondence ID:	537	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Pederson, Laura			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 21:47:55			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours in Haleakala national park. The main appeal is the peace and quite you get up there.

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Correspondence ID:	538	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Gallagher, Mary			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 21:59:46			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I am alarmed at the idea of allowing helicopter tours over the sacred lands of east Maui.

With the countless assaults by humans on the earth's environment, may the thought of helicopters perish to avoid yet another assault? Bring justice to the earth and good health to the inhabitants. Protect Maui lands and parks from helicopter tours now and forever. In solidarity with those also objecting, Mary

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Correspondence ID:	539	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hay, Li			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 22:07:14			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours in Haleakala.

This is one of the most sacred, quietest places on the planet.

The noise pollution would be a desecration to this sacred place and ruin the experience for crater visitors seeking the peace of a true wilderness experience.

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Correspondence ID:	540	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Sherrill, Tamara L			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 22:30:25			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please restrict commercial helicopters over Haleakala National Park to the furthest extent possible. Only conservation workers should be allowed in the air space above the Park.

Correspondence ID:	541	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Chi, Daniela		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 22:31:41		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Hello there,  I have taken so many beautiful hikes and visits into Haleakala, the absolute stillness & silence is what makes this place so entirely special for people but also the wildlife. Please, please re-consider allowing another tourist attraction to such a scared place.  Thank you		
Correspondence ID:	542	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Thom, Rasa		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 22:43:02		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	hmmmm		
Correspondence ID:	543	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Grazier, Jeri		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 22:43:26		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I urge you to drop all plans and requests to fly helicopter tours over Haleakala crater and the rim. This is a very sacred space to many of my family members who are Hawaiian. This is one space on the island that anyone can go to and reflect, recharge and grow in perfect silence. If its just a short hike inside the crater or an overnight hike the silence is one of the treasures of the land. National Park Service, please protect Haleakala for us all.  Most sincerely, Jeri Grazier		
Correspondence ID:	544	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Lammers, Angela		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 22:49:27		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopter tours to the quietest place on Earrh, Haleakala.		
Correspondence ID:	545	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Lammers, Angela		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 22:49:28		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopter tours to the quietest place on Earrh, Haleakala.		
Correspondence ID:	546	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Cooper, Romain		
Received:	Mar,05 2022 22:51:41		

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

(note: I read this response on Facebook and decided to copy it to my response as I felt it expressed my opinion so well. RC)

In this age of climate change and with the daunting challenge of reversing the buildup of carbon in our atmosphere, the US government should not encourage such a fossil-fuel intensive type of recreation.

thank you for considering my input.

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Correspondence ID: 547 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kropf, Latifa

Received: Mar,05 2022 22:52:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Friends, I love Hawai'i and have the great fortune of visiting every other year. One of the moments I look forward to the most is visiting Haleakala. It is so beautiful in its emptiness. Part of what makes it so extraordinary is the emptiness of noise-absolute quiet!! That is so hard to find in our world today. Please protect the sacredness of this very special place by NOT allowing helicopters to fly over. Instead encourage visitors to drive up and explore at their leisure on foot. Mahlao, Latifa

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Correspondence ID: 548 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Edwards, M. Kathryn

Received: Mar,05 2022 22:55:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is supposed to be a quiet place. Please no helicopters.

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Correspondence ID: 549 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Naramore, Amber

Received: Mar,05 2022 22:58:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is not for sale!! Please do NOT allow helicopter tours to fly in the crater.

Please DO start making people make reservations for sunset.

Precious silverswords are getting trampled by tourist kids, it's a mob scene up there.

Please do more to protect this fragile eco system.

Aloha,

Amber

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Correspondence ID: 550 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wilkins, Brandi

Received: Mar,05 2022 23:01:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a resident of Maui I absolutely do NOT agree with this or feel ok with this in my spiritual being! I think I can speak for most of Maui when I say this. Haleakala Crater is sacred, a place for peace and prayer for all of Maui & it's amakua. Helicopters flying over Haleakala will forever ruin and destroy the sacredness that it beholds!!!! I beg you from the bottom of my heart & soul to not destroy what sacred space Maui has. CAPITALISM IS NOT THE WAY! It time for people to come back to the roots and heal this island and planet and stop being monsters destroying the aina.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my request!

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Correspondence ID:	551	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Sandhya, Dhyana
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 23:06:46
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I prefer the silence of this place....

NO TOURS. THEY CAN ZOOM PEOPLE TO SEE THE CRATER, .

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Correspondence ID:	552	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Johnson, Scott A
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 23:15:10
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please, please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala crater.

Thank you

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Correspondence ID:	553	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Levine, Ellen
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 23:30:42
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: It is a terrible affront to the Nature of Haleakala National Park Pristine Environment to allow ANY TYPE of Airplane, helicopter or other smelly noisy polluting airborne vehicles above that Sacred Space-- both for Nature, the Hawaiian Islands Sovereign Lands, and the Peace of that Sanctuary! Please do not allow this insensitive, commercial , invasion to occur!

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Correspondence ID:	554	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Savage, Sunny
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 23:35:40
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Known around the world as one, if not the, quietest places on earth, we absolutely must protect this. It's so rare to find quiet places, even considering helicopters of any kind to clog it up seems like such an ill-sighted thing to do. No no no no and no to ANY helicopters other than scientific research missions and medical evac.

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Correspondence ID:	555	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,05 2022 23:35:44
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: In regards to plans to allow helicopter tours over the park.

Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala! It's peaceful silence is priceless, having helicopter tours would detract from the natural beauty of this sacred mountain!

It seems completely unnecessary when it's so easy to view the crater from the summit already! A view unhindered by helicopters!

Thank you and Aloha

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Correspondence ID:	556	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Noble, Laurie J			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 23:51:35			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha

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Correspondence ID:	557	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Beaudry, Bob			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 23:54:09			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: A film was made by a Maui resident of a man who had visited many places all over the world seeking quiet. He found Haleakala crater to be "The quietest place on earth." Please, let's keep it that way. No helicopter tours over the crater!.

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Correspondence ID:	558	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Caron, Will			
Received:	Mar,05 2022 23:57:49			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: NO helicopter tours over Haleakala park. NONE.

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Correspondence ID:	559	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	SHEEHAN, MARK			
Received:	Mar,06 2022			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: ALOHA PROTECTORS AND STEWARDS OF THE WORLD TREASURE OF HALEAKALA:

Please do not allow helicopter flights in this sanctuary. I was in Kalalau valley years ago, another world treasure, and it was like Apocalypse Now, with almost a hundred flights a day. What a desecration. There are few places as sacred and silent as Haleakala crater, a place sacred in Hawaiian culture. Please do not allow the peace there to be shattered by low flights ever.

Mahalo and Aloha,  
Mark Sheehan  
Environmental Activist for almost 50 years.

Correspondence ID:	560	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,06 2022		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
<p>Correspondence: Re: plans to allow helicopter tours over the park</p> <p>I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.</p> <p>Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.</p> <p>Thank you and Aloha</p>			
Correspondence ID:	561	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Resnick, Mike		
Received:	Mar,06 2022		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
<p>Correspondence: NO HELICOPTERS IN OR OVER HALEAKALA.</p> <p>SOMETHING AND SOME PLACES HAVE TO BE PRESERVED.</p> <p>HALEAKALA IS ON THAT LIST</p>			
Correspondence ID:	562	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Beaver, Janet L		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 01:16:26		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
<p>Correspondence: I urge you not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.</p> <p>When I have been to ceremonies at Kukui' Puka Heiau I have heard helicopters going over every 10 minutes. This noise disrupts the ceremonies and pollutes the space with disruptive sound. There is no difference to its negative impact at Haleakala. Please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to Haleakala, a sacred space to the people of Maui.</p> <p>Janet Beaver</p>			
Correspondence ID:	563	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Hutchinson, Leslie		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 01:42:05		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
<p>Correspondence: How horribly disruptive to the natural sounds of the mountain. Haven't this mountain and the people who hold her sacred been through enough? A truly horrible idea.</p>			
Correspondence ID:	564	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Wolf, Nadia		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 02:23:12		

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

I urge you to make the choice to keep the Crater sacred by keeping the sound of the wind and the birds be the only sounds we hear besides the laughter and happy chatter that comes from the lucky humans that get to visit this site.

Noise pollution is a huge issues everywhere including in parts of Maui that are allowing so much air traffic. It has changed our once quiet island.

Please no helicopters over the crater.

thanks,  
Nadia Wolf

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Correspondence ID:	565	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Murakami, Ashley
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 02:26:23
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Do NOT allow helicopters to fly over. Keep sacred things sacred.

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Correspondence ID:	566	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Fukada, Pamela Sue Y.
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 02:45:28
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please don't allow helicopter tours. The park receives heavy use already impacting the daily lives of people who live here. Please don't add to the mess of the current crowds by adding helicopter tours. We enjoy as much peace & quiet as possible.

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Correspondence ID:	567	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	W, Zachary
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 03:06:51
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: The proposal to allow frequent helicopter flights over this national park is nothing more than a crass monetization of one of our nation's most spectacular natural areas. The spirit of our national parks is to allow all who want to witness them the privilege, but helicopter tours are not accessible to all - only to those wealthy enough to afford them. The environmental impact extends just the emissions (substantial) but also to noise pollution. Helicopters are loud, and the noise will not only disrupt the experience of visitors on foot, but residents near the flight path. Constant high intensity noise pollution can even disrupt the natural ecosystem, preservation of which is part of the National Park Service's mission. I strongly oppose allowing unfettered access to fly over any of our national parks.

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Correspondence ID:	568	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Kaawa, Michelle
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 03:11:56
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I support Helicopter tours above the crater. It does no harm and give visitors to Maui a keepsake memory to take home.



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Correspondence ID: 569 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Riley, Angel S  
Received: Mar,06 2022 06:20:44  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter rides are loud disturbing the wildlife and the peace and serenity of the natural beauty of the skyline.

I live in Maine where they have scenic flights and helicopter rides.

It scares the animals. It hurts the birds. It pollutes the air.

Disrupts the classes in the area

Please don't allow them to make the same mistakes anywhere.

I live it all of Spring, Summer and fall.

Just let people enjoy the rest of this world from where they can place their own two feet

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Thank you and Aloha Wale

Diane Kupelian, and my family of four.

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Correspondence ID:	574	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Marlene, Judy
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 08:08:54
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please!! No helicopters tours allowed to fly low near the crater, no small plane tours, no zip line tours, no discernible or impactful noise allowed in this most sacred and beautiful pristine place! No one at all is allowed to fly low into Haleakala Crater area!!! NO, zero, none!  
Mahalo

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Correspondence ID:	575	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Bazner, Cameron
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 08:09:03
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I lived in Maui for a year during 2021. The crater is a profound place of deep silence. Many of my friends would go there to gain wisdom from this amazing natural once and a lifetime kind of opportunity to hike within. There are not many places someone can go on the island to gain quiet solace through nature, considering how densely populated these spots are with tourism. The crater is one of the few places left on the island with this opportunity for alone time with the silent Earth. To allow planes to fly above would completely ruin and spoil this blessing. Did you know that there are only a HANDFUL of places LEFT on Earth where one does not hear planes and any other form of human noise pollution. Just a FEW. Why add more noise? For more profit? Isn't the biggest profit we can gain in this world PEACE OF MIND? One of the Reasons I moved off island was because my mental health suffered so much from the over population of such a small land mass. I often felt drowned by noise from other people and felt like there was no where to go to be truly alone. Help mandarin the mental health of the locals, tourists (I can guarantee the tourists walking the crater would also hate planes flying over them), and therefore THE WORLD...by keeping this place CLEAN of noise pollution. This is an ancient site meant to be kept as untouched as possible.

Thank you for your time,  
May Peace prevail on Earth.

Cameron

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Correspondence ID:	576	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Porter, Joelle
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 08:13:28
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I have family and friends on Maui (in Kula, Kahului and Makawao) and visit once a year; In my 20's, I used to work in Lahaina at Lahaina News. I urge you to NOT allow helicopter rides over this airspace. The silence up there and sound of the wind are healing and phenomenal. Please keep the sanctuary of Upcountry and Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	577	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Wertheim, Anne
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 08:29:16
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : Plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala crater. Haleakala crater is one of the very few places in the world to enjoy absolute stillness. Me and my family hike the crater often to find peace in these troubling times, to enjoy the stillness and the vast views the crater offers. There are many ways to enjoy the magnificence of Haleakala crater without much impact, flying helicopters above is not one of them.

Tensions between tourists and residents are already high. Adding the noise of helicopters flying above this sacred place just will add more. Please leave the beauty and stillness of Haleakala untouched.

Thank you

Anne Wertheim

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Correspondence ID: 578 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Friar, Susan

Received: Mar,06 2022 08:30:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious gifts is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please do not allow this unnecessary violation to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you

Susan Friar

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Correspondence ID: 579 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lierly, Jean

Received: Mar,06 2022 08:35:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My family is from the islands, My great great grandparents arrived here from the Azores and Germany to work in sugar.

I lived on Maui 1988-1999 under the shadow of Haleakala. We often visited the park.

My husband hiked through the crater and down to the East Maui side. I was fortunate enough to be able to do a hike into the crater and stay overnight at one of the cabins. Moving through this remarkable place, we were always careful to stay on the trails. We now return to Maui each year and always visit the National Park.

Having repeated helicopter flights over the crater is not something I would support. In a time when the human population of Maui continues to grow, and tourism becomes more of our lifeblood, I understand the pressure to offer fly overs. At the same time, the pristine state of nene, silversword, and interplay of sun, wind, and cloud make simply being in the presence of a 10,000' volcano in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, a rare and precious experience. I would hate to see it marred by the sound and sight of fly-overs. There are plenty of places to visit by air on Maui already.

Thank you for allowing input.

Jean

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Correspondence ID: 580 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Murphy, Martha

Received: Mar,06 2022 08:39:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I can think of no reason other than financial gain for a private company, that anyone would think this is a good idea.

Can nothing on Maui be left in its pristine state?

Haleakala holds geological, cultural and spiritual significance to the people of Maui and its visitors. It is a place to go to escape the crowds and sit in stillness and solitude; to experience the beauty of an island that has become overrun with people and hustle and noise.

I encourage the policy makers, those responsible for issuing permits, even those who are applying for these permits, to hike in the crater, to watch the sun rise or set from its magnificent brim.

To sit in stillness and appreciate the quiet and majesty that is Haleakala.

Ask yourselves, Is it really a good idea to allow the invasion a helicopter would bring to this experience, for the financial gain of a company that very likely does not hold deep roots to the community and culture.

Be honest with yourselves.

Please think about the repercussions to such a decision.

At one time, allowing bicycles to speed down the mountain (to add yet another Disney type activity for visitors) seemed like a good idea to someone. But I would question if it still seems like it benefits anyone other than the people making money off of it?

Congestion, noise, litter, injured and mortally wounded visitors, frightened and frustrated residents.

Leave some part of the magic alone please!

Leave the space in the sky and the peaceful sacred ground alone please!

Respect the aina. Respect the people.

This is nothing short of a horrible idea which will benefit few (mostly those with resources not available to the vast majority of the people of Maui.)

Mahalo nui loa

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Correspondence ID:	581	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Ioakimi, Sandi			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 08:49:03			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: This is such a bad idea. It's the last quiet place on Maui that just says NO to helicopter tours over Haleakala

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Correspondence ID:	582	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Clemmer, Elizabeth			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 08:49:49			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please no helicopters over the crater! way to destructive of the Peace that is there!

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Correspondence ID:	583	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Boswell, Justin			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 09:11:17			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopter tours!!! This is a silent, sacred land

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Correspondence ID:	584	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	PL, Alia			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 09:17:01			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No Helicopters.

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Correspondence ID: 585 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Avasthi, Sonia

Received: Mar,06 2022 09:18:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to implore you! Do not disturb Haleakala with MORE noise pollution of helicopters. The entire island of Maui needs protection by stewards. Not more noise Pollution and development. Consider all of the consequences please!!

Protect this pristine public park land. ENOUGH ALREADY!

Sincerely,

Sonia Avasthi

Hawaii DOE Special Education Teacher

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Correspondence ID: 586 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kabir, Habiba

Received: Mar,06 2022 09:23:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re: plans for helicopter tours over the crater in Haleakala National Park - Preserve the silence of this beautiful place. It is the treasure.

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Correspondence ID: 587 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Teeters, Patricia

Received: Mar,06 2022 09:24:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Deny all helicopter tours over the crater.

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Correspondence ID: 588 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Heyman, Ramana

Received: Mar,06 2022 09:34:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Noise and Disruptions of Peace!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 589 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Suggs, Karen K

Received: Mar,06 2022 09:52:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am against any helicopters flying over the park. I appreciate that Hawaii has a tourist based economy. Preserving this quiet natural space preserves the economic value of this location.

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Correspondence ID: 590 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kentala, Dean K

Received: Mar,06 2022 10:04:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There should be no helicopter tours anytime, anywhere in, around or above Haleakala National Park, ever.

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Correspondence ID: 591 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bohlin, Jennifer

Received: Mar,06 2022 10:18:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala.

One of the beauties of hiking there is the silence. Ground access for mobility impaired people can be improved to enhance their experience of the mountain.

Helicopter rides are expensive and they do not provide the high quality experience of actually being on the mountain.

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Correspondence ID: 592 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Anderson, Ryan M

Received: Mar,06 2022 10:21:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No tours. Recognize the mountain as the sacred site it is and stop for profit enterprises from operating there. Allow for locals to go there for cultural pilgrimages and not need a reservation.

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Correspondence ID: 593 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: knowlton, catherine

Received: Mar,06 2022 10:25:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala. Please protect this precious resource or peace and beauty.

Mahalo, Cathy Knowlton

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Correspondence ID: 594 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: S, A L

Received: Mar,06 2022 10:45:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not try to make money off the crater by hosting air tours. This is imbalanced and will cost more environmentally and economically. If you are trying to make more money at Haleakala how about paying to enforce regulations and payments from tourists by increasing the cost for experiencing Haleakala on the ground. The increase in attendance revenue will simultaneously protect the sacred space from visitors that aren't contributing to enjoy the environment. Whatever the price of an air tour is can be the new price of visiting haleakala without an air tour. Do not waste government funding to design and operate air tours. This will fail, it gives too much value to tourist without compensating for the cost on our environment, community and economy. Just work with what we have, increase costs for current experiences at Haleakala and regulate the tourist population to invest more in this site if they want to enjoy it.

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Correspondence ID: 595 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pulliam, Jamy

Received: Mar,06 2022 10:56:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala. Let's preserve the peacefulness and beauty of the park and the volcano.

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Correspondence ID: 596 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,06 2022 10:56:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please reject any plans for helicopter tours over Haleakala Park! Mahalo!

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Correspondence ID: 597 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kovach, Kevin j

Received: Mar,06 2022 10:59:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please leave us at least one place of sanctuary on the island. Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 598 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Horovitz, Liana

Received: Mar,06 2022 11:01:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter tours in Haleakala would be extremely detrimental to the quality of life for humans, flora and fauna here. It is an unnecessary risk and intrusion solely for economic gain.

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Correspondence ID: 599 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Davis, Kenneth

Received: Mar,06 2022 11:04:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha Wale.

Ken Davis

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Correspondence ID: 600 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wurst, Julia

Received: Mar,06 2022 11:11:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

I am urging the Haleakala National Park to not allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and national park. This would add so much noise pollution to those seeking quiet and solace at this sacred place. Driving up the crater is not difficult for tourists. The helicopter tours only take tourists into consideration and not the residents and



Hawaiians who come for spiritual or religious reasons. Also, this seems like a dangerous place to fly with winds changing directions. Even one crash would be devastating not only in the loss of life but the desecration of the land. Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala!

Mahalo,  
Julia Wurst  
Makawao resident

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Correspondence ID:	601	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Paltin, Tamara			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 11:11:16			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please no helicopter tours at all. Haleakalā is sacred The noise will disrupt the pristine ecosystem and habitat. If even one helicopter should fall the destruction would be devastating. There are many other beautiful places to see by helicopter please do not commercialize every last sacred place.

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Correspondence ID:	602	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 11:15:37			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: This is regarding the plans to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala NP. I urge you to not allow this. The crater area is in fact one of the quietest places on the planet, and helicopter noise would destroy that. There are plenty of ways for visitors to enjoy the peace of Haleakala crater in person without helicopters. Please do not allow this plan to go forward.

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Correspondence ID:	603	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	badome, donna m			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 11:24:10			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I am writing to protest any possibility of helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park. Those of us who love here and truly appreciate this special place understand what a devastating impact it would have on the unique silence and majesty of being inside the crater. It is the most isolated place located in the most isolated island chain on earth. Helicopter tours would destroy the experience for hikers and campers. Visitors can view it's beauty from the rim near the visitor center. They can see it in fantastic and video photography. I'd guess if they truly understood the distinctive impact of their 5 minute flyover they would agree with those opposed to it. If this is allowed it is a win for tour operators only. It is a win for their pocketbook and a huge loss for locals and visitors who want to enjoy thee experience of walking through the crater, or even for those that stand overlooking it. Thank you for your consideration

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Correspondence ID:	604	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Oswald, Alexa			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 11:26:37			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I don't think helicopter tours over Haleakala should be allowed.

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Correspondence ID:	605	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	hudson, jeff			

Received: Mar,06 2022 11:32:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is a sacred land in Hawaii. Poli Poli is also a source of game animals and key to food security for Maui. Allowing helicopter tours would disturb both the air and land within the park, and would put pressure on the game animals and cause disruption.

Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID: 606 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Michel, Katie

Received: Mar,06 2022 11:37:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please implement alternative 3.

Important elements:

- 1) Biodiversity protection via noise reduction for nesting, mating, and feeding birds and fauna. As a protected area this national park is already dedicated to the preservation and protection of wildlife and biodiversity, choosing any other option besides #3 would go directly against those tenets.
- 2) Cultural protection of Hawaiian sacred sites and practices. The native people of Hawaii have already suffered greatly and their culture has been fundamentally altered; it is the responsibility of the government to not only refrain from interference from freedom of religion but to protect the rights of its people and their ability to express their beliefs and honor their culture.
- 3) Visitor enjoyment is critical to maintaining tourist flow (and the income thereof) as well as satisfaction. Visiting National Parks is, fundamentally, an experience in which one aims to remove oneself from urbanization and modernization to revisit the peace and wonder of untouched lands. Noise from airplanes puts a disproportionate burden on visitors on the ground for the sake of air tourists. Not only is this fundamentally inequitable, but it could also be a signal of income disparities manifesting in the amount of enjoyment one can experience from share public lands.

Other information needed/elements needed to be considered: Please do your full diligence in making local Hawaiian communities aware of this public comment period and able to comment. This is their sacred land that has been put under the protection of the NPS, and that should be honored. Additionally, has data been collected as to how alt. #3's flight plan would affect nesting sea birds?

For the sake of the Hawaiian people, the integrity of our shared public land, the preservation of the biodiverse resources protected, and the wellbeing of the tourism industry and those who rely upon it, please implement alternative 3.

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Correspondence ID: 607 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ventura, Emily

Received: Mar,06 2022 11:39:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you to not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. Haleakala is an amazing, unique, and incredible place to be. Part of what makes it so amazing is the "natural silence"-a quiet that is accentuated by the wind across the lava fields, the nene honking as they fly across the crater, and the 'ua'u at night. There is no man made sound, no cars or airplanes, no background hum. This unique experience would be destroyed by the allowance of helicopters over the crater.

People can easily drive to the summit to take in an overview of the crater's sights, helicopter tours are not necessarily to enjoys its beauty and splendor. Please do not allow helicopters.

Mahalo,  
Emily Ventura

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Correspondence ID: 608 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Minford, Elaine M  
Received: Mar,06 2022 11:42:19  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: NO Helicopter tours over Haleakala Crater Please!

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Correspondence ID: 609 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Minford, Elaine M  
Received: Mar,06 2022 11:42:20  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: NO Helicopter tours over Haleakala Crater Please!

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Correspondence ID: 610 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lindsey, Charles/Elna  
Received: Mar,06 2022 11:43:40  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: While I haven't done my homework and don't know the current rules, I would like to say I am opposed to any commercial air activity in Haleakala Crater. Haleakala is such a special place. Why is it that us humans always need to think of ways to spoil it? All the time and effort, not to mention money put into this is ridiculous. It's simple, just say NO.

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Correspondence ID: 611 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: takaha, ane  
Received: Mar,06 2022 11:47:54  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I understand you are considering allowing flights over Haleakala crater. Please DO NOT. We live here and go there for sacred time - silent, peaceful.....we walk well away from tourists to find alone space. This is a special place. Please do not allow it to be disturbed even more than it all ready is with sooooo many people.  
Thank you  
Ane Takaha  
Maui

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Correspondence ID: 612 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Castellini, Jenelle  
Received: Mar,06 2022 11:48:25  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Aloha, I do not agree to let helicopters fly over Haleakala! I have lived on Maui for 35 years and I have hiked and camped in the Crater over 100 nights. In a movie I saw where the man had traveled the world for the quietest place on earth he discovered it was the center of Haleakala. This is the most sacred mountain in the world and a church in temple for many. They already let the helicopters fly to the edge and that is enough we already have enough air traffic buzzing around this island we do not need to disturb and fly through the center of the Crater. Mahalo Nui loa

Correspondence ID:	613	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Castellini, Jenelle		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 11:48:26		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Aloha, I do not agree to let helicopters fly over Haleakala! I have lived on Maui for 35 years and I have hiked and camped in the Crater over 100 nights. In a movie I saw where the man had traveled the world for the quietest place on earth he discovered it was the center of Haleakala. This is the most sacred mountain in the world and a church in temple for many. They already let the helicopters fly to the edge and that is enough we already have enough air traffic buzzing around this island we do not need to disturb and fly through the center of the Crater. Mahalo Nui loa		
Correspondence ID:	614	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Nespor, Sally		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 11:51:19		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I don't think there should be helicopters flying over Haleakala as it is a sacred place		
Correspondence ID:	615	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	A, J		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 11:51:42		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	The sound of a helicopter carries everywhere up there. The peaceful beauty is what makes it the treasure it is. No aircraft near there period.		
Correspondence ID:	616	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Reddy, Jaclyn		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 11:52:40		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please protect Haleakala by not not allowing ANY helicopters to operate in the area. The magic of Haleakala is in the silence. Many special moments take place here that would not be possible with the noise pollution of helicopters. My engagement was one of them. But even more importantly, the sacred silence above the clouds, must remain as a place of contemplation, where you can enjoy the magnificence without interruption. This area is special to so many locals, let's not cater to the tourists for financial purposes. Some spaces in Maui must remain as they are, as we are already inundated by tourism. Additionally, the park is easy to access by vehicle, that helicopters are not necessary and would ruin the experience of those on the ground.  Much aloha, Jaclyn Reddy		
Correspondence ID:	617	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Reddy, Jaclyn		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 11:52:41		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please protect Haleakala by not not allowing ANY helicopters to operate in the area. The magic of Haleakala is in the silence. Many special moments take place here that would not be possible with the		

noise pollution of helicopters. My engagement was one of them. But even more importantly, the sacred silence above the clouds, must remain as a place of contemplation, where you can enjoy the magnificence without interruption. This area is special to so many locals, let's not cater to the tourists for financial purposes. Some spaces in Maui must remain as they are, as we are already inundated by tourism. Additionally, the park is easy to access by vehicle, that helicopters are not necessary and would ruin the experience of those on the ground.

Much aloha,

Jaclyn Reddy

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Correspondence ID:	618	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Ritchie,			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 11:58:46			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Tourism has done enough damage in Maui.

Mismarketing needs to be corrected because tourism is not even profitable in Maui.

Unlimited noise over Haleakala is the opposite of what spark area should provide.

You limit the number of cars at sunrise so you are starting to take steps to protect Haleakala.

Helicopters and airplanes are not what park visitors and employees need to hear.

Sincerely

Robin.

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Correspondence ID:	619	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	White, Darla			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 11:59:01			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Regarrding air tours in Haleakala National Park,

One of the things that makes this place unique and extraordinary is the silence. There is no other experience like it on the planet. Even one flight path would destroy that. The sound would be heard througout. This is a very accessible place from a car to see the views. But it is like no other wilderness when hiking in it. Please vote no to air tours. I live just below the park and visit regularly. And I have worked in air tours, which are amazing. In this particular case, in this special place, please preserve the silence. Keep it sacred.

With aloha, Darla White

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Correspondence ID:	620	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Lang, Hilary			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 12:04:45			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopters or motorized planes in the crater. This is a sacred place that should be enjoyed without the sounds of helicopters flying.

Please protect Haleakala.

Mahalo nui loa,

Hilary Lang

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Correspondence ID:	621	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hultgren, Marianne J			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 12:11:44			

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I live on Oahu and it is a TERRIBLE idea to allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala. Numerous reasons support a no-fly area over Haleakala; the sacredness of the land, potential for accidents, noise pollution. Please do NOT allow this to happen

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Correspondence ID: 622 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: fiddelke, martk

Received: Mar,06 2022 12:14:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please vote for no air tours in Haleakala. I'm a frequent visitor and enjoy the quiet and bird songs, hell, some days the motor vehicle traffic can be too much. Virtually all the views and enjoyment that could be had in an air tour, can be had from a motor vehicle + a short hike. It is a special and quiet place and should stay that way, helicopters are loud and even one route would ruin the experience for anyone not in a helicopter. Even on the Kipahulu side it would be a constant distraction from the natural beauty and sounds that are the park. One of the best things about the park is the absence of air tours, which we see and hear around the island daily.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
Mark Fiddelke  
Kula, HI

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Correspondence ID: 623 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Fernandez, Cheryl

Received: Mar,06 2022 12:15:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am voting to keep helicopter tours out and away from Haleakala National Park. It is a very sacred area.

Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 624 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gonzalez, Rosa

Received: Mar,06 2022 12:15:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern

May we please allow Haleakala Crater to be a sacred as it is ,

Theres enough tourist traps that have been exploited.

This is sacred land.

Thank you for reading this.

Sincerely

Rosa

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Correspondence ID: 625 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Stevens, Shelly

Received: Mar,06 2022 12:20:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep Haleakala chopper free! The beauty and silence experienced there is precious. One helicopter ride is thrilling to the few people aboard but so disruptive to the many people enjoying the mauna, and the birds who reside there. Also if there should ever be an aviation incident. . . Mauna Haleakala is too precious for this invasive activity to be allowed, all in the name of tourism. It's not all about them. . . Mahalo for your consideration of this,  
Shelly Stevens

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Correspondence ID:	626	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Driesen, David M			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 12:23:37			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I'm about to go to Maui and plan to visit Haleakala. Natonal Park. I am excited about not just the views, but the quieter and serenity I've hard about in this park. It saddens me to think that the Park Service is seriously considering allowing helicopters to destroy the experience for the vast majority of the visitors who come there by car to walk through the park. I do not see any need to permit helicopter tours, as visitors with a sincere interest in the park can come by car without having to mar the experience of everybody else. If you must allow helicopter tours, the option that seems best is no helicopter tours below 5,000 feet above ground level seems best. But if a tour at 5,000 feet is audible below, that is not a sufficient solution. The role of the Park Service is to protect our precious parks for the enjoyment of all. There may be a lit of financial pressure to allow helicopter tours. But to allow relatively wealthy visitors to spoil the place for everybody else would be a mistake.

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Correspondence ID:	627	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Minn, Mikala			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 12:31:48			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: NO HELI TOURS over Haleakala!!!!!!

Are you people crazy?????

If people wanna see the crater, they can hike like everyone else!!!

If you continue on this decision path, we will be there to protest and make your job very difficult and miserable.

If NPS needs to make money, then charge more for car entries. Be better problem solvers. HELI tours are a cop out!!! The Nene will be disturbed, the native birds will be disturbed, and the Wao Akua will be disrespected. That airspace is sacred.

Hard NO!!! Dumbest idea ever. Be smarter. Make good choices.

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Correspondence ID:	628	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Nuesca, Jaylene			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 12:32:31			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: In regards to helicopters flying over Haleakalā National Park, I ask that NO helicopters be allowed to fly over the park! The park is very accessible through a paved roadway. I also think helicopter tours over Haleakalā would have a guaranteed annual percentage of helicopter accidents and tragedies. JUST SAY NO!

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Correspondence ID:	629	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Huntley, Haydn			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 12:35:07			



Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
I read that Haleakala National Park is asking for comments on plans to allow helicopter tours over the park.  
Of the three options, I'm least against:

2) no helicopter tours Flying below 5000 feet above ground level.

Honestly, I don't think powered aircraft should be allowed above the park if they can be heard at ground level -- it is disturbing and ruins the experience.

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Correspondence ID: 630 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Derek

Received: Mar,06 2022 12:42:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The proposal of opening such quite and sacred land to the noise of helicopter tours is pretty unfathomable for me. The echos that would cause and discord to native bird species seems like too high of a risk/annoyance to all that use those beautiful trails. Please heavily consider the impact this would cause in fuel/noise and traffic pollution. Thank you for your time and consideration. Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 631 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Viering, Dana

Received: Mar,06 2022 12:42:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear NPS;

There are thousands of places where it would be fine to have helicopter tours. Just NOT Haleakala! It would unnecessarily mean disrupting the balance of nature for no other reason but money and greed. It's quiet, peaceful and as such sacred up on the mountain top. People can get into vans and take a tour. What birds are left now would quickly vanish. Pleases do not allow helicopters to fly over the mountain. It's simply not a good idea.

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Correspondence ID: 632 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Marler, Mona

Received: Mar,06 2022 12:44:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am opposed to any plan that allows helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala. This is a sacred place, and one of the quietest places in the world. This just benefits the tourist industry and not the people.

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Correspondence ID: 633 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ducheneau, Michael D

Received: Mar,06 2022 12:46:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The floor of Haleakala Crater is one of the most quiet and spiritually significant places on earth. I believe there should be no helicopter traffic flying low enough to be heard.

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Correspondence ID: 634 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ahlbrecht, Ruth

Received: Mar,06 2022 12:51:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, no helicopter tours over Haleakala!

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Correspondence ID: 635 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: foote, william

Received: Mar,06 2022 12:52:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: helicopters have to stop.. they need to be regulated..

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Correspondence ID: 636 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Martinez, Andres F

Received: Mar,06 2022 12:53:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a Maui resident I feel that we should try to keep haleakala natinal park and crater free of visual and auditive contaminación as much as possible . Allowing helicopter tours to go above the crater would ruin the beautifull peace that the crater has. It's already maxed out with bus tours at sunset and sunrise and downhill bike tours. C

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Correspondence ID: 637 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Davis, Paul A

Received: Mar,06 2022 12:59:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This comment is regarding plans to allow helicopter tours inside the Crater at Haleakalā National Park.

This is a BAD idea, and will ruin the essence of the area the Park was created to protect. Haleakalā is often called "the quietest place on Earth". Whether that is truly the case, the stillness in the Crater and the vast, open wilderness are reasons people visit the Park. The once-endangered species that call Haleakala home will suffer setbacks if flights are allowed as close as 500 feet from the ground. I live near Iao Valley on Maui, and the helicopters that fly over (above 500 feet) definitely disturb our day. I cannot imagine the effect of thousands of flights a year on the nesting 'ua'u or the nēnē.

These flights, in whatever iteration you are proposing, are not necessary. There is already access to the Crater via a well-maintained road. The rim and views are Accessible, and there is a trail for those that want to experience the Crater away from the parking lot and crowds. For the truly adventurous, there are the cabins and campgrounds accessible by all the back country trails. My family is one of the many groups that wait and plan six months in advance for a chance to stay in one of the three cabins in the Crater. The best part of these treks, aside from the beauty of the Crater, is the feeling of solitude and stillness, possibly interrupted by other like-minded hikers. We do not want to wait six months to trudge down to a cabin, just to have that stillness shattered by some hovering helicopter filled with tourists who bought a ticket that afternoon. We made these treks as visitors before moving to Maui, and this would have been my sentiments even as a tourist myself.

It is hard to get away from the racket of the modern world, especially living in a tourist destination. This is the last place here where one doesn't hear the constant noise of planes, helicopters or drones. There is no reason to permit helicopter flights into Haleakalā, other than to rake in cash. In considering these flights, you must ask what it is you are really preserving.

NO FLIGHTS, period. Thank you for your time. -Paul Davis, Wailuku, Maui

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Correspondence ID: 638 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Paterson, Michael

Received: Mar,06 2022 13:03:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No more helicopters! In fact, close them ALL down. We have had ENOUGH of the noise pollution and the invasive perving on private land, that's TRESPASS! Where are my rights? Who says they can take pictures of my land? Get rid of these NUISANCE helicopters disturbing the peace. We live here for the peace and quiet and that needs to be maintained!

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Correspondence ID: 639 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Shippen, April

Received: Mar,06 2022 13:06:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello, I am against this project. The result of this idea would cause more harm then good. The noise pollution alone would cause environmental stress to the plant and animal species who live in and around the crater.

Please rethink this project. If you have any respect and love for the aina, you will realize that this is a harmful idea.

Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 640 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ran, Cat

Received: Mar,06 2022 13:12:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am not sure what makes people think they can examine beautiful, isolated and natural spots by flying intrusive vehicles into and over them.

It is a violation of the essence of these sacred places.

Easy access to remote areas does \*not\* promote study or understanding. In fact it is counterproductive; it tricks people into thinking (from an armchair) that there is nothing particularly special about such a place. Anybody with money to buy a ticket or a computer to watch a video is given what they begin to believe is a comprehensive look.

Let them work to get there, learning slowly as they go, breathing the air and living the experience. Quick fixes are voyeuristic at best and harmful at worst. They are always misleading.

I am most familiar with the annoying sound of drones flying around pristine natural spots, but any kind of quick fix (helicopter ride over a volcano, carried up Mount Everest on the back of someone else, or any other kind of lazy-man's trip) is poisonous to the environment and promotes misunderstanding among the participants. Stop the madness.

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Correspondence ID: 641 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Tekula, Sara

Received: Mar,06 2022 13:21:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter tours are extremely disturbing to the endemic, endangered wildlife on the summit of Haleakalā, as well as to native Hawaiian cultural practices that are critical om this very sacred place. Please say NO to all air tours over the park!

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Correspondence ID: 642 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: caillarec, christopher f

Received:

Mar,06 2022 13:22:30

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: First of all let me commend NPS Haleakela for eliminating the many guided horseback tours ever-present inside the crater for many years. I witnessed a lot of trail damage that created a danger for hikers as well as signage damage, horse droppings, etc. Walking there is now a far better experience.

As to the subject of helicopter tours I see this is a mandated study and careful consideration should be given to the responders.

As a resident of Kula my property is subjected to overflights fairly often. I can say without hesitation that in every case it is annoying.

My opinion is that the number of commercial copter tours should at least be capped at last years figure and not increased, allowances for emergency or park support efforts notwithstanding. also, the route should be over NPS lands as much as possible perhaps via Nuu area that is sparsely populated.

Q: Are air tours considered a concession at the park?

A: Air tours are not an NPS concession or park-sponsored activity since they do not take off or land in the park. Commercial air tours are provided by nonaffiliated operators.

Begs the question : Why isn't the park service not benefiting more from these commercial operators?

Q: What are the impacts of air tours?

A: Impacts to Park resources will be analyzed for each alternative in the Environmental Assessment. The Park has identified the following potential negative impacts of air tours on Park resources and visitor experience, including:

- Soundscapes (e.g., noise or noise pollution)
- Native wildlife, including federally listed species
- Cultural Resources including sacred landscapes and Traditional Cultural Properties
- Wilderness
- Visitor experience

The alternatives will be used to determine which option to use that has the least impact to Park resources and visitors and best accomplishes the purpose of the ATMP.

Very important considerations. Helicopters, by their very nature , are UN eco-friendly and commercial tours for the enjoyment of visitors and residents alike should be limited.

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Correspondence ID: 643 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Matt

Received: Mar,06 2022 13:24:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No! I'm total opposition to any helicopter tours. Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala. Are there any sacred places that we can keep peaceful and quiet?

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Correspondence ID: 644 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rosse, Lauren H

Received: Mar,06 2022 13:25:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over HaleAkaLa. It is a rare quiet natural undisturbed soundscape and considered on of the most quietest places in the world. Helicopter tours would destroy the sacred quality of peace of the crater. The sounds of the helicopters would destroy and disturb the peace . The Helicopter tours make plenty money already. This is not needed. Please. Please. No Helicopter tours. If I must choose one of the following as they propose three options -

1) allow up to 25k helicopter tours a year, Flying as low as 500 feet above ground level.

2) no helicopter tours Flying below 5000 feet above ground level, or

3) allow limited tours on one flight path.

then absolute NO TO #1.

#2 is the most reasonable but combined with #3, but NONE OF THE OPTIONS LISTED ARE VERY GOOD; WOULD BE BEST TO LEAVE THAT AREA ALONE. They must follow only one flight path no matter what and they should not be there at all. They will destroy the deep peace which is a priceless part of the experience of Haleakala. Please keep the peace in the crater. It is the House of the Sun. How would you like it if helicopters buzzed your house?

Sincerely,

Malama Haleakala, There is no other place like it in the world.

Lauren Rosse

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Correspondence ID:	645	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Correspondence: <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/DownloadFile/446569>

please protect the soundscape of Haleakala and do not allow helicopter tours.

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Correspondence ID:	646	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Boeker, Stephan W
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 13:43:21
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Correspondence: I strongly oppose ANY helicopter tours being allowed over Haleakala National Park. The park is one of the last places that doesn't have its peace destroyed by the loud and obnoxious tour helicopters (although, they fly by Kaupo Gap all the time and destroy the quiet solitude).

Please DO NOT allow commercialism to take the last quiet spots on Earth hostage, further raping and plundering for the mighty dollar.

Super annoyed that this is even being considered.

Stephan

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Correspondence ID:	647	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Holmes, Shelby
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 13:45:28
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I would love to keep Haleakala as quiet and serene as it is! Allowing helicopters over would disrupt the reasons why I love Haleakala so much.

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Correspondence ID:	648	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Gagon, Roger D
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 13:49:09
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Absolutely zero helicopter tours inside the perimeter of the crater! They are already a terrible and invasive nuisance when they approach the park borders as it is. The noise from the helicopters is dramatically amplified as the machinery echoes off the mountain slopes and vertical crater walls.

Just hike the Napali coast on Kauai and you might never return due to the helicopters hovering over what should be a tranquil swim in the stream. Or nature walk. It is one tour helicopter after another over what should be pristine and protected. Especially true for Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 649 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Smith, Roxana J

Received: Mar,06 2022 13:55:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My personal choice out of the 3 is number 3, to limit tours on a designated flight path.

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Correspondence ID: 650 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Smith, Roxana J

Received: Mar,06 2022 13:55:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My personal choice out of the 3 is number 3, to limit tours on a designated flight path.

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Correspondence ID: 651 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,06 2022 13:57:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter tours over Haleakalā would be terribly disruptive to an area that's regarded as one of the quietest places on earth. Not only that, it would be disruptive to the native people who regard the area as sacred. It would affect the wildlife that calls that area home. I vote NO on Helicopter tours over Haleakalā.

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Correspondence ID: 652 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hewahewa, David K

Received: Mar,06 2022 13:58:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I say no helicopters period in Haleakala national park.

Its ment to stay quiet and as natural as possible.

For humans and animals alike.

There's a lot of noise outside of the park.

Let's keep it that way.

When I was a young man I was able to experience this.

I cannot now,but that doesn't mean my descendents can't.

Please no Helicopters in Haleakala

David Kaawa Hewahewa

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Correspondence ID: 653 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kohl, Mille B

Received: Mar,06 2022 13:58:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours over Haleakala. Virtual tours are a much better solution

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Correspondence ID: 654 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kharb, Neenel

Received: Mar,06 2022 14:00:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to voice that allowing helicopters to enter a sacred space of silence and pristine beauty is unacceptable. I trust that there are other ways for the park to make money. This is a historically sacred space that many visit to experience healing and connection. One of the aspects that makes this place sacred is it's silence. Allowing helicopters will destroy this and continue the cycle of exploitation and greed.

Please take a moment to reconsider the idea of allowing helicopters in. You and I both know it's for the wealthy tourists not in benefit of the local people or the ones that are truly coming to the sacred house of the son Haleakala to recharge and connect.

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Correspondence ID: 655 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Adler, Bard

Received: Mar,06 2022 14:00:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: None. Don't allow!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 656 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Adler, Bard

Received: Mar,06 2022 14:00:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: None. Don't allow!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 657 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hillman, Lori

Received: Mar,06 2022 14:03:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow increased helicopter traffic over this sacred space(my vote is for none below 5000 feet). As a former Maui resident and frequent visitor, I can tell you that the quietude of this beautiful natural environment is a key contributor to the enjoyment of all who use the park. To fill the park's vast open skies with noise and clutter would greatly detract from the experience of the park for both locals and tourists. Mahalo for your consideration!

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Correspondence ID: 658 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Castles, Wardell

Received: Mar,06 2022 14:10:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do NOT allow helicopter tours over Haleakala on Maui.

This is a sacred place. There is NO benefit to the general public.

Thank you



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Correspondence ID: 659 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Woodford, Lucas  
Received: Mar,06 2022 14:16:39  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been hiking and camping in Haleakala Crater for my entire life, and one of the best and most important parts is the silence. Allowing helicopters anywhere within earshot of the Crater will diminish the peace and tranquility of the wilderness therein. I highly encourage the plan to ban all aircraft from overflying the park. The helicopters already are loud when circling the rim, and I think that should stop too. Haleakala is one of the quietest places on earth and that needs to be respected.

Please do not allow aircraft to fly anywhere near the crater, ever.

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Correspondence ID: 660 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Baz, Chris  
Received: Mar,06 2022 14:34:59  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I request with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is Unique AMF precious and one of its most special qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space.

I remember when helicopters were allowed years ago and it profoundly disturbed the deep quiet of the crater and they were fairly high up. I think even 5000 ft is still too close. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

please do not allow this commercial desecration to very heart and spiritual center

Mahalo anf malama pono

Chris Baz

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Correspondence ID: 661 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Y, C  
Received: Mar,06 2022 14:35:20  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly oppose allowing helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park. Helicopters would disrupt the fragile native ecosystem. Haleakala is also a SACRED Native Hawaiian ground and helicopters would be disrespectful to this hallowed area.

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Correspondence ID: 662 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: FEDEROFF, ELLEN  
Received: Mar,06 2022 14:40:25  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : Plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Thank you and Aloha Wale

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Correspondence ID: 663 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Helgeland, Angela  
Received: Mar,06 2022 14:40:49  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please protect Haleakala and it's inhabitants - do not allow helicopter tours flying below 5000 feet above ground level. Mahalo!

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Correspondence ID: 664 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,06 2022 14:43:39  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours. One of the most magnificent and beautiful things about the crater is the ability to experience the incredible silence that's available - like almost no other place on earth. Allowing helicopter tours will completely change the nature of the experience. I would also argue that people having an experience of the beauty of the crater along with the silence will do far more good for the world than helicopter tours. Helicopter tours reinforce our separation from nature and this is the consciousness that contributes to the increasing destruction of our planet. Thanks for hearing me and considering this point of view.

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Correspondence ID: 665 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Coggins, Sonnet K  
Received: Mar,06 2022 14:50:28  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I am strongly, adamantly, ethically opposed to helicopter tours over Haleakala. As stewards of the earth, of land, and out of respect to sacred places, we must all prioritize what is right and just over exploitative and extractive industries. It astonishes me that such a thing is even under consideration. Every opportunity to stand for conservation, wildness and wilderness, and to protect increasingly rare remote and untouched, unexploited places is one we must ALL take.

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Correspondence ID: 666 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Baz, Diane  
Received: Mar,06 2022 14:54:28  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow the flying of tour helicopters into the Crater. For many Hawaiian residents, the crater is a sacred place of retreat, a place to experience profound peace. Obviously something as loud and invasive as this proposed activity would destroy this. In addition. It would be very disruptive to the quiet residential life we experience in Kula. It's a terrible idea for the residents of this state, and it would be a particularly welcome gesture for the people considering this to please act in the interests of the taxpayers of the state of Hawaii and not the tourists. Preserve the dignity and sanctity of our island please. Thank you..

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Correspondence ID: 667 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Reichenberg, Judyth  
Received: Mar,06 2022 15:00:41  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakalah is one of the most sacred and special places in the US and the world. It is a mistake to allow helicopters to tour over it. Would never be the same. Please discard the idea.

Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	668	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Bear, Nicole
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 15:02:48
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Helicopter tours of Haleakala should not be allowed. This is one of the last peaceful places where one can admire the beauty of the natural world. It is peaceful and serene, and helicopters flying over would ruin that experience.

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Correspondence ID:	669	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Rains, Arika
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 15:06:54
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

There is already a telescope no Hawai'ians wanted, and now you want to have helicopters too. The audacity. This is a sacred place and this desecration is devastating. I can't believe you think this will be better than the current program. We are trying to limit the tourists up there. The nenes will be scared and pushed out of their habitat. Helicopters are bad for the environment and animals.

re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Arika Rains

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Correspondence ID:	670	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Powlan, Franklin J
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 15:20:19
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern

Please do not allow helicopter flights below 5,000 feet anywhere on the island of Maui.

Also having helicopters fly on one path would be OK as long as it is not over a residential area.

Right now there are multiple low flying helicopters buzzing my house and lanai /deck every day. They come off the water at the Kihei boat ramp and aim directly at my house as it sits on a rise and stands out from other homes.

It is more than annoying noise and privacy wise.

Sincerely,

Franklin Powlan

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Correspondence ID:	671	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: Aitchison, Robert  
Received: Mar,06 2022 15:24:43  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't allow the peace and solitude of Haleakala to be polluted with helicopters. We moved Upcountry Haiku to enjoy the pace and quiet of country living and now the flight path of incoming aircraft disrupts both day and night. It would be terrible to allow helicopters to fly over the crater - one of the most profoundly silent places on this earth. Visitors already have negatively impacted the beauty and ecology of this special place - ironically destroying the very things that drew people here to begin with. Money can't replace what will be lost by allowing helicopter tours over the crater.

Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 672 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Martin, Deek  
Received: Mar,06 2022 15:28:43  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No helicopter tours, thank you

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Correspondence ID: 673 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,06 2022 15:33:26  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Why is the park thinking about allowing helicopter tours go across the crater? As a former Maui resident, I had to deal with helicopters flying over my house on a daily basis and it was more than annoying. The crater is unique in that it is one of the quietest places on Earth. Why would you want to take away that unique feature for helicopter tours? No helicopters over Haleakalā crater!

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Correspondence ID: 674 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,J  
Received: Mar,06 2022 15:37:45  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I do not support any air traffic over Haleakala National Park. The mountain is a sacred place and allowing air traffic over it for the use of commercial tours may be disrespectful and culturally exploitative to the native community who have been fighting for self determination ever since the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom. There are also environmental considerations. Emissions from aircraft could damage the incredibly delicate ecosystem on the mountain. The noise pollution from aircraft would disturb the tens of thousands of visitors on the ground who may have traveled thousands of miles to see the mountain and its magnificence, which is one of the quietest natural places on the planet. Haleakala is a unique and special place that should be preserved and not prostituted out the highest bidder.

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Correspondence ID: 675 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Oskay, Billy  
Received: Mar,06 2022 15:40:37  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Haleakala is one of the most pristine places on earth. I oppose any helicopter operations in or around the mountain.

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Correspondence ID: 676 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,06 2022 15:42:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No helicopters

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Correspondence ID: 677 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Woods, Jazlynn L  
Received: Mar,06 2022 15:44:27  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: None, nada, zero helicopters over a sacred sight. Sacred mountain. Slap in the face to Hawaiians & all who respect the sins & native culture

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Correspondence ID: 678 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Nicholson, Heather  
Received: Mar,06 2022 15:45:08  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Absolutely No to helicopters flying over Haleakala. What a devastating tragic concept. Please end this matter immediately. No flyovers.  
  
Sincerely,  
Heather Nicholson

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Correspondence ID: 679 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Aiona, Rose  
Received: Mar,06 2022 15:46:02  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: PLEASE, No helicopters over this sacred place.

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Correspondence ID: 680 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,06 2022 15:47:07  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I urge you to ban helicopter tours to fly over the Haleakala crater and park lands. This is one of the last remaining places in the United States with near absolute quiet. It is like no other place on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence everyone can experience while hiking through or simply sitting in this space. Noise pollution is rampant and encroaching on many national parks. Please protect this endangered place, especially since there is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk into the crater to enjoy the unique landscape and vast sky.  
  
Thank you,  
Y.S. Kunst  
Maui resident

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Correspondence ID: 681 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Brattain, William

Received: Mar,06 2022 15:58:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative 2 - no flights over Haleakala.

Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 682 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Dazzi, Cynthia

Received: Mar,06 2022 16:07:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

My experience of Haleakala was one of profound sacred beauty and silence.

Please do not allow any helicopters to fly over this park.

Already on Kauai we have to listen to these beasts up and down the Na Pali - or when hiking in the canyon - We have to endure the intrusion and noise at the very heart of the island, Mt Waialeale - do not do that on Maui. Leave some space silent and free from assault by air.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion,  
Cynthia Dazzi

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Correspondence ID: 683 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,06 2022 16:13:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha, I am asking you to please not allow helicopter tours of any kind in or above Haleakalā Crater. I was born and raised on Maui and learned to cherish the solitude and quietness of Haleakalā Crater at a young age. It's beauty, stillness, and quietness is unparalleled on Maui. To this day I go to Haleakalā Crater for solitude and peace, and I am not the only one. Many Maui locals and other visitors cherish the stillness and quiet of the Crater. Please do not allow helicopters to destroy this solitude.

I sincerely ask you to not allow any sort of helicopter activity in Haleakalā National Park.

Thank you very much,  
Rachael

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Correspondence ID: 684 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Glashoff, Jan

Received: Mar,06 2022 16:14:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha

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Correspondence ID: 685 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cameron, Frances E  
Received: Mar,06 2022 16:19:29  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There are so few places on earth which are as serene and quiet as Haleakala, especially when hiking into the crater. Helicopters, even at a higher elevation, are so incredibly disruptive. I am old enough to remember when helicopters flew at low elevations over the crater itself. In a place so peaceful, the thumping was horrendous.

Preserve the serenity of the entirety of the Haleakala National Park and biological boundary by prohibiting commercial air traffic and ban commercial helicopters from flying over.

I favor option #2 in the ATMP

Mahalo,  
Frances

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Correspondence ID: 686 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Riggs, Jill  
Received: Mar,06 2022 16:22:42  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, our 'ohana implores you to not give in to the tourist madness. Haleakalā holds a special place in our hearts, simply put - it's our happy place. One of the many reasons is the absence of annoying first world noises. We love to hear the 'ua'u birds, pueos, nene, chuckers, and simply nothing at times. Helicopter tours would overwhelm these natural sounds and could prove to be a noise nuisance to our native animals and land. Giving in to offer helicopter tours would be very un-Hawaiian and disrespectful to the locals who enjoy this sacred place for what it is - majestic, natural, and spiritual. This would go against our culture and Pele would ensure the failure of these helicopter tours.

Please DO NOT do this to our land.

Mahalo for listening,  
Riggs 'Ohana

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Correspondence ID: 687 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Dier, Joseph  
Received: Mar,06 2022 16:24:53  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: What makes Haleakala and really anything upcountry what it is, is that it is QUIET. And also at night it is dark, but that is already protected. Please do not allow helicopter tours in the national park. It would be SO LOUD EVERYWHERE up there, especially in the crater.

Inside the crater, if you have been, is a holy place. I call it "church" because it is a greater cathedral than any made by man. Please do not ruin this with noise pollution.

The dark skies are protected and light pollution is not allowed. The quiet should remain protected. Thank you!

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Correspondence ID: 688 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Bogorad, Barbara J  
Received: Mar,06 2022 16:25:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form



Correspondence: On March 3rd I celebrated 47 years on Maui.  
After sailing around the word I settled on Maui because of its cleanliness and peaceful beauty.  
It's been sad to watch the development over taking the beauty.  
Please respect and not offend those who acknowledge the sacredness of Haleakala Crater.  
We don't need to ruin everything. Do we?  
With hope, B. Bogorad

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Correspondence ID:	689	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bogorad, Barbara J			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 16:25:56			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: On March 3rd I celebrated 47 years on Maui.  
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Please respect and not offend those who acknowledge the sacredness of Haleakala Crater.  
We don't need to ruin everything. Do we?  
With hope, B. Bogorad

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Correspondence ID:	690	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Loomis, Paula W			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 16:26:37			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha, thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this important question.  
Please do not allow any air tours over Haleakala. How can this possibly be considered??

I have hiked into and camped in the crater twice and both times were disturbed by helicopters flying along the rim.

Someone needs to explain to me why it is necessary to allow the peace and tranquility of all living things in the area to be destroyed by air traffic; so that tourists can look down upon that beauty with no regard for the impact it is causing.

Does anyone honestly think that the decibels and vibrations of over-flying aircraft does no harm to the happy face spiders among the rocks? The Nene flying and foraging in their home?

A scientist, with boots on the ground inside Haleakala Crater, called it "the quietest place on earth", according to an article in a past issue of the National Geographic Magazine.

You are in a position to protect that. Enough damage has been done to our unique resources in the name of business and tourism. Don't buy it. Stand with the Nene and the happy spider. Stand with us.

Mahalo,  
Paula Loomis  
Kamaaina

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Correspondence ID:	691	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Wing, Melinda			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 16:39:06			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please - no helicopters over the quietest place on earth! Why on earth would you allow them?

Correspondence ID:	692	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Paul, Julie		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 16:45:26		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	With regards to helicopter tours, I respectfully request no helicopter tours so MAUI can provide a unique opportunity to have a noise free, open nature experience that retains the nature beauty as well as respect for the island. I don't think we should be commercializing all the best of the island. Look at the true cost..we loose the uniqueness and the sacred. Aloha.		
Correspondence ID:	693	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Sheehan, Jenny		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 16:49:12		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	The Haleakalā Crater is such a special and pristine place. Please do NOT allow helicopters to fly inside or near this amazing place of quiet and serenity. I try to stay at the cabins at least once a year and savor the experience of the bird songs. No Helicopter or drones!!!!!!		
Correspondence ID:	694	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	shufeldt, Gayle		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 16:52:09		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	This would ruin Haleakala Crater! Please do not allow! The noise would ruin the quietest place on the planet		
Correspondence ID:	695	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Whittington, Catherine M		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 16:53:54		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopter tours over Haleakala!!!		
Correspondence ID:	696	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Oaks, Jessie		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 17:03:13		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow the use of helicopters to fly over this sacred place. I am a resident of maui and I ver y much do not agree with the exploitation of Haleakala for tourism. Please reconsider		
Correspondence ID:	697	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Dodez, Kelsey		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 17:12:10		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	NO HELICOPTER TOURS OVER HALEAKALĀ OR MAUNA KEA OR ANY OF HAWAII'S SACRED MOUNTAINS !!!! Haleakalā is one of the quietest places on Earth.		

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Correspondence ID: 698 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Rummel, Steve S  
Received: Mar,06 2022 17:17:59  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: HALEAKALA NATIONAL PARK -- There is a discussion about parameters for flying helicopter tours over the park, including the crater itself. Most desirable is NO FLIGHTS over any part of the park. But if flights are to be permitted (why?) they should be in parts of the park where they can not be heard by anyone hiking in the crater. Helicopter business profits should NOT take priority. As for those who ride the helicopter, why should a &quot;quick and easy&quot; view of the crater take priority over the experience of those who make the effort to hike down the crater to experience the quiet and solitude found only in the crater itself (not a &quot;quickie&quot; flight over it)?

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Correspondence ID: 699 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,06 2022 17:19:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider all points of view on whether or not to allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala National Park. Humans are inundated with noise 24/7 in modern life. Most people won't even realize there is an alternative. They won't realize the importance of silence. Perhaps you are even one of these people. We need places on this Earth where we can go and experience beauty, nature, and silence. I wonder if it would be helpful for you to visit the park in person and see for yourself before you make any decisions!

There is a place for technology and machinery in our lives, just as there is a place for nature. I think we have gone out of balance. I know there are so many different perspectives on how to live life. Probably no single one is 100% correct. We have to consider why all those different perspectives are there. Even if your perspective is to allow helicopters, consider... deeply consider why other people feel differently. Consider, even, if you are truly happy. If not, what might you be missing? Maybe the silence and beauty of nature.

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Correspondence ID: 700 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Ridle, Laurie  
Received: Mar,06 2022 17:20:37  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: &quot;re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Thank you and Aloha Wale&quot;  
statement by Paul Carter, I agree with him. Laurie R.

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Correspondence ID: 701 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Pray, Charlotte E  
Received: Mar,06 2022 17:23:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I find the helicopters over Haleakala national park to be incredibly destructive to the habitat for rare species, quiet space, and experience of hikers & onlookers. There are many other beautiful views that

the helicopter tours can and do frequently visit, and the views the HNP provides can easily be accessed through other means accessible to almost anyone- driving, walking, & hiking. For these reasons I support all helicopter tours being banned from Haleakala National Park indefinitely.

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Correspondence ID: 702 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Oliva, Debrah A

Received: Mar,06 2022 17:25:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hi, I'm a long time Hawaii resident who moved to the mainland because of housing costs. One of Haleakala's attractions is it's deep silence, especially in the middle of the crater (aka devastation valley). It was once rated as one of the quietest places on earth. The only things we could hear were the call's of the ua'u (petrels) who lived in the crater walls. Your helicopters would harm them as well as our chance to escape back into nature. Who really benefits from your helicopter tours? Are their needs more important than ours? Is their profit line more important than the endangered birds and our peace? Please keep Haleakala wild and silent.

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Correspondence ID: 703 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Androes, Jennifer

Received: Mar,06 2022 17:36:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly oppose ALL helicopter tours being allowed over Haleakala National Park. The park is one of the last places that doesn't have its peace destroyed by the loud and obnoxious tour helicopters.

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Correspondence ID: 704 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bowman, Terri

Received: Mar,06 2022 17:37:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't allow the Helicopter Businesses to ruin such a wonderful experience. Maui needs to protect its sacred land from any further Tourism destruction just to earn a buck. Don't do it! Just don't!

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Correspondence ID: 705 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kinzle, Michele C

Received: Mar,06 2022 17:45:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: House of the Sun, Haleakala, is sacred to Hawaiian people, precious to residents and a source of income from tourists. If you think helicopters will increase that revenue, you are tragically mistaken and short sighted. If helicopters are chopping up the air, the silent drama and mystery of The Crater will be shattered. Be sensible and logical. Use your heads & anticipate liability and potential for accident and death. Use your hearts and prevent insult to the history and magnificence of HaleAkala. It MUST be protected and cherished.

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Correspondence ID: 706 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bailey, Stephanie

Received: Mar,06 2022 17:50:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I understand that the possibility of helicopter tours of Haleakalā is being bandied about. This would be tragic! The sublime grandeur of Haleakalā is unmatched anywhere in the world. The quietest place on

the planet is the place for spiritual tranquility, a place where one can feel the earth speak. It is approachable by foot and motorcar. Haleakalā's power lies in its peace, and I beg that this peace remain free of any helicopter tours invasion. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID:	707	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 17:52:17
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over the Haleakala National Park and crater at any altitude nor over the part the park in Kipahulu and Nu'u. These are sacred places. Among the very limited places left where one can bath in silence and nature. The sound from the tours cannot be mitigated. The noise is disruptive to the enjoyment of these rare spaces. The noise is disruptive to the birds that have limited habitat nearby.

The helicopter companies have to reroute frequently due to weather already so they have proven that there are alternatives. And, on the days when weather is clear is it it's IN the park should be able to get the complete experience without an assault of there senses, without noise.

Should there ever be a flight accident the damage would be catastrophic.

End helicopter tours of Haleakala Crater and the Haleakala National Park lands. Leave these treasures for introspective, respectful visits by National Park visitors and cultural practitioners.

Make the responsible decision, please.

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Correspondence ID:	708	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Townsend, Sarah R
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 17:52:46
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please preserve the cultural heritage and natural resources to the maximum possible by selecting Alternative 2 to prohibit air tours within the ATMP planning area.

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Correspondence ID:	709	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	, April
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 17:54:37
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I think that we should NOT have any helicopter tours on top of or near Haleakala, seems very invasive and disrespectful to the land itself and those wanting to enjoy the beauty and peace. Would take away from its blissfulness and sacredness. Let's keep maui in some ways it used to be, not everything is meant to be exploited & profited. The greed has already been abused and taken away.

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Correspondence ID:	710	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Kuo, Ming
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 17:55:19
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Correspondence: I write to endorse the second option: no helicopter tours over Haleakala. While I'm sure the few that can afford a helicopter tour would find it thrilling, the overall effect on visitor experience, for the vast majority of visitors, will be greatly diminished. Not to mention the impacts on other species in an already fragile and rare ecosystem.

Correspondence ID:	711	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Cramer, Heidi		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 17:56:29		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please vote NO helicopter tours over Haleakala State Park. We need less accommodation of tourism, not more! We will kill the intrinsic integrity of our island by being utterly overrun by more tourists.		
Correspondence ID:	712	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Medeiros, Colleen		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 18:04:15		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I have visited Haleakala to hike and camp and enjoy the quiet solitude of its wilderness for 30 years now. As a native Hawaiian, this is where I go to reconnect with my culture at its most elemental roots, it's wilderness. I now take my children here so they can experience the quiet solitude that is the wilderness. To preserve the wilderness aspects of this area and to preserve the quiet solitude that Hawaiians and other people visiting the park enjoy and a main reason they go there, I think there should be NO helicopter tours allowed over Haleakala and a buffer should be established so that one cannot hear helicopters at all while visiting the park, or hiking or camping anywhere in the park.		
Mahalo, Colleen Pilialoha Medeiros			
Correspondence ID:	713	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Buck, Jennifer M		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 18:05:24		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopter tours over Haleakala.		
Correspondence ID:	714	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Souders, Laurie		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 18:16:33		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopters near Haleakala National Park. Inappropriate and just wrong. This property was Haleaka Ranch where famous writers traversed with the Von Tempski's. The House of the Sun should be left as is.		
Correspondence ID:	715	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Smith, Bryan		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 18:18:34		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No tours under 5000 feet and preferably no tours at all over the Crater. Do not allow further desecration of this sacred space		
Correspondence ID:	716	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Ruff, Bonnie		

Received: Mar,06 2022 18:24:49  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do

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Correspondence ID: 717 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Erb, Ronald E

Received: Mar,06 2022 18:25:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Option 2 - no helicopter flights

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Correspondence ID: 718 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ruff, Bonnie

Received: Mar,06 2022 18:28:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please.do.not.allow.helicopter.tours.over.Haleakala.To.me.it.is.a.sacred.place.and.a.place.for.meditation.and.spiritual.observation.and.renewal.Thank.you.

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Correspondence ID: 719 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: horcajo, robert l

Received: Mar,06 2022 18:33:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: my recommendation is that "NO" helicopters tours be allowed over Haleakala Crater. There are alternative options for visitors to enjoy the crater. Mahalo!

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Correspondence ID: 720 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Beitler, Laurie

Received: Mar,06 2022 18:39:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please please please no helicopter tours over Haleakala.

This is a most sacred place, where silence is cherished

Please don't let commercial operators ruin it

It is only about someone making money

There is enough helicopters already

Why is it always more, more more

Please do what is right and say no to helicopter tours over Haleakala

How can this even be considered??

From , Laurie beitler,

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Correspondence ID: 721 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Beitler, Laurie

Received: Mar,06 2022 18:39:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please please please no helicopter tours over Haleakala.

This is a most sacred place, where silence is cherished

Please don't let commercial operators ruin it



It is only about someone making money  
There is enough helicopters already  
Why is it always more, more more  
Please do what is right and say no to helicopter tours over Haleakala  
How can this even be considered??  
From , Laurie beitler,

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Correspondence ID: 722 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,06 2022 18:39:31  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There should absolutely be no helicopter flights in the Crater nor over the Crater just as it's always been. Anybody who's ever hiked in their knows that helicopters would absolutely destroy the serenity, peacefulness and overall enjoyment of this sacred environment. I cannot envision in anyway helicopters being agreeable with anybody who cares about Haleakala. Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 723 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Guarin, John  
Received: Mar,06 2022 18:39:41  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Option 2:  
No Helicopter tours nor audible helicopter noise  
Please protect the silence of this special place.

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Correspondence ID: 724 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Leslie, Knoles E  
Received: Mar,06 2022 18:41:09  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't have hrlipoctors over haleakala

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Correspondence ID: 725 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Bertilsson, Petra  
Received: Mar,06 2022 18:42:48  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Tour helicopters are a threat to wildlife. And to the mission of a national park. And to humans that are interested in nature, wildlife and silence. For profit operation should be banned from the park

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Correspondence ID: 726 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Spring, Gretchen  
Received: Mar,06 2022 18:50:28  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Although written by Paul Carter these are my feelings also. Please, please, please do not allow helicopter tours through any part of Haleakala Crater.  
Mahalo, Gretchen Spring

re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha Wale

Paul Carter

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Correspondence ID:	727	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Resendez, Sydney
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 19:04:44
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Re: helicopter tours above Haleakala.

This is a wildly misguided idea. This sacred sanctuary does not need noise pollution and attendant contaminates transforming a fragile ecosystem, offending visitors and native caretakers alike. We live where helicopters fly tours (Newport, RI) and they are a blight on a serene coastline.

SAY NO TO HELICOPTERS AT THE CRATER!!

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Correspondence ID:	728	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Gustafson, Ayla
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 19:09:42
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly over our mauna- the peace and silence found there is medicine for all.

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Correspondence ID:	729	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Neal, Patricia J
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 19:10:54
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park. The profound silence that one experiences when hiking or just walking around the summit need not be spoiled in order to provide ever more invasive services for tourists. Thousands of people manage to drive up to the summit to see the sights every year, and many enjoy hiking through the crater every day.

Please keep our National Park the way it has ALWAYS BEEN.

Thank you,

Patty Neal

Maui resident sine 1976

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Correspondence ID:	730	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Lewis, Julie A
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 19:19:39
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Correspondence: Aloha, I am sincerely requesting that no Helicopters be flown over peaceful and quiet Haleakala. I have seen more traffic and noise from the excess tourist. If the flight of helicopters are allowed over

Haleakala it would cause even more disruption to the serene and sacred space. Haleakala is an important spiritual and cultural place and should be respected as such. Do not desecrate the sacred space.

There are plenty of beautiful sights to see from the air please don't allow air flight over Haleakala.

Sincerely,

Julie Lewis

Pukalani Maui

808-633-0790

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Correspondence ID:	731	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Montgomery, Christian			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 19:38:55			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Dear NPS Team - it's my understanding that permitted helicopter tours over one or multiple Hawaiian NPS parks is being considered. Please do not allow these tours to take place, in any capacity. The mountain, where land meets sky, is a sacred place because of its uninterrupted space. I have climbed these before and loved the serene experience, and I hope to share that experience with my children - free from harsh, material, and foreign intrusion of an aircraft. Your parks are enough. Please let them be.

Best,

Christian Montgomery

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Correspondence ID:	732	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Giordano, Carrie			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 19:42:25			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow flying over sacred Haleakala national park. Keep the crater and east Maui protected. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID:	733	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Napier, Joy			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 19:42:35			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Option 2- No helicopter tours over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	734	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Morrison, Michael			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 19:44:18			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Resident since 1975. Flyovers we're banned decades ago even BEFORE the overwhelming number of tourists visited Maui. Who's behind this? Just copters and planes I imagine. There have always been plenty of air routes to see Maui from the air. There are no reasons to change the policy put in place for so many valid reasons. Copter pilots live here and I would request a poll of pilots who are and should be against such a change. The pandemic was a huge blow to the pricey air tours of Maui and rest of the islands so the companies should be happy they have business again.

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Correspondence ID:	735	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: Ambrose, Jacqueline Simone S

Received: Mar,06 2022 19:46:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There are so few places left now where you can experience silence. We are bombarded with noises vehicles sirens & more. Please, please leave this beautiful place created by nature, pristine & unpolluted by noise.

Mahalo for all you do.  
Jacqueline

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Correspondence ID: 736 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Smith, Sharon

Received: Mar,06 2022 19:54:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Regarding helicopter tours over Haleakala ...

Please do not allow helicopters over Haleakala crater. Can there be nothing sacred here anymore? Can we have nothing where it is just peaceful and quiet? We are begging you. This is too much. Please don't allow it.

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Correspondence ID: 737 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Mitsumura, Lana

Received: Mar,06 2022 19:57:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I'm born and raised here on Maui, up in kula, and although there are already some flight patterns taking place, Haleakalā is one of the most sacred and profound places that we have here as kama'āina, kanaka, and local residents. We have already suffered over the years due to tourism, do not let this happen to our beautiful Mauna.

I oppose this proposition going into effect. There are multiple places to have helicopter tours, and Haleakalā is not one of them!

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Correspondence ID: 738 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kekaha, Roselani

Received: Mar,06 2022 19:57:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keep Mauna Haleakala quiet!

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Correspondence ID: 739 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hicks, Adam

Received: Mar,06 2022 19:57:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To: all who are even considering this

Re: plans to allow helicopter flights over Haleakalā

The sacred 'Āina of Hawai'i should not be disturbed in this way.  
Please respect this majestic and silent experience for all.

Plenty of ways to respectfully get to this location to experience its power and beauty

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Correspondence ID: 740 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lewis, Stephanie  
Received: Mar,06 2022 20:09:00  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not let helicopters fly over or near Haleakala. Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 741 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Holloway, Jodie  
Received: Mar,06 2022 20:12:16  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Absolutely not! Haleakala is the quietest place on Earth. Please leave it that way! Why take that away? National parks and nature are where people go to unplug from noise and stress. Nature heals! Noise kills!

I believe that it is time to end or severely limit tourist flights over environmentally fragile or sacred locations in the Hawaiian islands and elsewhere in the United States. I know that Hawaii needs tourists but I am far from certain that tourists require helicopters.

Please be considerate of the aina and the residents when making the kinds of tourist access decisions which demand the use of potentially dangerous and environmentally unfriendly equipment.

Mahalo and Aloha,  
Peter

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Correspondence ID:	745	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Rutkowski, Christine			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 20:21:19			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please rethink allowing helicopter flights in the Haleakala crater. 25K flights divided by 365 means 68 flights per day. In the twelve hours of daylight, that means 5-6 flights per hour. That would just be a cacophony, not just disrupting the crater's silence, but also the people living in the flight paths. I hope to visit Maui again, and to hike in the crater when I do, but I will definitely think twice if it turns into a place of constant noise.

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Correspondence ID:	746	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 20:25:39			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please protect this sacred land. DO NOT allow helicopters to disturb the environment up there!!

Thank you!

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Correspondence ID:	747	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Olivieri, Mirelis			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 20:31:07			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha!  
Please don't allow helicopters fly on the sacred crater at Haleakala. This is the most silence place I have ever been, and the most untouched land I have ever seen. Let's show some respect for the land and the native Hawaiians.

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Correspondence ID:	748	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Aquino, Heather			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 20:32:23			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Thank you

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Correspondence ID:	749	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: Greene, Sande  
Received: Mar,06 2022 20:35:18  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, I ask from the bottom of my heart, do not allow helicopter tours in or over Haleakala. The exquisite silence that can be experienced is like no other place on earth. There is no need for helicopter tours, please do not allow the desecration of the quietest place on earth, I ask you, please, no commercial flying in or over the crater.  
Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 750 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Sargent, Christina A  
Received: Mar,06 2022 20:38:44  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No helicopter tours over Halekala!

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Correspondence ID: 751 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Barker, Jennifer L  
Received: Mar,06 2022 20:45:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please no helicopter tours!! Haleakala is one place you can enjoy the silence of open space that is lacking in modern day life.

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Correspondence ID: 752 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Barker, Jennifer L  
Received: Mar,06 2022 20:45:57  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please no helicopter tours!! Haleakala is one place you can enjoy the silence of open space that is lacking in modern day life.

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Correspondence ID: 753 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Debbie, Brown  
Received: Mar,06 2022 20:48:38  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly in around Haleakala and its crater. This is an amazingly peaceful place and have that interrupted by helicopters would be tragic. There are plenty of places the helicopters can fly and Taurus can see the amazing beauty from the sky. Please keep them away from Haleakala. Thank you very much.  
Debbie Brown

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Correspondence ID: 754 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Popenuk, Katharine O  
Received: Mar,06 2022 20:50:58  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I lived on the Island of Maui from 1979 until 2021. I remember helicopters flying in the crater when I first would hike there. Very loud, very disruptive. One of the most extraordinary things about Haleakalā Crater, is the silence. It is unrivaled, utterly unique and would be a tragic mistake to loose.

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Correspondence ID:	755	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Schell, Lisa L
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 20:54:19
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not permit helicopter tours over the sacred Haleakala crater. This is counter to the preservation and conservation ethics of the National Parks system And would be a detriment to the other users seeking a pristine wilderness experience in the park. It also runs counter to Hawaiian values and beliefs and is disrespectful of our Hawaiian people and their heritage. Mahalo. Please be Pono!

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Correspondence ID:	756	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 21:00:20
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Haleakala National Park and Haleakala Crater are sacred spaces and a vortex of sacred energy. No helicopters, drones or other flying devices/vehicles should be allowed to disrupt the silence and special atmosphere that the natural area creates. This place calls to people and enables deep changes of a healing nature to occur within its visitors. This space is easily accessible and it's good if people make a pilgrimage and effort to visit. Please do not make an amusement park kind of energy and demean its sacredness with helicopter tours. Respect this land - No commercial flying over or in the crater!!

I have visited this area and every time I have had profound experiences - I have experienced deep healing of trauma, emotional and physical healing due to the energy, silence and natural beauty of the area. Having drones, helicopters or other machine disruptions would negatively affect the experience for everyone who made the effort to climb, hike and otherwise make their way up and down this extraordinary place. So much of these beautiful islands have been desecrated by one way or another, PLEASE NOT Haleakala National Park!! NOT HALEAKALA CRATER!! Keep and protect this land! Ho'o'pono'pono!

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Correspondence ID:	757	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Lizzi, Christina
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 21:03:24
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I urge the NPS to select Alternative 2 - no helicopter tours. As noted in Alternative 2, Haleakala is home to numerous endangered species found no where else in the world. It is a culturally significant summit, where the silence is essential to Native Hawaiian cultural practices. Alternative 2 is the only acceptable alternative to preserve this fragile ecosystem, including the species that are dependent upon it, and the unique human relationship to this environment. Helicopter tours over the crater or through the park would greatly disrupt the character of this park, for Native Hawaiians and visitors alike.

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Correspondence ID:	758	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	T, K
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 21:04:07
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Alternative 2 - no helicopter tours over Haleakala

Please keep the ability to experience the profound silence of this sacred summit available to humanity and other species.

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Correspondence ID: 759 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bode, Laura

Received: Mar,06 2022 21:04:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please NO helicopter tours flying over Haleakala - not any type of arrangement!  
Just none, zero, leave it natural.

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Correspondence ID: 760 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Chapkis, WL

Received: Mar,06 2022 21:17:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been visiting Maui for decades. I have deep respect for the Hawaiian people and islands. It would be a terrible mistake to allow helicopters to fly over the sacred crater. I have hiked in that beautiful place many times and would be shocked to have that space infringed upon by the sounds of flight over it. Please do not allow this to happen.

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Correspondence ID: 761 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: jay, cyndu r

Received: Mar,06 2022 21:20:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

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Correspondence ID: 762 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Fattore, Laura

Received: Mar,06 2022 21:27:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours above Haleakala. The greatest gift that this national park has to offer is the peacefulness. It has been a sacred space for me for many years. I used to live in Kula and visited the park frequently. It would break my heart if the park was contaminated with noise. Thank you for taking this into consideration

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Correspondence ID: 763 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Baldauf, Erin

Received: Mar,06 2022 21:28:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not give away this one but if preserved space in favor of consumerism. Maui has given enough of herself to tourists. The health and well-being of our residents relies on having safe, unadulterated spaces to escape the business of areas dominated by tourism and consumerism.

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Correspondence ID:	764	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Oddie, Lucrezia J
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 21:31:51
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Aloha.

Haleakala crater is a unique place on this planet that should be protected from noise of helicopters. I have been hiking many times there and had my peace and enjoyment very disturbed by such noise. I urge you to ban helicopter flights anywhere near the crater.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this request.

Lucrezia Oddie,

Avid crater visitor.

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Correspondence ID:	765	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Owens, Tara
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 21:33:31
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Helicopter tours should not be considered in any form. This is one place on Maui, and on earth, that is protected from the imposition of humans. The park, the crater, and surrounding areas are easily accessible to anyone who wants to experience it. There is absolutely no compelling reason to denigrate the peaceful experience of the quietest place on earth with helicopter traffic and noise. Please shelf these plans.

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Correspondence ID:	766	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Owens, Tara
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 21:33:32
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Helicopter tours should not be considered in any form. This is one place on Maui, and on earth, that is protected from the imposition of humans. The park, the crater, and surrounding areas are easily accessible to anyone who wants to experience it. There is absolutely no compelling reason to denigrate the peaceful experience of the quietest place on earth with helicopter traffic and noise. Please shelf these plans.

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Correspondence ID:	767	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	vigneux, clea
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 21:49:18
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I lived in Maui for 23 years and Haleakala is one of the most special places in the world. Allowing helicopter tours would be an unbelievable outrage. Please protect the silence and sacredness of Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	768	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Sullivan, Daniel
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Received:	Mar,06 2022 21:54:20
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please keep Haleakala silent and sacred by not allowing Helicopter tours in the park .

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Correspondence ID: 769 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lawrence, Tiare  
Received: Mar,06 2022 21:58:47  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support having NO helicopter tours over Mauna Haleakalā. The noise affects my native Hawaiian cultural and customary practices.

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Correspondence ID: 770 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hayward, Keyolynn  
Received: Mar,06 2022 22:15:24  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The silence in Haleakala is sacred. Please preserve this profound oasis from traffic and noise pollution.

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Correspondence ID: 771 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Freet, Skylen  
Received: Mar,06 2022 22:17:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Are you serious, have you learned nothing from Mauna Kea, this is sacred ground. No to helicopters.

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Correspondence ID: 772 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Fleming, Molli  
Received: Mar,06 2022 22:24:23  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I want to beg you from the bottom of my heart not to allow helicopters in Haleakalā national Park, particularly up around the crater. The silence there is so unusual and special, people come from all over the world to experience it. Helicopters flying over would destroy some thing that is essential and precious. I understand that it would also be very detrimental to native species.  
Please please don't let this happen!  
With aloha,  
Molli Fleming

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Correspondence ID: 773 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Wade, Ian L  
Received: Mar,06 2022 22:27:19  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative 2, no helicopter tours over the park. This park and mountain are special to me and my family and provide one of the last places in Maui to experience natures true peace and beauty. There are no mitigating circumstances that will allow helicopters to operate in the area without destroying the spirit of this park.

Correspondence ID:	774	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Bridge, Elaine		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 22:29:05		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopters below 5,000 feet. When in nature we should be able to experience the natural sounds. Please do not ruin this serene environment for the sake of money and tourism. Thank you		

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Correspondence ID:	775	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Wood, Geoffrey		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 22:32:42		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	My wife and I strongly favor Alternative 2, no flights below 5,000' AGL. I was a pilot and am an active Haleakala hiker (6 combined crater hikes since Nov 1, 2021), and also hike/cycle Skyline Trail (until recent Kona storm.)		
The single biggest disappointment in going into the crater is helicopter noise pollution, most noticeable on Sliding Sands with rotor-wing A/C flying just off the crater rim. It is not an extended noise event like we sometimes have descending to Poli-Poli over on Skyline Trail, but nevertheless it completely disrupts the experience and pleasure of visiting the park.			
Thank you for your planning and thoughtful approaches to considering this input.			
Mahalo, Geoffrey and Clara Wood (Lifetime Park Pass Holders.)			

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Correspondence ID:	776	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Ivanovich, Mugs		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 22:34:00		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park		
Please no helicopter tours over Haleakala. There are enough tours around the island, we don't need anymore hovering over the heart of our mountain.			

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Correspondence ID:	777	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Levien, Brooke		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 22:36:38		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please preserve the peace and keep Haleakala National Park a no fly zone. There is no reason to allow ANY helicopters for tour purposes. Save the land and stop monetizing every inch of this special island!		

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Correspondence ID:	778	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Ansari, Salma		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 22:37:30		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I feel that no helicopter tours over Haleakalā is best for the people, flora and fauna of Maui. The noise that comes with helicopters is awful and will ruin any peace felt in nature.		

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Correspondence ID:	779	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
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Name: Knobel, Lauren  
Received: Mar,06 2022 22:39:36  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NO NO and NO: the noise from helicopters over the crater floor is a huge detraction from the serene , singular privacy of silence that approaches spiritual when you are amidst mighty Haleakala. I grew up In Kula , riding in on horseback the majority of my over 100 visits in my lifetime. I truly consider the peace I obtain while there my church. Even at 1000 ft , helicopters are nuisance disrupting the serenity we seek while in this incredible space. I remember the first time I saw helicopters tours fly over and the feeling actually violated by the noise. Fast forward years: preservation of sound and space should be a priority that contributes wholly to the experience of any visitor that braves the entire Haleakala experience. It is what makes it so unspoiled.

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Correspondence ID: 780 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Woodall, Heather M  
Received: Mar,06 2022 22:42:57  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow noisy helicopters to interrupt the peace and quiet of this experience. There are other options for access.

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Correspondence ID: 781 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,06 2022 22:42:59  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am strongly opposed to helicopters flying over the sacred Haleakala crater. This is a horrible idea, only for profit, and will destroy the natural peace of this beautiful ancient sacred place. NO. Massive protest will ensue.

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Correspondence ID: 782 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: G, R  
Received: Mar,06 2022 22:46:36  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please preserve Haleakala Crater as a sacred mountain and do not allow any helicopter traffic to disturb the peace there. It is a sanctuary of mature and spirituality.

I have sat with Hawaiian elders and volunteers at Kukui Puka Heiau (near Waihee) , and our ceremony and the elders' teachings were interrupted by helicopter noise. It was sad.  
there are already many helicopter tours around Maui, please keep them out of Haleakala National Park.

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Correspondence ID: 783 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: wakatsuki, janet  
Received: Mar,06 2022 22:48:01  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: in regards to allowing commercial helicopters tours flying above and around Haleakala Crater...NO!!!!..please NO..Haleakala crater is extremely special and unique...do not spoil it with more commercialization..i use to go regularly for the past 45yrs but even getting there with all the visitors all over the summit at sunrise isnt appealing.. when ive hiked or ridden horseback, the quietness is like no other place on the

planet.. allow the sacredness of Haleakala crater to exist..stop the continued commercialization of this special place..PLEASE... mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 784 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Luafalemana, Cynthia  
Received: Mar,06 2022 22:53:19  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Stop allowing helicopters to fly over National Patks, housing and school zones. The winds are dangerous only to put the lives of all. The protection of our Native wildlife plants and animals are in need to thrive for our future to be substantially grown. We put exploiting our island for money and greed! When will we end this and start taking care of our aina and kai! When will enough be enough!!! Thank you!

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Correspondence ID: 785 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Bendon, Kristi  
Received: Mar,06 2022 22:53:22  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Alternative 2 - No helicopter tours over Haleakala. It is scared and beautiful, and already accessible by road.

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Correspondence ID: 786 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Oleson, Kirsten L  
Received: Mar,06 2022 22:57:10  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No helicopter tours under 5000' over Haleakala should be allowed.

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Correspondence ID: 787 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Kofron, Rachel  
Received: Mar,06 2022 23:00:08  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please no helicopter tours. The noise pollution would greatly destroy the tranquil ambiance and other worldliness of Haleakala crater. It is truly one of the most unique places on the planet. The crater and surrounding parklands are sacred and easily accessible by automobiles, foot, or horseback. The National park is one of the few remaining places on Maui one can retreat to for silent communion with self and nature. It should be treasured as it is and protected for residents and visitors to experience in its raw magesty.  
Mahalo,  
Rachel.

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Correspondence ID: 788 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Flink, Lynn  
Received: Mar,06 2022 23:02:33  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please don't allow helicopters to fly in an area that is both sacred and easily approachable by car and hiking.  
I hate hearing them everywhere and would like to quietly appreciate being there.

Correspondence ID:	789	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Mamalia, Shamalia		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 23:05:19		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
<p>Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.</p> <p>Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.</p> <p>Thank you and Aloha Wale</p>			

Correspondence ID:	790	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Dickson, Louise A		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 23:05:48		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
<p>Correspondence: Some of my sons ashes are buried in Peles Paint Pot. I consider this Sacred ground. The idea of someone flying loud noisy helicopters over it is sacreligious to me, Destroying the peaceful natural sounds for someone to make \$ off of is Hidious! NO! NEVER!</p>			

Correspondence ID:	791	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Dickson, Louise A		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 23:05:49		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
<p>Correspondence: Some of my sons ashes are buried in Peles Paint Pot. I consider this Sacred ground. The idea of someone flying loud noisy helicopters over it is sacreligious to me, Destroying the peaceful natural sounds for someone to make \$ off of is Hidious! NO! NEVER!</p>			

Correspondence ID:	792	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Prichard, Dana		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 23:08:13		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
<p>Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over this amazing crater that offers peaceful silence and serenity to all who visit. It is one of the best things about Haleakala SILENCE.</p>			

Correspondence ID:	793	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Takemoto, Rae		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 23:10:52		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
<p>Correspondence: Please, no helicopters over Haleakala. . .I love National parks to get away and unplug, connect with nature in peace.</p>			

Correspondence ID:	794	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Olaitiman, Tori		
Received:	Mar,06 2022 23:12:09		

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is ridiculous to even think of operating helicopter tours above sacred Haleakala! Please do not support this. Please let native and indigenous people keep their sacred spaces peaceful and protected by the dangers of tourism!

**DO NOT ALLOW HELICOPTER TOURS OVER HALEAKALA!**

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Correspondence ID: 795 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Falinski, Kim

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:15:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to one of the very few places left in Hawaii where you can have silence.

I support a no fly zone, but if helicopters were to be allowed, I'd say no helicopter tours flying below 5000 feet above ground level.

Aloha,  
Dr. Kim Falinski

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Correspondence ID: 796 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kok, Rudy

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:16:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over the national park. The noise destroys the ambience for those of us hiking through the park, hoping to hear birds and enjoying some peace and quiet needed for our sanity. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 797 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: macaheleg, wendy g

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:18:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing you today regarding plans to allow helicopter flights over /through Haleakala Crater and National parklands. Please do not allow any flights whatsoever. Haleakala is a national treasure. This massive crater carries the distinction of being the quietest place on earth. Please don't let this be something us humans destroy for profit. There is deep spirituality in the quietness, that cannot be found anywhere else but in the Crater. Access to this special place is easily obtained by car and on foot as it should be. This is a special place that absolutely should not be exploited for financial gain.

Respectfully,  
Wendy Macaheleg

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Correspondence ID: 798 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kippert, Jacqueline



Received: Mar,06 2022 23:20:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not let the helicopters into or over the crater. I lived in Kipahulu for 20 years and we had to work to regulate them as they would swoop in over our gardens until we organized!

The silence in the crater is the gift to this world- that the world really needs and does not even know! No where else can get as quiet....even jets are heard in the Himilayas! Helicopters in the Amazon.

There is no need- one can drive up. No NEED for helicopters we have ENOUGH Noise and tourists everywhere. They are welcome to drive, bike, hike, ride.....just not FLY over in LOUD impacts!

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Correspondence ID: 799 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kok, Mary E

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:22:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter tours have no place in the National Parks. We need to save these places to preserve nature. I would rather listen to the bird calls than a helicopter going over my head, or n the distance. The noise these make would spoil this special place.

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Correspondence ID: 800 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bendon, John

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:25:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We think that option two, no helicopters over Haleakala is best for the community.

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Correspondence ID: 801 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Miller, Ayla

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:26:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would highly oppose helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park. One of the truly magical and special aspects of this place is the lack of sound; Haleakala is known as one of the quietest places on earth and the experience of stillness in such a beautiful place would be heartbreaking to lose. The spiritual aspect of this place- for Kanaka and anyone else who recognize it's significance- is made so clear by the quiet reverence of the air inside the crater. Not to mention the natural acoustics of the crater, helicopters flying low or even over the crater would be absolutely amplified on all the trails in the park. Our national parks are preserved spaces for there natural beauty, part of Haleakala's natural beauty is the audio experience of being in a starkly beautiful landscape with nothing to hear other than your shoes and your heartbeat as you walk through. Please continue to protect the natural beauty that this place offers to ALL our bodily senses.

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Correspondence ID: 802 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Miller, Ayla

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:26:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would highly oppose helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park. One of the truly magical and special aspects of this place is the lack of sound; Haleakala is known as one of the quietest places on earth and the experience of stillness in such a beautiful place would be heartbreaking to lose. The spiritual aspect of this place- for Kanaka and anyone else who recognize it's significance- is made so clear by the quiet reverence of the

air inside the crater. Not to mention the natural acoustics of the crater, helicopters flying low or even over the crater would be absolutely amplified on all the trails in the park. Our national parks are preserved spaces for there natural beauty, part of Haleakala's natural beauty is the audio experience of being in a starkly beautiful landscape with nothing to hear other than your shoes and your heartbeat as you walk through. Please continue to protect the natural beauty that this place offers to ALL our bodily senses.

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Correspondence ID:	803	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Stout, Brandon			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 23:43:01			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over this amazing, peaceful place. It would be offensive to native Hawaiians and I think they have endured enough. Please consider not allowing flights. Mahalo

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Correspondence ID:	804	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	, Jono			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 23:46:33			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please, please, please - NO helicopter tours inside Haleakala Park.

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Correspondence ID:	805	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Sipman, Steven C			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 23:46:57			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Since the FAA changed flight patterns from offshore to Directly Over my neighborhood, it m has dramatically changed the quality of life .When the jet engines "downshift" they scream overhead sounding like the bombs dropped in WW2 the nazis attached whistles to for maximum psychological damage. Sometimes the jets are less than a minute apart. All the other low level planes also fly over the Pauwela, Haiku neighborhood. Prior to the Trump situation, and the rocket man fireworks, the air traffic was more offshore, where there were no homes, and lots of room to fly around without destroying the natural peace of the Country with the aerial soundtrack of screaming missiles , bombs with whistles, waking sleeping babies and putting people, pers and live stock under unnecessary stress.

So, where can one go to avoid the caustic commerce of crass tourism? Now they want to exploit the sound of silence and fill the Crater with chopper madness. That is worse than a bad idea. ... Let's not put anything like that even up for consideration.

If option #2 is NO HELICOPTERS/ AERIAL TOURISM , then let's do that.

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Correspondence ID:	806	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Pretre, Grace			
Received:	Mar,06 2022 23:47:20			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: this is in regards to: plans to allow helicopter tours over the park - Haleakala crater

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique

landscape and vast sky. this is a very sacred space and needs to be protected.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID: 807 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Dougher, Kalena

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:50:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala need to breather and regrow her native plants. Over tourism has had many adverse affects. Trampling of the rocks and organisms are destructive. Natives are out numbered when we want to worship and share our man and Aloha for Haleakala. Please stop the tourists from being allowed to visit year round. Limit immensely, the amount of people who are not native to ,Hawai'i to allow Mauna A Haleakala to flourish and replenish.

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Correspondence ID: 808 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Molly

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:52:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over the park. They are loud and disruptive. The beauty of the crater is it's stillness and silence. Helicopters will ruin the entire crater experience.

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Correspondence ID: 809 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Penniman, Jay F

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:52:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park should never allow helicopters over the park except for emergency and well justified management activities that cannot be practicably be carried out any other way. Scenic flights for tourists should remain absolutely prohibited. Such flights would be the absolute antithesis of the back country National Park experience.

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Correspondence ID: 810 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Penniman, Jay F

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:52:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park should never allow helicopters over the park except for emergency and well justified management activities that cannot be practicably be carried out any other way. Scenic flights for tourists should remain absolutely prohibited. Such flights would be the absolute antithesis of the back country National Park experience.

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Correspondence ID: 811 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Penniman, Jay F

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:53:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park should never allow helicopters over the park except for emergency and well justified management activities that cannot be practicably be carried out any other way. Scenic flights for

tourists should remain absolutely prohibited. Such flights would be the absolute antithesis of the back country National Park experience.

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Correspondence ID: 812 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Penniman, Jay F

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:53:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park should never allow helicopters over the park except for emergency and well justified management activities that cannot be practicably be carried out any other way. Scenic flights for tourists should remain absolutely prohibited. Such flights would be the absolute antithesis of the back country National Park experience.

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Correspondence ID: 813 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Penniman, Jay F

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:53:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park should never allow helicopters over the park except for emergency and well justified management activities that cannot be practicably be carried out any other way. Scenic flights for tourists should remain absolutely prohibited. Such flights would be the absolute antithesis of the back country National Park experience.

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Correspondence ID: 814 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Penniman, Jay F

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:53:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park should never allow helicopters over the park except for emergency and well justified management activities that cannot be practicably be carried out any other way. Scenic flights for tourists should remain absolutely prohibited. Such flights would be the absolute antithesis of the back country National Park experience.

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Correspondence ID: 815 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Penniman, Jay F

Received: Mar,06 2022 23:53:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park should never allow helicopters over the park except for emergency and well justified management activities that cannot be practicably be carried out any other way. Scenic flights for tourists should remain absolutely prohibited. Such flights would be the absolute antithesis of the back country National Park experience.

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Correspondence ID: 816 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Niemi, Julie

Received: Mar,07 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: One of the most majestic, peaceful, and silent places, Haleakala should remain that way. Her Mana Should NOT be disturbed. Please

Correspondence ID:	817	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Cova, Taberna		
Received:	Mar,07 2022		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I want the helicopters to be stopped to fly here. This place is like nowhere on earth and I want to be able to visit it in the future and enjoy it as it is now, no as it will be when polluted by the helicopters. Please, please, please		
Correspondence ID:	818	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Wang, Clem		
Received:	Mar,07 2022		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I'm in favor of the proposal "no helicopter tours flying below 5000 feet above ground level."		
Helicopters are noisy machines. Their high cost of maintenance means that these trips are for the very wealthy, whereas everyone else has to suffer from the unnatural noise.			
Correspondence ID:	819	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kalama, Shaina		
Received:	Mar,07 2022		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow Helicopter tours to fly above Haleakala Crater or anywhere in the park. It is such a magical place and I feel that the sound of helicopters in the park would greatly impact it's serene atmosphere. Mahalo , Shaina		
Correspondence ID:	820	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Mele bintliff, Mrs		
Received:	Mar,07 2022		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopter tours. This park is so amazing because of the peace and quiet. The sound of the birds in Haleakala early morning and at night is awesome. Would be so sad to disrupt nature.		
Correspondence ID:	821	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Paul, Belia		
Received:	Mar,07 2022		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	DO NOT ALLOW HELICOPTERS!!!!!! Period		
Correspondence ID:	822	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Paul, Belia		
Received:	Mar,07 2022		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: DO NOT ALLOW HELICOPTERS!!!!!! Period

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Correspondence ID: 823 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Runner, Hillary  
Received: Mar,07 2022  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think that it is a terrible idea to let the helicopters fly over Haleakala! Where is the respect this mountain deserves?  
The beauty of the whole crater is to enjoy the peace and quiet. I have had the privilege of staying in the cabins, and hiking over the past 20 years to just enjoy the quiet! You cant even hear a cricket or any bugs make a sound!!!  
Now again to ruin what is left of the sacredness of this island for a few dollars from tourists to go there and see it for a few min? You limited cars up there,,,,next it will be the helicopters and on and on....just don't do it! Keep this magnificent mountain quiet..and peaceful! As an indigenous person, we have to protect our natural areas...for they speak louder than what you can hear.  
This OUR KULEANA!!! H Runner

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Correspondence ID: 824 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Wilson, Kainoa  
Received: Mar,07 2022  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re; Helicopter tours of Haleakala Crater  
Ideally there should not be any type of aerial tours above any National Park. Especially one with such a significant and profound meaning to the culture of Native Hawaiians. Not to mention, what kind of impact will allowing these tours have on the native plants, some of which can only be found there as well as the ecosystem of the area. Haleakala is a very special, spiritual place that would be forever ruined by having loud, obnoxious flying noisemakers destroying the peace.

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Correspondence ID: 825 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Danh, Richardson  
Received: Mar,07 2022  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I often enjoy the trails that lead to Haleakala and all the natural beauty that it possesses. I would hate to see any loud helicopters, that serve a few few people, ruin the peacefulness of hundreds of people that elect to drive, hike, and ride the area. It will be a sad day when Maui lawmakers choose money over the happiness of the local people of Maui.

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Correspondence ID: 826 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Daise, Vashti  
Received: Mar,07 2022  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala crater/Park. The world needs places with sacred silence.

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Correspondence ID: 827 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Bob, Graybosch  
Received: Mar,07 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do not think it is a good idea to allow helicopter tours over the Crater. Aside from the expected issues of noise and congestion, the possibility of an accident could do irreparable damage and be difficult to rescue.

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Correspondence ID: 828 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Steuermann, Michelle

Received: Mar,07 2022 01:03:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours. If you allow tours, the beauty and peace of the Crater Will be ruined.

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Correspondence ID: 829 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Daikoku, Ivan

Received: Mar,07 2022 01:07:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

1. Haleakala NP currently is protected by FAA/FAR regulations prohibiting overflights on the Caldera and portions of park for endangered and endemic animals, flora and fauna. Heli Tour operators are still able to view crater from the rim on the southern flank during 0800hrs til 1600hrs local time and at prescribed altitude. With exceptions of rescue, fire, perimeter maintenance only special approved operations shall be mandated with the approval of park superintendent

2. This place is sacred to the indigenous people of Hawaiian ancestry.  
Respect the land, culture and protect this special place for future generations to enjoy.

3. Currently FAR prohibit all drones. It is not in the best interest of the community to have heli tours in the Park.

4. Enforce a noise abatement system/program to ensure all plants and animals can propagate and thrive in this special environment/ecosystem.

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Correspondence ID: 830 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: McLellan, Erik

Received: Mar,07 2022 01:08:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakalā. Please. With so few places left on earth to find absolute solitude and quiet, it would be a complete shame to lose one more for commercial purposes. Sometimes the right answer is the simplest one. Just say no.

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Correspondence ID: 831 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,07 2022 01:34:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a Maui resident who enjoys hiking in the crater and staying in the cabins I urge you to not let any helicopters fly over Haleakala Crater. It is one of the few sanctuaries where we can enjoy solitude on this island . I can sit and listen to the wind blowing and my ears ringing from the silence. It is a true escape from the daily grind and to disrupt that peace with the reminder of tourism would truly be a shame.

Sincerely,  
Heather

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Correspondence ID: 832 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Mai, Tiffany  
Received: Mar,07 2022 01:45:11  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Against allowing commercial or private helicopter tours of Haleakala. Keep this sacred land as such.

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Correspondence ID: 833 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,07 2022 01:57:16  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Haleakala National Park is a special place to all those who visit it. It should be enjoyed without the noise of helicopter tours. One of the biggest appeal to visiting Haleakala is the quietness and unique beauty of the crater. The helicopter tours would greatly disturb the landscape and experience of those who visit this special place.

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Correspondence ID: 834 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Herrelson, Whitney  
Received: Mar,07 2022 02:04:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I do not support helicopter tours over Haleakala. The location is preserved as a peaceful nature preserve. Please keep it that way.

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Correspondence ID: 835 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Berk, Jon  
Received: Mar,07 2022 02:05:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I ask you all to not allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is a wonder on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the peaceful silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this amazing crater park.  
mahalo  
jon

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Correspondence ID: 836 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Furtado, Trinette  
Received: Mar,07 2022 02:09:20  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Haleakalā is a wahi pana and shouldn't even have the amount of visitors it does, every day, for sunrise and sunset.  
That being said, I DEFINITELY believe that ABSOLUTELY NO helicopters tours should be flying over any parts of Haleakalā.



The only necessity of doing something like that, is to profit off of this sacred space.

Much of Maui is already pumped out for the pleasure and abuse of tourism. Haleakalā should not be one of those places.

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Correspondence ID:	837	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Gandolfo, Ed
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 02:26:59
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence:	Please No helicopters!!!none!!!
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Correspondence ID:	838	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Brown, Hans T
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 02:52:32
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence:	Respectfully, I am here to support the option of no tours flying under 5000 feet. Some places deserve to be untouched and I polluted by humankind and Haleakala is one of those places. May we learn to enjoy the natural beauty and environment of our sacred and natural beautiful places.
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Correspondence ID:	839	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Fox, Stephen
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 02:57:18
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence:	Please log me as endorsing Option 2- No helicopters.
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This is perhaps the quietest place on earth. There is no way to have helicopters and not lose that treasure. Further, it will disrupt a fragile ecosystem, kill endangered birds, and violate space that is sacred to indigenous Hawaiians. You can try it, but I'll be happy to testify on behalf of the Hawaiian community that this will cause irreparable harm through continued cultural loss and generational trauma. And yes, I'm a licensed mental health professional.

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Correspondence ID:	840	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Wagner, Ruth
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 04:21:04
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence:	I Lived on Maui for three years back in the early 19190's. Haleakala crater is one of the ost special and sacred spots on that amazing Isaland. I walked through it several times in the full moon at niight and int he daytime. It is so very special it should be allowed to remain as pristine as possible. Allowing helicopter tours ove it is NOT A GOOD IDEA! It will harm the great slience and calm htat is the core of the sarced presence of that very special place. The amazing birds and wildlife would be deepy disrupted. There is a place for trouists who cannot walk to go already. Please allow that place to remain as it is. Protection is a very vauable asset to our very few National parks and there is a reason it is a Nation Park! It is super special on this beloved Plantet. We need this place to remain as pristine as possible and loud helicoppeter flying over will rlunin it.
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If I was unable to walk and had the opportunity to take a heliocpter trouur.. I would not do it.!

Thank you for your consideration!! Please wake up to the vaule of our pristiene Heleakala Crater!! as undisturbed. With even one tour,,, it is dammaged. There are other places for those tours to go.

Thank you!

Sincerely, Ruth S Wagner

Correspondence ID:	841	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Williams, Ann		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 04:22:59		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Can't any place remain free of tourism?!? re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park Please please please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala crater and park lands. This place is precious, like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is absolutely no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. Hiking and camping in the crater will never be the same if helicopters are flying overhead! Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui. Mahalo Nui, Ann		

Correspondence ID:	842	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	capeloto, loie		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 04:23:49		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please don't allow this! Please don't ruin Haleakala. It is a place of spiritual contemplation.		

Correspondence ID:	843	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Travis, Kawika		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 04:38:05		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Do not allow helicopter tours Flying below 5000 feet above ground level.		

Correspondence ID:	844	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Levin, Paige M		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 05:00:17		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I firmly believe that no helicopter tours should be allowed over Haleakala. I worked at Haleakala for several years doing invasive species management. There is no way that helicopters would not disturb the nesting Ua'u and possible the Nene. I cannot even believe that this is being considered. It would do irreparable damage to fragile populations.		

Correspondence ID:	845	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Pechin, Trevor K		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 06:09:19		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Helicopter Tours should not be allowed special use permits for flights over Haleakala in any form. The silent soundscape in Haleakala Crater should be preserved and tours should not be allowed. As a Native Hawaiian who accesses Haleakala to escape the over tourism of Maui for cultural practices, allowing Tour flights would ruin the beauty and heritage of Haleakala.		

NO TO SPECIAL USE PERMITS OF ANY KIND FOR HELICOPTER TOURS!

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Correspondence ID: 846 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Pechin, Trevor K  
Received: Mar,07 2022 06:09:20  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter Tours should not be allowed special use permits for flights over Haleakala in any form. The silent soundscape in Haleakala Crater should be preserved and tours should not be allowed. As a Native Hawaiian who accesses Haleakala to escape the over tourism of Maui for cultural practices, allowing Tour flights would ruin the beauty and heritage of Haleakala.

NO TO SPECIAL USE PERMITS OF ANY KIND FOR HELICOPTER TOURS!

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Correspondence ID: 847 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Weaver, Timothy  
Received: Mar,07 2022 06:13:33  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal for helicopter tours over Haleakala crater in any an all forms. There is already sufficient, easy, and full access to Haleakala via automobile, and heli tours would absolutely negatively impact the experience at the Park for Park guests, as well as severely impact the ecosystem of the crater. It would also violate the cultural sanctity of an area sacred to the indigineous Hawaiians, and inexplicably precious to Maui residents. One of the most profound gifts of Haleakala is the immense silence that imbues the crater, this silence is a National Treasure in this incredibly hectic and human impacted World, please value this silence as an integral part of experiencing Haleakala. Again, as a 15 year Maui resident I urge you to reject any proposal for helicopter tours of Haleakala Crater.  
Mahalo,  
Tim Weaver, Paia Resident

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Correspondence ID: 848 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Reilly, Shannon  
Received: Mar,07 2022 06:47:49  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't let this happen to Haleakala. There are so few places left on earth that are this sacred. It is perfectly accessible by vehicle and the extra noise pollution is unnecessary.

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Correspondence ID: 850 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lerman, Caryn  
Received: Mar,07 2022 07:19:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have spent time in this beautiful place. This place is It is unique and sacred, like no other on earth!

One of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. Allowing helicopters would reunion this special experience!! There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

I am asking to NOT allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands.

Thank you,  
Caryn Lerman  
Hot Springs, SD  
USA Traveler

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Correspondence ID: 851 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,07 2022 07:26:54  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please please say no to this proposal. There are so many opportunities for tourists to take helicopter rides elsewhere in Hawaii. It would detract so much for the visitors who value the rare opportunity for peace and tranquility there to the point of being ruinous. I beg you to prevent this from happening.

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Correspondence ID: 852 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Martini, Genevieve M  
Received: Mar,07 2022 07:41:23  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park  
Please do not allow helicopter tours, the noise pollution this would bring is not worth the revenue except to a very few. Frequent helicopter tours would continually and repeatedly disturb and stress wildlife and ruin the experience for people on the ground. Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 853 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Godreau, Robert  
Received: Mar,07 2022 08:03:16  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is long past the time that we stop infringing on the landscapes and wild places in order to generate capital. There are so few beautiful, quiet places for the spirit to retreat to anymore that this idea of helicopter tours over Haleakala should readily be seen for the abomination it is.

Please do NOT permit noisy aircraft to tour over this place and ruin the experience of this magic place for everyone else.

How can anyone even think this is a good idea? Insane!

Dr. Robert Godreau

Correspondence ID:	854	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	predmore, morgan		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 08:03:21		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>helicopters should not be allowed below 5000 ft</p> <p>it creates a lot of dust and disturbance of endangered bird species</p> <p>the noise and the distraction will indeed affect wildlife</p> <p>hawaii has the greatest concentration of endangered birds in the entire world</p> <p>and also endangered species of all kinds</p> <p>a environmental impact study should be made for all 3 options regardless</p>		
Correspondence ID:	855	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	, Ashlee		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 08:11:15		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>My Father is a long time resident in Maui. Visiting the park in one of my favorite things to do there. It's breathtakingly beautiful to be there. Theres a quality of sacredness there still. When considering helicopters, please consider the noise.</p> <p>As someone sensory sensitive I would no longer be able to enjoy the serene landscape of Mother Nature, the connections that come from the trails and the magic of it all.</p> <p>Please think of the environmental impacts.</p> <p>And the local beliefs and spirits.</p> <p>Who is this serving and what's the impact to all.</p> <p>Will the helicopters be able to be heard? Seen?</p> <p>How will it effects the wild life and fauna?</p> <p>What do the native Hawaiian's think? as the awareness of tourism effects are making a bigger impact, I want to feel welcome and respectful to the land and the people</p> <p>Who's going profit? Is it worth the negative impacts</p> <p>Not for me, not for most.</p> <p>Please don't let helicopters and profit take away the gifts of the land.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	856	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Ortiz, Elizabeth		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 08:13:15		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	They do not need to have helicopters flying over. God forbid should one of those helicopter crash on such a beautiful land		
Correspondence ID:	857	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Vickers, Allan		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 08:18:05		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>I was born in Honolulu 73 years ago. My daughter and granddaughters live there now - for decades. So I am writing from New York State, but I am profoundly tied to Hawaii. Haleakala is sacred ground. And a large part of the way it shows us its sacredness is the SILENCE.</p>		

PLEASE, NO helicopter tours!

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Correspondence ID:	858	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 08:19:29
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Peace and calm are very important for people's recreation. Please Do Not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala Crater. It will further degrade the quality of Life

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Correspondence ID:	859	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Romero, Caron
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 08:23:43
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: No to helicopter tours over Haleakala. Our Mauna works hard to protect us from winds, its a home to wildlife and plant species found nowhere else on Earth. Our native people use it for spiritual practices too. Hike it by foot if you want to experience her beauty.

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Correspondence ID:	860	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Elsner, Simon
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 08:28:34
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours through Haleakala crater. This is an absurd idea to even propose. It would be like an act of war against the Aina. Just don't. You with the "power" can say no. Money is not worth this act and the horror it will become.

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Correspondence ID:	861	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	goldman, karen b
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 08:31:29
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: please DO. NOT allow any air traffic or helicopter rides/tours over the haliakala crater! its a natural wonder, and people are attracted to it for that reason. why let some dumb flying company rake in exorbanant fees for flying over if ALL IT DOES IS WRECK AND I MEAN WRECK THE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE ELSE!?? WITHOUT this restriction the entire reason for going to hawaii for a visit/vacation/experience is MOOT. THERE IS NO NATURE LEFT TO SEE IF YOU DESTROY THE EXPERIENCE OF HAWAII AND THE CRATER...you are ruining the best asset hawaii has. DON'T DO IT.

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Correspondence ID:	862	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	, Elise K
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 08:39:25
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I do not wish to have any helicopter tours over Haleakalā, however the next best option is #2, where they can only fly above 5000 ft. Noise pollution could be detrimental to the native birds in the area.

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Correspondence ID:	863	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:

Mar,07 2022 08:53:04

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 864 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Dodge, Clifton

Received: Mar,07 2022 08:59:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter tours were once allowed inside of the crater rim.

The result was the never ending sound of helicopters with the noise bouncing off of the crater walls and echoing even after the craft had exited the crater.

Haleakala is a scared and majestic mountain. For an individual who hikes inside, the silence is one of the most incredible elements that the crater has to offer.

I would recommend anyone considering helicopters inside the crater to do the following.

Hike down Sliding sands to "the big rock outcropping"; Only takes about 1/2 hour.

Listen to the silence. Then have a flyover with a trial "tour helicopter."

See how the experience changes....then go back to the discussion.

God bless Haleakala !!!!

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Correspondence ID: 865 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lovejoy, Anrael

Received: Mar,07 2022 09:01:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow the intrusion and disturbance of helicopter tours abd the noise into the sacred space around this beautiful potent power site. It will badly affect tourism by those who go there to get away from the noise pollution of the world. The journey up Haleakala is so wonderful and to arrive abd explore there in relative quiet is an incredible experience that would be destroyed by those machines flying above the area. No to any helicopter tours at all.

Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 866 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Liz

Received: Mar,07 2022 09:13:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours. The national park is peaceful, quiet, vast, and has character.

People can see the natioal park on so mang ways. People can easily drive up a On a paved road and see it, and don't even have to walk but can on paved walking paths. No fancu cars needed, just the sill to do it. With the cities growing bypass roads, this actually gives the sway feelings when you walk away from the crouds. It what people go to nationzl parks to do, see the beauty, the natural wonder of the world, the area protected because of its

uniquesd. Hiking is thd last peacefully thing... helicopters will make this place be small, crushed, animals terrified and absent, everything reachable and not unique, those who have no desire too see it but for 15 mins and cannot take it the real effects thos place can bring.. Allow this place ho bring peace to people not increased heart rates. Please fight for the air to be untouched. Allow it to be as open as ot can be. Please please please, allow visitors to enjoy it's beaitiful vastness and and the healing it brings.

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Correspondence ID:	867	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Roellig, Lauren L			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 09:13:31			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge the park to not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

I visited the crater in my early twenties - it was my first solo backpacking experience and the first time I ever built a fire on my own. I remember the silence and it healed me.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you

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Correspondence ID:	868	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 09:14:47			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: NO helicopter tours over Haleakala

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Correspondence ID:	869	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Eisen, Mika J			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 09:22:24			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: As a born and raised resident on Maui, the proposal for helicopter tours over Haleakala is a deep concern for me. As our county takes steps to bring tourism and money into our economy, residents and protection of the environment have taken a back burner. Residents are noticing, and it is becoming increasingly obvious that this island is putting profits over people. Many of us are hikers and go to Haleakala for the one area we can guarantee peace and quiet. Aside from the fact that locals can no longer see sunrise on the crater without a reservation, Haleakala has remained practically untouched and the same throughout the years. Bringing in helicopter tours will disrupt the peace of the atmosphere, as well as scare the very rare birds that live throughout that ecosystem. I'm very much against this! Think about tue environment, the people and the animals that live on this island. We are so much more than a playground for tourists.

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Correspondence ID:	870	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bouman, Marie L			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 09:24:04			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			



Correspondence: I was a Hawaii resident for 11 years.  
Please leave Haleakala quiet and sacred.  
No helicopter flyovers!  
Thank you.  
Marie Bouman

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Correspondence ID: 871 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,07 2022 09:24:05  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NO helicopter tours over Haleakala it will disturb our hawaiian ancestors that lay to rest on Haleakala it will disturb us kanaka while practicing our hawaiian culture when we are up on the mountain Haleakala is sacred place and doesn't need to be disturb by helicopter tours its already disturbed by ignorant foreigners whom walk off trail and walk on where they aren't supposed to..

NO HELICOPTER TOURS OVER HALEAKALA!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 872 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,07 2022 09:32:03  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I live just a few thousand feet below the visitor center. The last thing the Hawaiians or our neighbors want is the noise and helicopters flying around us all the time. Imagine hiking at crater of hearing helicopters LLC and then all around. That sure would take away the Magic of this special place.

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Correspondence ID: 873 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Medina, Gemma  
Received: Mar,07 2022 09:33:32  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
No. Just no.

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Think of Kuauai and Kalalau-which now has daily helicopter tours.

I live on the slopes of this majesty- the last thing I want is helicopters in my backyard.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration.

Gemma

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Correspondence ID: 874 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Martinson, Theresa H  
Received: Mar,07 2022 09:34:53  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha as a resident of Maui a kanaka maoli I implore you to please please please DO NOT ALLOW any sort of helicopter tours over or above our sacred Mauna Haleakala!!!! It will be a desecration to the

sacred space between the mountain top and the heavens not too forget the air pollution it will cause for our already endangered native birds.

Please please do not allow, do not open the gates to sell out our sacred mauna. Please Please Please remain vigilant in respect for the sanctity of Mauna Haleakala.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity for the public to comment, for me to share my hopes and wishes. I stand and represent all the kanaka I have descended from and we are opposed to any form of helicopter tour being allowed over Mauna Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	875	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	McLaughlin, Sean T			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 09:38:11			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow any commercial air tours of any kind to fly over Haleakala. Alternative 2, I believe is the best option for this most amazing place.

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Correspondence ID:	876	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hengst, Julia			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 09:38:20			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha

Please do not allow helicopters at all over beautiful, sacred, quiet Haleakala. There are so few places people can go in nature that are quiet, and so many beautiful places in Hawaii in general have noise pollution related to helicopters. Please, the lack of connection to nature is making humans sick! Especially during a global mental and physical health crisis (I'm a licensed psychotherapist), nature is even MORE important!

Please let people just drive there, because the fuel burned from helicopters is also so bad for climate change.

Please just let them drive. Maybe if they have electric helicopters someday, but let Haleakala be a steward for the earth rather than rich tourists!

Thank you  
Julia Hengst LMFT #613

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Correspondence ID:	877	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Ramirez, Arturo			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 09:44:56			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopter tours over Haleakala. Fragile ecosystem of plants is at risk from low flying helicopters. Constant traffic is a nuisance to residents ie bike tours, car traffic.

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Correspondence ID:	878	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	McDowell, Kelly			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 09:49:45			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Silence is a huge part of this places power.

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Correspondence ID:	879	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: Slater, Bonnie  
Received: Mar,07 2022 09:49:54  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly over the park. The silence and nature would be disruptive to the animals. Humans can drive and walk in, I see no value for the park. It will take from the park. Please allow silence to maintain the sacredness of the crater and leave it untouchable. Silence is Golden.

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Correspondence ID: 880 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Slater, Bonnie  
Received: Mar,07 2022 09:49:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly over the park. The silence and nature would be disruptive to the animals. Humans can drive and walk in, I see no value for the park. It will take from the park. Please allow silence to maintain the sacredness of the crater and leave it untouchable. Silence is Golden.

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Correspondence ID: 881 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,07 2022 09:51:06  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter rides in or around Haleakala .  
It would be an assault . Silence is golden . The park already offers enough .

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Correspondence ID: 882 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Gillis, Cathy  
Received: Mar,07 2022 10:00:46  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sky above,earth below,and peace within!  
That is what Haleakala means to so many,a very special place to retreat to.  
HELICOPTER TOURS WOULD DESTROY THAT PEACE!  
NO is my answer.

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Correspondence ID: 883 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Palm, Dennis  
Received: Mar,07 2022 10:05:43  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My wife and I have spent our lives traveling to most of the national parks across the country with our three boys. We had them participate in the junior ranger programs, learning about the specific features and wildlife and importance of preservation, while visiting each of the parks. When we retired almost three years ago, we committed to volunteering as camp hosts in the national parks, where we could share our passion and educate others about the importance of enjoying our national parks while also protecting and caring for them so they will still be as pristine for future generations to enjoy. Our youngest son lived in Maui for a few years and we had the wonderful opportunity to visit and enjoy a serene experience at Haleakala National Park while hiking there. Our society needs protected and serene places for all people to find quite and solitude while enjoying an amazing experience in our parks. Allowing planes or helicopters to fly over our parks inhibits the serene experience by bringing noise pollution to one of the few places we can find such peaceful quiet in our busy lives in

areas that continue to become more populated. Please do not allow this beautiful park to be negatively impacted for the advantage of some when our national parks were set aside for the enjoyment of all! Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 884 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Klein, Terry  
Received: Mar,07 2022 10:10:51  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No helicopters

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Correspondence ID: 885 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Wulf, Jason N  
Received: Mar,07 2022 10:19:30  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: For the Haleakala National Park Air Tour Management Plan, I prefer Alternative 3 as the best way to meet all shareholder interests.  
Thank You

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Correspondence ID: 886 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Magliato, Michael C  
Received: Mar,07 2022 10:20:45  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Don't want any flights over crater  
It would ruin the National Park peacefulness

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Correspondence ID: 887 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: , Brittany  
Received: Mar,07 2022 10:25:04  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: There is absolutely NO reason for helicopters to be flying over this sacred land. Haleakala is a special place and part of that comes from the absolute silence you experience while in the crater. Haleakala should be experienced from the ground, not the air. Take your greed somewhere else...leave Haleakala alone.

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Correspondence ID: 888 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Erickson, Emily  
Received: Mar,07 2022 10:27:54  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No Helicopter tours over Haleakala...Not a single one

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Correspondence ID: 889 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Dveirin, Christine  
Received: Mar,07 2022 10:34:06  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over our sacred created. The silence is profound and one of the only places on this island where that exists. We hike there to sit in silence and the wonders of the landscape. Please don't create the noise in the HAKEAKALA.

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Correspondence ID: 890 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Crammatte, Alan

Received: Mar,07 2022 10:37:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please no helicopters over Haleakala Park. Helicopters over the park would destroy the ambiance and peacefulness of the park and make it just like the cities below. How about no helicopters within 2 miles of the park in any direction? Helicopters over the park is a very stupid idea.

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Correspondence ID: 891 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Martin, Jared

Received: Mar,07 2022 10:39:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Absolutely NO helicopter tours should be permitted over the sacred and beautiful Haleakala. Please let this magnificent mountain and its ancestors be at peace.

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Correspondence ID: 892 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gunter, Kathy

Received: Mar,07 2022 10:43:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please please please keep this precious place silent. It's so spiritual to be there in the deep silence. Please don't ruin it with helicopters. They have plenty of other places to visit.

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Correspondence ID: 893 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gerry, Mary Ann

Received: Mar,07 2022 10:44:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No Helicopter tours please! We hike there often and love the quiet beauty and don't want it destroyed.

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Correspondence ID: 894 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gerry, John

Received: Mar,07 2022 10:45:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopters to fly in the airspace above Haleakala National park. The park's remoteness and beauty would be shattered with helicopters.

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Correspondence ID: 895 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kamai-Tavares, Elissa Rae

Received: Mar,07 2022 10:47:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Throughout generations, my family has been spending time in or on Mt.Haleakala. It is a place of peace, solitude, and deep spiritual reflection. There is a beautiful almost other worldly silence that engulfs all of the mountain ; and to break that silence with not one but thousands of helicopter tours would be an absolute disgrace to everything that makes Haleakala crater so sacred. A huge part of the experiencing this unique place on earth is being willing and able to leave the comfort of a car or helicopter to brave the elements. Your journey to this place is one of physical and spiritual endurance which makes the destinations within this area all the more important to people like myself. In a time where Hawaii is exploited and downright abused for financial gain, it is so rare to hold on to something virtually unspoiled by tourism.

I have watched the island of Maui lose so many cultural and spiritual experiences and areas to the ravenous machine that is tourism. I grew up here my entire life, and for 32 years the local people have been BULLIED into allowing tourism to dictate which parts of our lives and cultural heritage are lost, exploited and taken from us. I CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH HOW THESE HELICOPTER TOURS WILL RUIN THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF HALEAKALA. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW ANOTHER SACRED PLACE TO BE FURTHER CHANGED BY TOURISM. THE SILENCE OF THIS HOLY SPACE WILL BE DESTROYED AND THE DAMAGE WILL BE IRREVOCABLE. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW ANY FURTHER TOURIS TO BE CONDUCTED. PLEASE SAVE WHAT LITTLE UNSPOILED BEAUTY WE LOCALS HAVE LEFT

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Correspondence ID:	896	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bray, Sam			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 10:50:25			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: This is not ok. This is a sacred place and one of the only places left on Maui where you can go that is absolutely tranquil and quiet. It is a gorgeous national park and part of what makes it so amazing is how pristine and unaltered it is. This would be devastating. There are plenty of gorgeous places the helicopters are already allowed to go.

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Correspondence ID:	897	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hau'oli, Thielk			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 10:53:38			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Haleakalā is a sacred place. It is already over run tourists. No helicopter tours!

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Correspondence ID:	898	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	McShane, Kristi L			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 11:02:16			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow the helicopters to fly over Haleakala!

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Correspondence ID:	899	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Brassing'ram, India			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 11:14:07			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I urge you to not allow helicopter tours over the crater. Growing up hiking the crater as a child and now as an adult it is so special to me and others. The silence is like no other place on the island. Helicopter tours should not be allowed. People have the opportunity to drive up the crater and view it that way. Please please do not take this sacred experience away. Tourism overruns this island and that is one place that people can escape to have raw nature, silence, and an experience unlike any other on the island.

Correspondence ID:	900	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kulukulualani, Charlene		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 11:15:58		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	#2 no helicopters over Haleakala		
Correspondence ID:	901	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Bryce, Tracy		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 11:17:49		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopter tours above sacred grounds of Haleakala crater. Tourism that builds our economy at the cost of destroying the aina is not sustainable and immoral. We have sold our beaches, and land and if we don't stop nothing of Maui 's natural habitat will be left. Haleakala is sacred grounds.		
Correspondence ID:	902	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Bisquera, Haulani		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 11:17:53		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I strongly feel that you shouldn't allow for helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park. Let there remain some sacredness to this island of Maui. This island is already overwhelmed with people cars hotels golf courses development airplane noise and consumerism. Why is every space on earth need to exploited by humans simply because of desire and greed. Just because one can doesn't mean one should. Maybe the money should support and gear towards conservation and education rather than exploitation. It is a sacred mountain. I do not agree with helicopters being allowed to tour over Haleakala. That is my opinion.		
Correspondence ID:	903	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 11:25:17		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopter tours above Haleakala! One of the greatest majesties of this sacred park is the silence and connection to nature when hiking through the space. Not only would that disrupt the experience, but it removes the people physically from the connections that are so deeply needed. I sincerely do not support this idea.		
Correspondence ID:	904	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Cunha, Faith		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 11:26:16		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Pleas edont allow helicopters to fly over the crater. Keep it silent and sacred thank you		
Correspondence ID:	905	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Callari, Marianne		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 11:27:52		

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We are opposed of helicopters over the crater here on Maui. Lets leave what is sacred, sacred!!!

Mahalo,

Gary and Marianne Callari

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Correspondence ID: 906 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Naone, Cindy

Received: Mar,07 2022 11:30:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters should be allowed to fly near or around Haleakalā.

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Correspondence ID: 907 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Naone, Cindy

Received: Mar,07 2022 11:30:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters should be allowed to fly near or around Haleakalā.

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Correspondence ID: 908 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Branum, Amy

Received: Mar,07 2022 11:31:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: One of the most amazing things about Haleakala is the silence and that is exactly why I want to go back!

Please do not allow helicopters there. Please allow this last bit of land to remain sacred.

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Correspondence ID: 909 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Forsyth, Mimi

Received: Mar,07 2022 11:34:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, NO helicopter tours over Haleakala for any reason whatsoever, EVER.

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Correspondence ID: 910 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gordon, Sherry

Received: Mar,07 2022 11:42:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, for the love of all that is beautiful, sacred, healing and nurturing, DO NOT allow any helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala, that pristine repository of Silence. Too much of this precious planet we call our Mother Earth, has been sold off for financial gain. This must not happen here. Guaranteed it will result in, not more, but less success and income for the helicopter companies and Hawaii, as more desecration in terms of environmental impact on an already desperately ailing ecosystem and planet. Please think very clearly before you make a decision that will not be able to be undone.

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Correspondence ID: 911 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Thiel, Ray B



Received: Mar,07 2022 11:51:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please allow no Helicopters to fly over Haleakala National Park crater. Helicopters will destroy the silence and majesty of this beautiful and sacred Place. Tank You for your consideration ! Ray Thiel

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Correspondence ID: 912 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,07 2022 11:52:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No flights should be allowed. That area is sacred and unique. The damage to wildlife and tranquility would be extreme. If for some reason there must be flights they would be limited in number (less than 3 a day), not go in the crater, and stay above 5000 feet above the ground. Drones are banned for good reason, helicopters should be also.

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Correspondence ID: 913 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Donenfeld, Harry

Received: Mar,07 2022 11:54:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I recommend that no flights be allowed over Haleakala.

Simple greed of a few operators can not be more important than the sanctity of a pristine environment for all.

There are too many religious and environmental issues here. I am all for addressing them but not for the betterment of a few operators. So only people making money are allowed to fly over? How about my personal aircraft? My drone? What are they not allowed? Only operators making millions of dollars are allowed?

Again, I recommend that Haleakala remain closed.

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Correspondence ID: 914 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lee, Michael

Received: Mar,07 2022 11:54:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha

Please do not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala. Haleakala is a powerful healing mountain for so many people to visit. Very easy to access via smooth paved road.

I sleep in the crater. Sleep in my car parked at summit.

Make shrines and pray with small fire to honour our island and the ancestors that came before us.

Haleakala is a refugee to our human family that is very sick at this time.

The mental stress of life is tough and Haleakala heals our mind.

The gas dumped into Haleakala from helicopters and the noise will change the experience.

Whoever is making these decisions; how much money does it take to make a decision?

How much are they offering you?

Can we offer you something to sweeten the deal??

How about some angry Hawaiian spirits very upset. Haha

That's enough for me to respect their sacred mountain.

Please check into your heart and your guts!!

How much money can I offer you to clear cut the forest and build more condo's and hotels.  
The planet is getting hotter, species are dying everyday, wars, lies.  
If not us, who will stand up against this big business.  
Aloha love & blessings from the Heart of Haleakala into your heart.

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Correspondence ID: 915 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Ternus, Amber  
Received: Mar,07 2022 11:55:10  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I DO NOT support any helicopter activity anywhere near Haleakala crater. Keep parks for the public, and for native animals to thrive. Helicopter noise is extremely disruptive, invasive and inappropriate for public spaces. The industry also does not pay Hawaii GET tax and refuses any management by Hawaii State. They claim they are federal and only FCC can enforce limitations once granted.

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Correspondence ID: 916 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Nees, Mary  
Received: Mar,07 2022 11:56:41  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Alternative 2 No Helicopters allowed in Haleakala

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Correspondence ID: 917 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Young, Beverly  
Received: Mar,07 2022 11:57:49  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I oppose any and all airplane fly over Haleakala National Park. I have hiked and camped in the crater. It is a unique and special place of quiet and reflection. There are so few quiet places left. Please preserve this unique and precious environment now and in the future.

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Correspondence ID: 918 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Ibsen, Raymond  
Received: Mar,07 2022 12:01:39  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Do not allow helicopters to fly over! The silence is precious and will never come back!

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Correspondence ID: 919 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: kaimikaua, jasen  
Received: Mar,07 2022 12:06:01  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Respectfully .. DO NOT ALLOW ANY HELICOPTER FLIGHT TOURS OVER HALEAKALA CRATER. Preserve this sanctuary as a sacred space, allow our flora and fauna, both endemic and indigenous to thrive without the noise pollution and pressure that these aircraft cause. Mahalo for your time. Please feel free to reach put at anytime with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Jasen Ka'imikaua  
808-344-7828

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Correspondence ID: 920 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Goodness, Raul N

Received: Mar,07 2022 12:13:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Regarding "ATMP Potential Alternatives" for Haleakala, I strongly favor Alternative 2:

"the greatest protection for the purposes, resources, and values of the Park. This includes: the summit of Haleakalā (meaning rim and crater), a Traditional Cultural Property which holds spiritual and cultural significance to Native Hawaiians; threatened and endangered species and other wildlife sensitive to noise; Congressionally designated Wilderness and visitor opportunities for solitude; ground-based visitor experience; Native Hawaiian traditional cultural practices; scenic qualities, and natural sounds."

I am Native Hawaiian and an ancestral and current resident of Maui. I have visited the crater many times for many reasons. Helicopter flights over the crater are disruptive to the ecosystem as well as the unique use of the space.

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Correspondence ID: 921 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Braun, Chris

Received: Mar,07 2022 12:19:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: RE: Haleakala National Park Aerial Tours

Aloha,

I am a Big Island native currently residing in San Diego, CA. I have made my residence on Maui during numerous periods throughout the 90's and 2000's, employed primarily in the hospitality industry. While I appreciate industry efforts to capitalize on the beauty of the National Park, I disagree that the FAA and the National Park service should allow overflights of Haleakala National Park. While the safety risk to passengers may be minimal, the risk to the park itself is not. Helicopter tours, even at higher altitudes, pose additional risk in terms of air and noise pollution. Furthermore the true essence of the park is a place of peace, quiet, and natural beauty. Allowing aerial tours would spoil these aspects of the park for residents and tourists alike, catering only to those wealthy enough to afford private aviation charter.

I believe that the net effect would be to reduce Maui County tourism and detract from interest in the park overall.

Respectfully,

Christopher Braun

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Correspondence ID: 922 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cardella, Kathleen

Received: Mar,07 2022 12:22:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NO FLYING OBJECTS PLEEEASE AND THANK YOU. THAT WOULD TOTALLY RUIN THE EXPERIENCE OF THAT SACRED PLACE. EVEN NON AMBULATORY PEOPLE CAN GET A RIDE UP THERE. DRONES, PLANES, HELICOPTERS SO INVASIVE AND DISTRACTING, NOISY, SMELLY, INTRUSIVE. NO!

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Correspondence ID: 923 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Spirz, Shawna

Received: Mar,07 2022 12:23:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha, I am asking with all my being, PLEASE, do not allow helicopter tours in or near Haleakala!!! There are plenty of other beautiful amazing sites to see from a helicopter! If you want to make more money, maybe VIP tour up the volcano while they sip champagne in a limo getting all the information on how special and unique Haleakala is. Then taken to a private place where they also can enjoy the silence and magnificent beauty on top of the world.

I urge you, please allow all of us to continue to enjoy the beauty and silence of this sacred vocano!

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Correspondence ID: 924 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bush APRN, Elizabeth

Received: Mar,07 2022 12:29:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours flying below 5000 feet above ground level at or near Haleakalā. The mauna is sacred and fragile; not to be exploited for commercial purposes.

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Correspondence ID: 925 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Heartfield, Tomas

Received: Mar,07 2022 12:31:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Even considering Helicopter fly overs in Haleakala Park is an alarm that someone(s) is not really paying attention to a the ambient quality that makes the park worth the journey.

Freedom from noise pollution we are exposed to every day is a necessary attribute of Haleakala's value.

Please don't take that away!!

What value could this be for the Park? Surely someone's pockets are being filled to allow 25,0000 flights a year.

Really?

Unconscionable!

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Correspondence ID: 926 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Leuschen, Jana M

Received: Mar,07 2022 12:32:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters over Haleakala. No fly overs. It is peaceful and beautiful as is it sits. Do not destroy the serenity.

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Correspondence ID: 927 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gambino, Emily M

Received: Mar,07 2022 12:48:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to comment on the potential of having helicopter tours over Haleakala crater. To me, this would ruin everything that I go up to Haleakalā to enjoy - the serenity and feeling of being alone in the vastness of nature. I can imagine how disruptive and irritating it would be hearing helicopters flying overhead while trying to have a peaceful hike or even an overnight in the crater. All I want to hear is Nene and The sound of

my footsteps. Please consider that this is a national park for a reason and meant to be enjoyed as one of our last few peaceful escapes in Maui. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 928 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: George, Jody  
Received: Mar,07 2022 12:51:42  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow these helicopter tours!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 929 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Stevens, Larry  
Received: Mar,07 2022 12:55:06  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow noisy helicopters into Haleakala NP.

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Correspondence ID: 930 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: West, Linda  
Received: Mar,07 2022 13:11:54  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please don't allow any helicopter flights over this magnificent crater. One of the special things about it is how quiet it is, thus allowing for full enjoyment of this sacred space. Helicopters are VERY loud and would be disruptive, just to make a few bucks more. So many places on Earth are noise- and light-polluted; we don't need to add another one.

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Correspondence ID: 931 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Medeiros, Kelli  
Received: Mar,07 2022 13:16:29  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours over our sacred Haleakala. It is such a peaceful place for hiking and camping, the noise pollution would be very concerning for any wildlife living on the mountain, and for people trying to enjoy one of the few spaces left that havent been completely commercialized on this island. I can't imagine anyone really thinks this would be a good idea. Please don't let the greed win over nature. Thank you, Kelli Medeiros

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Correspondence ID: 932 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: camargo, maria  
Received: Mar,07 2022 13:20:23  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Dear National Park Services. Please do not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala Crater. One of the most precious qualities of this sacred place is SILENCE. The deep profound silence inside the crater is majestic. Please! Protect Haleakala. Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 933 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,07 2022 13:22:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha Wale

Mary Lane

Please keep this sacred place free from unnecessary noise just because of a few wealthy new residents don't want to go to the trouble of hiking.

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Correspondence ID: 934 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,07 2022 13:23:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: So much of our islands has been given up to tourism and commercialism. It breaks my heart that for the almighty dollar we are losing our home! Please do not allow tour helicopters to fly over Haleakala...let it be kept in its natural beauty as much as possible! It is being exploited enough as it is with tourism, don't make it any worse!

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Correspondence ID: 935 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Burris, John

Received: Mar,07 2022 13:24:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We like to hike and camp in the crater frequently. Part of the majesty is the silence and the fact that you never see a plane or helicopter. It's one of the last sacred special places on earth. Please consider preservation

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Correspondence ID: 936 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Burgess, Steven A

Received: Mar,07 2022 13:26:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you, Steven Burgess

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Correspondence ID: 937 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Negaard, David

Received: Mar,07 2022 13:27:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly favor option 2 - no helicopter tours.

The sonic impact of helicopters is not trivial; imposing that racket on Haleakalā and its fragile ecosystem and fauna is inevitably damaging. Further, that same racket would negatively impact the practices of native practitioners who consider Haleakalā sacred, and would even negatively impact the experience of the kings of visitors we should be privileging: those who come to experience what IS--the neutral experience of Maui--rather than a curated, mediated, ephemeral bird's eye view.

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Correspondence ID: 938 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,07 2022 13:31:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

Please, please please do not allow helicopters anywhere near Haleakala. Learn from places like Waimea Canyon, the Na Pali Coast, and almost every other waterfall here on Kauai how destructive it is. It is impossible to enjoy the beauty and serenity of these amazing places when helicopters loudly buzz through the landscape constantly.

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Correspondence ID: 939 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Borsum, Lorraine

Received: Mar,07 2022 13:33:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters over Haleakala. It is a unique, spiritual place that should not be destroyed by the sound of helicopters flying over. The peace and quiet up there is unmatched and needs to be protected.

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Correspondence ID: 940 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Zoellner, Margaret

Received: Mar,07 2022 13:38:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters!

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 941 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: SHAW, LISA M

Received: Mar,07 2022 13:39:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative 2 - no helicopter tours over Haleakala

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Correspondence ID: 942 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Zimdars, Susan  
Received: Mar,07 2022 13:56:11  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I see no reason to have helicopters flying over Haleakala crater. I have hiked this crater many times in my 20. & 30! The noise alone would be very harmful to the hiker & the people staying in the cabins. Why does Hawaii always have to make it about making money  
I have lived here for over 55 years Can we not keep some places sacred  
Respectfully, Suzie Zimdars

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Correspondence ID: 943 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Ortiz, Alicia  
Received: Mar,07 2022 13:57:03  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please NO helicopter tours over Haleakala!!! It is a very sacred space for hiking and meditation.

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Correspondence ID: 944 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Corning, Erica  
Received: Mar,07 2022 14:00:13  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re : Plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you to not allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha  
Erica Corning

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Correspondence ID: 945 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lai, Leslie  
Received: Mar,07 2022 14:04:27  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours please. The beauty is in the silence and tranquility amongst the natural beauty. Helicopters intruding would change everything.

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Correspondence ID: 946 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Porter, Sharon  
Received: Mar,07 2022 14:04:42  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The beauty and serenity of Haleakala National Park deserves to be preserved for future generations. It is like no other place on earth and the quiet deserves to be preserved. I just can't imagine the noise and distraction of helicopters violating this sacred place. Mahalo for protecting this treasure.



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Correspondence ID: 947 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,07 2022 14:07:34  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter intrusion is wrong for the people who live under them flying overhead but also for the tranquility, serenity and silence that tourists come here for.

Stop these helicopter tour profiteers from destroying what should be innate. The intrusion we feel in Kula is nothing compared to the poor folks in Hana, Kipahulu and Haleakala, etc that are constantly bombarded with sound and intrusion.

Our annoyance with living under higher flight paths is nothing compared to the low altitude flyovers on the North Shore.

It's wrong. Stop profiteering for a handful of greedy people that affect tens of thousands in their thoughtless activities.

The aviation kerosene fuel consumption (of LEADED FUELS) by the helicopters goes against the green nature of Hawaii's energy goals.

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Correspondence ID: 948 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Barker-Perez, Laurie A  
Received: Mar,07 2022 14:09:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: - Haleakala is a sacred place that used to be, and still can be, one of the quietest places on earth. Besides the inherent sacredness of the mauna there is the blessed quiet, where only the sound of one's own breathing is heard, along with perhaps the wind and a native bird or two. How rare and how healing silence can be!

- Haleakala should not be just a place for tour operators to make more money and for tourists to visit so they can mark it off their bucket lists.
- How dare you even think of letting Mauna Haleakala be desecrated with even more noise and tourist pollution?
- There are already way too many (loud) tourists who don't understand nor respect where they are. They chatter away on and off the trails, so that it is very hard to get away from them and their noise. I, along with other local people/cultural practitioners, visit Haleakala to be in nature, to honor her sacredness, to chant, and to pule (pray). The last few years it has gotten to be almost impossible to do this without being interrupted by tourists. So, on a related note, could people please be counseled when they are entering the park, and maybe via signs in the park, to be quiet and respectful?
- I remember when there were tour helicopters flying over Haleakala in the 1980s. It was bad. I thought it was illegal to do so now?
- To quote Inez Ashdown in her book Ke Alaloa O Maui: "We spoke very little, and quietly, because the Crater was our Temple, and we were close to God and His spirits up there."
- To quote your own website, nps.gov: Haleakalā is a sacred place that has been used since ancient times. It is the dwelling place of nā akua (the gods), where kahuna (priests) conduct ceremonies."

With aloha,  
Laurie Kalilinoehohoinapuaohonuanei Barker-Perez

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Correspondence ID: 949 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Slater, Jette  
Received: Mar,07 2022 14:10:20  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please!! NO!! Helicopters In the sacred space of the HALEAKELA would be so wrong. People go there to be close to the Sacred - the silence there is like nowhere else on Maui and for people to clear their heads in this so quiet space in this so disturbing time, is so important!!

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Correspondence ID:	950	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Belnick, Suzanne
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 14:11:55
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

In this age of technology and constant stimulation, what remains precious is those few places on the earth where there is stillness and silence. These places are so important for our souls and I implore you to value and preserve the sanctity of nature and not allow Helicopter tours over the sacred mountain of Haleakala. This beautiful place is easily accessible by car and hiking and other means and can be enjoyed by many without noise pollution and disturbance of helicopters. Please seriously consider preserving this sanctified place and allowing hikers and visitors to relish in the stillness and silence that is so necessary for our souls especially in these times!!

Mahalo,  
Suzanne

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Correspondence ID:	951	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	, Marsha
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 14:12:16
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I recently left Maui after being a 43 Year resident. I can no longer afford the high cost of living and justify the stress to make ends meet, with the quality of life. Maui has become stressful. Haleakala Crater will become stressful as well with overflying helicopters, noise and pollution. The quality of life on Maui is disappearing.

Maui has changed and sadly, a playground for the rich, and is not the peaceful place where I spent most of my life, and raised my daughter. Please save something of the sanctity and profound healing that Maui has had to offer to its residents and visitors alike. People enter Haleakala Crater very often for Prayer , sacred contemplation, and to be in a deeply profound place of quiet. What will be left when all of Maui is traded for dollars? How sad that this is even a consideration.

May the right choice for the Aina be made, for the profound sanctity of Nature, and the most amazing place on Earth.

Aloha, Marsha Arak

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Correspondence ID:	952	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Suwanjindar, Ed
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 14:15:21
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: No a helicopter tours over Haleakala please.

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Correspondence ID:	953	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	lawremce, david
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 14:23:50
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: no helicopter tours over haleakala please

Correspondence ID:	954	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Griffin, Logan		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 14:25:09		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I have lived on Maui for 4 years several years and ago and am about to move back. Haleakala is one of the most sacred places on the planet and having no direct helicopter flights over it is the right choice. Please do not allow this to occur. Mahalo and God bless, Logan		

Correspondence ID:	955	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Thorvalson, David		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 14:25:37		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	As a long-time Maui Resident, now living on the mainland, Haleakala is one of the last true wonders of the world. please do not allow commercial helicopter traffic. Mahalo! -Dave		

Correspondence ID:	956	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Roske, Tamara		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 14:38:17		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please protect this sacred space that is one of the quietest places on Earth!		

Correspondence ID:	957	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Impey, John R		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 14:45:37		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Haleakala crater is Maui's sanctuary and needs to be protected at all cost . The craters solitude and quietness make it one of the most precious places on earth and we need to do all we can to protect it from any noise pollution . Helicopters create such a disturbance to this reality with their noise and people on the ground hiking are immersed in the separation from daily noise and activities. This needs to be preserved at all costs, there are so many beautiful places to fly around and over on this island please keep what is sacred sacred and leave Haleakala crater alone.		

Correspondence ID:	958	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Higbee, Samantha		
Received:	Mar,07 2022 14:49:16		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopter tours over the park I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui. Thank you		

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Correspondence ID:	959	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Scranton, Daniel			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 14:54:55			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours on Maui. I live and work here, and I need peace and quiet to do my work. I live on Mt. Haleakala, and I know how sacred this space is. The idea of thousands of helicopter tours coming to this part of Maui is very upsetting to me. Please do what you can to prevent this from happening.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Scranton

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Correspondence ID:	960	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Appel, Peter			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 15:10:38			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. Haleakala Park is like no other on earth, --- one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and hike into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Helicopters are important for medical emergencies and firefighting,--they are properly needed for important rescue work.

The park is an important cultural site for all native Hawaiians that does not need to be impacted by noise..even when hiking on the West Side of Maui or living in Lahaina, the helicopter noise is frequent and hard to filter that it is not an emergency. Wildlife impacts, including birds and grazing animals are also important to consider.

Important National Parks like Yellowstone and Yosemite do not allow helicopter tours, with good reason.

Thank you for using common sense to protect our natural resources and respect Hawaiian cultural traditions.

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Correspondence ID:	961	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Carter, Michelle			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 15:12:01			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Test Comment			

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Correspondence ID:	962	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Atwood, Jennifer N			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 15:14:30			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I am submitting my comments for the proposed plan to offer helicopter tours over haleakala crater national park.

It is with great sadness over the last 33 years that I have spent being born and raised on maui to see so much of its beauty disappear. Not only have the Hawaiian culture and people been suppressed and disregarded, the amount of tourism and construction catered to tourism is absolutely outstanding. How much longer will the Hawaii tourism authorities and state government be okay with desecration of land and people?

With every new implementation catered to tourism, we lose a little bit of ourselves. The Hawaiian people lose a little bit of themselves too. Haleakala is what I would consider a sacred place, that people already have the ability to enjoy. Allowing helicopters to fly over, as well as flying less than 500' would cause so much disruption and is such a disgrace.

Not only would it be devastating to the people that work so hard to protect it, native species would be disrupted from noise pollution, and there are effects that may happen that we don't even know about yet. Are we willing to risk it for tourism? It feels like the Hawaii state government is the number one cause of desecration to all of the Hawaiian land and culture as well as BAD DECISION MAKING. A'OLE!!!

For so long it has been blamed on other entities, but the government is the one that calls all the decision making. It's time to start putting the people in the aina first and say no to helicopter tours over another precious piece of Hawaii. BE PONO

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Correspondence ID:	963	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Palmieri, Crissy			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 15:29:04			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over the summit of Haleakala. Living in Hana, we have tourism helicopters flying overhead often and it is very disruptive and intrusive. To imagine that over the summit of Haleakala, one of the quietest places in the world, is painful. There is no need to promote this kind of tourism as anyone can drive to the top of Haleakala. Please do not allow helicopter tours.

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Correspondence ID:	964	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Assarf, Nathalie			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 15:43:16			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please keep it silent

The tourists have pretty much taken over our island. There is very little room in the towns and beaches. Please do not permit this invasion into the Haleakala Crater..  
Thank you, Nikki Moss

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Correspondence ID: 967 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Durand, Mary Jo  
Received: Mar,07 2022 16:03:38  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: NO to any helicopter tours flying over Haleakala National Park. It is too precious and fragile of an area. .

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Correspondence ID: 968 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Boteilho, Tina A  
Received: Mar,07 2022 16:09:25  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please no Helicopters on or around Haleakala. They are loud, disruptive, and destructive to the crater and surrounding areas. Haleakala is a place of worship for Kanaka and is considered the quietest place on earth. Please do not allow any more desecration of air, land, and sea.

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Correspondence ID: 969 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Boteilho, Tina A  
Received: Mar,07 2022 16:09:26  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please no Helicopters on or around Haleakala. They are loud, disruptive, and destructive to the crater and surrounding areas. Haleakala is a place of worship for Kanaka and is considered the quietest place on earth. Please do not allow any more desecration of air, land, and sea.

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Correspondence ID: 970 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Sheller, Kaylee K  
Received: Mar,07 2022 16:14:51  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: It's our duty to protect this precious, unique Mauna. Helicopter tours bring chemical and sound pollution. Let's leave sacred places alone and not disturb their natural magic.

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Correspondence ID: 971 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Kohler, Kathleen A  
Received: Mar,07 2022 16:15:58  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I am a former 30 year resident of Maui and am helping family on the mainland presently. I have hiked through Haleakala Crater a dozen times staying in each of the cabins since 1978. I have driven to the top for sunsets and have hiked into the crater partially to enjoy full moons as well. I can't imagine helicopters being allowed to destroy the stillness, beauty, peacefulness of our Haleakala. ..Please forbid this desecration ...NO ONE wants to be buzzed and intruded upon from a noisy helicopter above after spending the money for a permit to hike and /or camp/ stay in a cabin...NO ONE...It will destroy the enjoyment of the journey.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Kohler LPN

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Correspondence ID: 972 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: McArdle, P

Received: Mar,07 2022 16:18:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: RE: NO HELICOPTER TOURS OVER HALEAKALA CRATER AND NATIONAL PARK

Please do not permit Helicopter Tours over Haleakala Crater and National Park. Please respect the serenity of this space and the wishes of Hawaii's indigenous people to maintain Hawaii's Mountain's summits as sacred and undisturbed.

I arrived on Maui in 1975 and have lived in Hawaii since then. In 1986, I witnessed Haley's comet from Haleakala's summit with my children, which was a once in lifetime memorable event for me. The conditions at the summit must remain in its natural peaceful state.

Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID: 973 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Johnson, Bianca

Received: Mar,07 2022 16:18:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter tours over the sacred land of Haleakala should NOT be allowed. At all. With so much desecration of Maui happening already it is disturbing that this is even being considered. I think driving up or hiking the crater is more than enough to experience it's beauty. As a native Hawaiian born and raised on Maui, it would bring upon huge conflicts into the community. What makes Haleakala so beautiful is the fact it is so serene and peaceful, and any helicopter tour no matter how high or how many in a day etc, would completely ruin that. Please take this into consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 974 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Jelley, Sara

Received: Mar,07 2022 16:19:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Option 2- no helicopters over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 975 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pickholz, Gail

Received: Mar,07 2022 16:26:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I've been a Hawaii resident for nearly 54 years, arriving in 1968. I went to University of Hawaii at Manoa for dental hygiene and practiced for 22 years. Haleakala was the place I'd hike monthly as a spiritual renewal, God's country, serene, quiet and very special. For a number of years helicopters flew over the crater and the piercing noise destroyed any semblance of peace and quiet. There was then a ban on helicopters, the chronology of which I am not sure, where they had to fly a certain number of feet altitude. That made a tremendous difference. Now there is another proposal to allow helicopters to again fly over the unique, incredibly special place? Is financial gain the main motivation? Why destroy a sacred place? Once desecrated it can never be returned to its pristine condition. Did we not learn anything from the initial lockdown at the beginning of th

pandemic? Tourism must be managed not allowed to run rampant and destroy our island. Please consider the long term impact of this proposal and veto it. Mahalo nui loa

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Correspondence ID: 976 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Neuman, Melanie  
Received: Mar,07 2022 16:28:17  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I strongly oppose allowing helicopters to be able to fly over Haleakala Crater in any capacity or circumstances. It would be a terrible destruction of the natural beauty that the Park was charged with protecting and supporting!

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Correspondence ID: 977 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Jones, Karen P  
Received: Mar,07 2022 16:29:52  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: To whom it may concern:  
Haleakala National Park is a rare place on Maui that has not changed radically over the years, while the rest of Maui is unrecognizable from the days of my childhood. I take extreme comfort in that fact when I take in the views and the silence. It is a place of awe and serenity.  
Please NO HELICOPTER TOURS BELOW 5000 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL.  
Helicopters are noisy and invasive to the peace and quiet. They are an expensive thrill ride, and yes, fun, but not appropriate for Haleakala National Park. We, as humans, desperately need a place of refuge from the cacophony of the current world, where we can connect with nature and find peace.  
I humbly urge you to select the above option.  
Aloha,  
Karen Porteus Jones

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Correspondence ID: 978 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: McClain, Heather C  
Received: Mar,07 2022 16:29:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands of Haleakala National Park. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. This is the home of Nene, our sacred bird and Silversword, so endangered. Please do not allow this. It is a harmful desecration.  
Mahalo,  
Heather

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Correspondence ID: 979 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: charles, john i  
Received: Mar,07 2022 16:36:17  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: re: plans to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park  
Allowing helicopter tours over Haleakala will degrade the experience nature lovers are seeking, silence in nature is one of the main elements that we hope to find in our National Parks. The island of Maui already suffers greatly



from overtourism, please do not allow that to continue to compound in Haleakala National Park as this will prove to be visual and sound pollution! If there is no way to stop this plan I would hope that helicopters are not allowed to fly under 5000 feet above the ground.

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Correspondence ID: 980 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: McGurn, Jennifer  
Received: Mar,07 2022 16:42:01  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow ANY (that means ZERO) helicopter flights over Haleakala National Park. This park is a place of solitude and quiet. Helicopters do not below in that airspace. Period.

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Correspondence ID: 981 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Drouillard, Catalina N  
Received: Mar,07 2022 16:43:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours of Haleakalā. Much of the beauty and magic of our National Park is that when there you escape machinery and technology and all of the noise that comes along those things. Flying helicopters over such a sacred place makes no sense, the idea is actually quite sad and disrespectful.

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Correspondence ID: 982 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Benzrioual, Samad  
Received: Mar,07 2022 16:44:37  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please don't allow any flight or helicopters tours on the Haleakala mountain, we love how calm and peaceful it s and we need to keep it that way Please Samad

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Correspondence ID: 983 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,07 2022 16:58:07  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please listen to our voices. We are asking you to preserve the sacred silence of Haleakala. There are very few silent places left in our noisy world and much research into the effects of all the constant noise on human health. If you allow helicopter overflights it will destroy why tourists visit...they come to get away from the noisy overcrowded world. We ask you to care for and preserve Haleakala. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID: 984 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Magnusson, Baiss Eric  
Received: Mar,07 2022 17:04:53  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: HALEAKALA CRATER in Maui, Hawaii must be off limits to helicopter flights, it would destroy the tranquility of the wonderful place.

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Correspondence ID: 985 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,Jessica

Received:

Mar,07 2022 17:08:43

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha... I'm writing to express my view that there should be no helicopter tours over Haleakala... there is no need for this and it would only benefit the tour companies. It is a sacred place and should be protected, like all sacred Hawaiian lands... we must not set a precedent to further commercialize a place that is so important to the native people and the community. Please do not allow this... it will be a catalyst to desecration of other sacred sites. There is literally no need. Who would this benefit other than the tour companies? Tourists can have a good time on their other tours... they're lives are fine without having flown over Haleakala. Helicopter tour companies have made it this far without it. If they need to make more money, find other ways to do it... Are their current tours full? Then raise the prices. If they are not, why introduce a new product? A company's revenue growth goals are not enough of a reason to even consider this option that will disrupt the community, much less approve it. There needs to be a criteria that anything like this must first pass questions like How does this benefit the community? How does this positively impact the land/air/sea space it operates in. The noise and pollution are not benefits. Even if those factors were neutral it still shouldn't pass... the threshold should be what is the minimum level of benefit that an opportunity will provide before it is considered. I would like to think that it must benefit the environment, the community and the preservation of Hawaiian culture, and look to environmental experts, hawaiian cultural practitioners, and community leaders and/or vote to determine if it passes to the next level.

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Correspondence ID:	986	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Nishida, Teri K
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 17:18:05
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Aloha, I am requesting that the air space over Haleakalā be a No-Fly Zone for tour helicopters. Haleakalā is a known sacred place by Hawaiian historians and it should be treated as such. Preservation of it's land, space, natural resources and wildlife is an act of respect to this sacred place and its indigenous culture. Eliminating human and mechanical pollution in the are would help preserve this area and allow it's natural inhabitants to thrive. Mahalo nui loa.

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Correspondence ID:	987	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Correspondence ID:	988	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Herskovits, Tasya
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 17:18:40
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I used to work for Joshua Tree National Park in the Resources department. I honestly cannot imagine helicopter tours over any national park, as this would significantly diminish the visitor's ability to appreciate the unadulterated sounds and sights of these incredible natural areas. There are plenty of other places where

helicopters can fly. Please keep helicopter tours out of the national parks. The soundscape is just as important to many as the landscape. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 989 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Rodeigues, Vaea  
Received: Mar,07 2022 17:23:43  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Do not allow . Limit to one path  
This Mauna is sacred and is often a place of worship for the Hawaiian community.

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Correspondence ID: 990 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Wittman, Brian  
Received: Mar,07 2022 17:24:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Hello. Please do not allow Helicopters to fly over Haleakala National Park. It will completely ruin the ambience of pure nature in all its power and beauty. I am surprised to hear that the idea is even under consideration. No, no, no. Please: NO!!!  
  
It is a terrible idea that can only have been suggested by someone out to make some money at the expense of the greater good and the peace and welfare of the worldwide and local community that quietly enjoys this one-of-a-kind gift of nature.  
  
Thank you. We are counting on you to do the right thing.  
  
Aloha, Brian Wittman

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Correspondence ID: 991 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Newlight, Nai'a  
Received: Mar,07 2022 17:24:26  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: NONE!!!

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Correspondence ID: 992 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Newlight, Nai'a  
Received: Mar,07 2022 17:24:37  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: NONE!!!

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Correspondence ID: 993 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Teruya, Cindy  
Received: Mar,07 2022 17:32:36  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I myself disagree with allowing 1200 or so helicopters to fly over the summit of Haleakala for the simple reason of solitude. Many churches use this summit to be closer to our God in public sunrise services. This would be ultimately impossible to do while worshipping our God. I believe many would disagree just on this one point. It would be like having a train station running right thru it. On the ecological n wildlife this would be a travesty to the very nature of Hawaii n it's existing plant n animals indigenous only to Maui n you want the people

of Hawaii to agree to this with all that has been taken thus far? A'ole! (No!) You may not have your way here. This is our home n our aina...a'ole! Enough is enough you money hungry people.

P.S

I really believe it would be totally irresponsible if this was allowed being we have billion \$ telescopes up there...so I really don't see that &quot;EVER&quot; happening!! And if it's allowed, no matter what reasoning is given, you can understand why we Hawaiians end up stepping in to protect the respect for our aina, which in this sense would prove science to does not reflect the right protocol for the telescopes existence on our mountain. So yeah, this won't be allowed. Just saying...

Remain Aloha!

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Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Correspondence ID:	995	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Gardener, David			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 17:33:47			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, to helicopters flying over Haleakala Crater. The geological characteristics and almost entirely plantless landscape of the concave upside-down bell-like natural wonder make for acoustics that you will not find in many places on earth. How the crater affects sound and human hearing is remarkable.

Example: Such is the uniqueness of being in the crater, people walking in single file spaced some 30 yards apart can speak to each other in a normal voice and be heard as if they were walking right next to each other.

A personal experience: On a rare afternoon with no wind I sat of the floor of the crater outside the Kapalaoa cabin just taking in the beauty when I noticed a strong ringing in my ears and I thought to myself, &quot;Wow the crickets are deafening down here.&quot;

Then it hit me that there are no crickets in the crater and what I was hearing was the electro-chemical activity of my own brain! It was a transcendent moment of feeling the LIFE in me, directly (as opposed to thinking about the concept of life).

My suspicion is that there is some lobbying going on in pressing for fly-over status by the tour companies.

So the equation becomes, is greater profitability for the tour companies more important than conserving a wonder of the natural world? Noise pollution is a thing in our modern life and we can't get away from it for the most part. Maui is fortunate to have one place where noise pollution is not and in my opinion this needs to be protected ABSOLUTELY, no minimum height regulations or hours of operation restrictions.

There are some things that no amount of money should be able to buy (licencing fees?) and Haleakala Crater should not be for sale at any price.

In fact, it is proven that "nature bathing" provides a healing balm for an illness of our modern times- Nature Deficit Disorder and Haleakala provides a very strong and pure dose of body, mind and soul rebalancing.

The American Society of Landscape Architects of Washington, DC writes the following:

#### HEALTH BENEFITS OF NATURE

The idea that spending time in nature can make you feel better is intuitive. We all feel this to be true, and many of us have anecdotes of our own or from friends or family that support that idea. People who have been suffering from stress, sickness, or a trauma can spend quiet contemplative time in gardens or taken to the mountains or woods to heal. But nature is not just wilderness. The benefits of nature can also be found in our communities' parks and green spaces.

Researchers are amassing a body of evidence, proving what we all know to be true: nature is good for us and has both long and short term mental and physical health benefits.

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We are fortunate to have many forested areas on Maui and of course the ocean to retreat to for all the physical and mental health benefits that provide, but we should not allow ourselves to lose sight of how important, rare and powerfully healing the benefits of the crater are for us.

As an analogy, I believe it is quite obvious that if you have a barking puppy and you want to visit a monastery, you would intuitively know not to bring your dog along. By the same token, helicopters should not be allowed to pollute the silence of Haleakala with their whining jet engines and barking rotors.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PROTECT the parks, don't license them for government revenue and corporate profits.

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Correspondence ID:	996	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Tiare, Lee			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 17:37:29			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	NO HELICOPTERS			

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Correspondence ID:	997	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Tobin, Michiah			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 17:41:01			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	To whom it may can be of concern			

Please do not allow a helicopter tours over the crater. It is one of the quietest places on Earth and we all need more quiet space.

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Correspondence ID:	998	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 17:48:53			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopters over Haleakala crater.

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Correspondence ID: 999 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Peoples, E  
Received: Mar,07 2022 17:50:22  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please let the mountain be a pedestrian hike only from park lot.

The money cannot dictate a Holy Mountain like this.

Haleakala will still be available to walkers.

This is a serious matter. Nature and this Sacred Silence of correct decibals must be protected by

YOU-THE MANA KEEPER AND LAW MAKER. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHOICE

FOR THE PRESERVATION , SOLITUDE , Quiescence of all involved. Then receive your great blessing.

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Your life can be the one that makes decisions for the future health of our planet for generations.

There are enough mountain helicopter tours currently. Support health of both the people and the mountain by making people walk or use a video.

Mahalo for your good karma and thinking this through for your sake & others. Stand up ,  
For your children's children.!

Try something radically approved by your Intuition, your Spiritual Helpers and your Divinity!!!

Stand for the Mountains health!

Sincerely, E

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Correspondence ID: 1000 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Mitchell, Craig  
Received: Mar,07 2022 17:54:38  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do NOT allow helicopter tours to fly over Halliakala crater.  
It benefits very few and would disturb many.

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Correspondence ID: 1001 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,07 2022 18:00:07  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha, I strongly support alternative 3, which allows for limited flights. We need to balance access to the summit in a variety of forms, instead of reactionary banning of all activities. It's a compromise all parties can live with.

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Correspondence ID: 1002 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Carter-Jones, Leesa  
Received: Mar,07 2022 18:04:07  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Decision-Makers,

Please do not add helicopter tours in this beautiful place. When visitors, like me, come to visit, we are hoping to experience the beauty and silence of these lands as they have been for millennia. Where I live, in the Appalachian mountains and in the county with the most waterfalls in the continental U.S. - we would be devastated if approval

was given for flights over these natural phenomenon. The biggest part of the experience (there and here) is walking, in nature and her silence, to reconnect. Please don't destroy that.

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Correspondence ID: 1003 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lind, Lauaeliilii D

Received: Mar,07 2022 18:06:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Any plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you

Laua'e Lind

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Correspondence ID: 1004 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Fordyce, Roy

Received: Mar,07 2022 18:10:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views

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Correspondence ID: 1005 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Sikirdji, Victoria L

Received: Mar,07 2022 18:35:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park is a pristine treasure, there isn't any other place like this on earth. A environmental sound and recording engineer named Gordon Hempton through his many travels and research all over the world found and documented that Haleakala Crater to be the "Quietest Place on Earth". A documentary film was made of this by Dr. Tom Vendetti. This exquisit and sacred place must be protected please stop the helicopter tours from desecrating this natural wonder. Thank you, Victoria L. Sikirdji

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Correspondence ID: 1006 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Thatcher, Mike A

Received: Mar,07 2022 18:46:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been flying on Maui over 15 years and have never flown over Haleakala crater, or are we allowed to. We also stay at least 1/2 mile off the fence line and normally 1 mile away. There is only one place we fly over the park above Waimuku falls. This was approved by the park many years ago, and we pay the park entrance fee every time we do. I must say the view from the air is more spectacular than from the observation area. The new park manager hates Helicopters and wants to do away with them anyway she can. That's not fair for the rest of the visitors that want to see it from the air.

My 2 cents for what ever it's worth.

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Correspondence ID: 1007 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Thatcher, Mike A  
Received: Mar,07 2022 18:47:00  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 1008 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hall, Catherine M  
Received: Mar,07 2022 18:49:23  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please DO NOT allow helicopter tours around Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 1009 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Dyer, Blake  
Received: Mar,07 2022 18:51:04  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours through haleakala. This is one of the most pristine and amazing places I've ever been. I remember some helicopters on the outside and those were distracting. Having them in the crater itself would be absolutely detrimental to the experience of people wishing to explore this place. Please keep this space sacred!

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Correspondence ID: 1010 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Strickland, Jolie  
Received: Mar,07 2022 19:03:45  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park is one of those special places on Maui you can go to truly escape and be at peace in nature. How can we let this sacred, safe and special place be polluted by the noise of passing helicopters. If people want to see it, they can easily drive up there and look down in to the crater. Please, please, please don't allow this!

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Correspondence ID: 1011 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Strickland, Jolie  
Received: Mar,07 2022 19:03:46  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 1012 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Goodman, Paul C  
Received: Mar,07 2022 19:05:03  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I urge you to not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. Please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Mahalo, Paul Goodman

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Correspondence ID: 1013 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Etemad, Marguerite  
Received: Mar,07 2022 19:05:23  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park, Maui, HI You will destroy the silence that is one of the main attractions to hiking in Haleakala National Park. Don't destroy this precious place.

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Correspondence ID: 1014 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Staley-Earnst, Jeri  
Received: Mar,07 2022 19:18:04  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do NOT want to see helicopters flying over Haleakala...period.

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Correspondence ID: 1015 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hill, Karma A  
Received: Mar,07 2022 19:21:48  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please no helicopter tours over Haleakala, it is a quiet and sacred space and should remain that way. There is no need for this.

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Correspondence ID: 1016 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Nash, Gordon  
Received: Mar,07 2022 19:23:34  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No way in hell should they allow helicopters to go over the park. This place is sacred and we don't need any extra noise up there. MALAMA AINA. MAHALO

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Correspondence ID: 1017 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Robinson, Paula

Received: Mar,07 2022 19:36:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha nui,  
When I need to rejuvenate spiritually or emotionally, no matter the weather on Haleakala, the silence, the absolute silence that I can sit in while being enveloped by The House of the Sun cures me. This is the one place helicopters and drones don't harass me.  
Haleakala is a sacred place. There is no reason, other than to increase an individual's wealth, to take this peace away from this space.  
Mahalo,  
Paula

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Correspondence ID: 1018 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Balfour, Samara

Received: Mar,07 2022 19:53:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, Please, no helicopters on Our Sacred  
Haleakala! We need that Precious Silence and  
Retreat from this insane world we're all living in,  
and Haleakala is our Haven and resting place!  
Please don't destroy this for uS!!!  
There must be a better way!  
Thank you for your consideration in this  
matter!  
Blessings,  
Samara Balfour

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Correspondence ID: 1019 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Linden, Thomas

Received: Mar,07 2022 19:54:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow these helicopter tours.  
this is one of the most beautiful, quiet places on earth. Let them fly over Kahoolawi

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Correspondence ID: 1020 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Broderick, Matthew

Received: Mar,07 2022 20:17:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha I just heard that the National Park Service is considering allowing helicopters fly over Haleakala National Park. I and my friends visit this park as a place for silence and to be in nature and it would be a trade guy to allow helicopters to be flying in the midst of this. I would strongly advise against this as it doesn't seem like it helps the park very much and it would greatly diminish the beauty and majesty of the crater experience. Thanks for reading this and giving an opportunity for feedback!

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Correspondence ID: 1021 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Sharon, McDaniel

Received: Mar,07 2022 20:35:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Regarding plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I used to live in Maui for many years I now live in Northern California but visit Maui often Haleakala is a precious treasure for residents and tourist to enjoy part of its beauty is the quiet and silence it's part of the deep healing mana and nature and needs to be protected

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Mahalo Sharon McDaniel

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Correspondence ID:	1022	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	, L			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 20:39:53			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No tours: Silence is Golden!!!!

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Correspondence ID:	1023	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Leis, Ashle			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 20:39:54			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Use of helicopters In Haleakala should not be for tour, but for limited use of research and preservation efforts only.

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Correspondence ID:	1024	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Jean, Garry			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 20:43:48			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha. Please keep Haleakala crater a no-fly zone for helicopters, drones and anything else that will disturb the silence of this special place on our noisy planet.

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Correspondence ID:	1025	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Verbena, Melissa			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 20:54:09			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha ☆Please do not allow disruptive tours over Haleakala.  
Giving permission for a few to profit while desecrating the peace of this sacred beautiful place is not what I want to experience.  
Please protect the airspace above Haleakala for this & future generations. Mahalo

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Correspondence ID:	1026	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Susan, Engle M			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 20:59:11			

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

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Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha Wale

Susan Engle

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Correspondence ID: 1027 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Guard, Laurie

Received: Mar,07 2022 21:27:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please approve option 2 --- no helicopters. I understand why helicopter companies want to this and I'm sure it would be a spectacular experience-- there need to be special places in this world. We have some here in Hawaii and they need to remain special. The noise and risk involved should the helicopter require emergency services are not justifiable.

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Correspondence ID: 1028 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pottharst, Jonathan

Received: Mar,07 2022 21:31:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Allowing low-flying helicopters would sacrifice the experience of the many who experience the park on the ground for the few who can afford to see it from above. Please preserve its wild character.

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Correspondence ID: 1029 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Karen

Received: Mar,07 2022 21:35:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

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Thank you and Aloha Wale

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Correspondence ID: 1030 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kenyon, Judith

Received: Mar,07 2022 21:41:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters, none.

Thank you,

Judith Kenyon

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Correspondence ID:	1031	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Painter, Pamela S			
Received:	Mar,07 2022 21:55:23			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha all I can say is I truly pray that no helicopters will be touring over the sacred Mountain Haleakala . We need places to be kept in there natural beauty for the benefit of all beings .Most people go up there to enjoy the quiet that the nature offers. Please let's respect this sacred Mountain.Mahalo

amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

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Correspondence ID:	1037	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 22:08:05
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Correspondence: Aloha!

Please do not allow helicopter tours over our beloved Haleakala! I love hiking in the crater and find it so peaceful and serene. I consider Haleakala to be a very sacred and special place and the noise pollution these tours would create would take away from the beauty of the experience! Also, it was pointed out to me by a friend that sound studies have shown that inside the crater was found to be one of the quietest places on earth, and I LOVE that about it!! Please don't allow tours over the crater.

Mahalo for the consideration!

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Correspondence ID:	1038	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Bartlome, Jeanette Grace
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 22:14:51
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I'm writing to make a comment on the helicopters flying over Haleakala crater national park . I would like to make certain that they are not allowed ever into the crater . I have had the privilege of hiking through there many times and the silence and the beauty is unrepeatable as there is not another place like it .the sound of a helicopter would completely change and alter that experience for anyone whoever gets to see it and the hikers that spend the night in there, it's such a privilege but those that can't actually go in can go to the top and look in . I believe no one should be subjected to the sound of the helicopters !! I say no helicopters ever anywhere near the crater please protect that sacred space thank you! I will always treasure my hikes through that profound beauty and silence. Please preserve it for all generations to come .

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Correspondence ID:	1039	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Bartlome, Jeanette Grace
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Correspondence ID:	1040	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Morningstar, Myrica
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Received:	Mar,07 2022 22:28:17
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please, please please allow the silence of Haleakala to continue. It is deeply needed. It is deeply healing. It is deeply nourishing for all beings.

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Correspondence ID: 1041 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Carolyn, Widd

Received: Mar,07 2022 22:31:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Mother Nature is our mother, she deserves RESPECT!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 1042 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Carolyn, Widd

Received: Mar,07 2022 22:31:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Mother Nature is our mother, she deserves RESPECT!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 1043 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Muschenheim, David H

Received: Mar,07 2022 22:35:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter to despoil Haleakala National Park. There are plenty of places that helicopters can already tour in Hawaii. As a frequent visitor to the BWCA one the most treasured aspects of those trip is the lack of constant background noise. I will be in Maui next week and plan to visit Haleakala and am looking forward to the silence.

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Correspondence ID: 1044 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pitzer, John

Received: Mar,07 2022 22:40:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There's many things that helicopters can be good for, but tourism is not one of them. The noise pollution alone is one thing, not just for humans but also the surrounding environment and wildlife. Another is the actual pollution to the same subjects, often overlooked. As towards the community, it is one of the few National parks that we are fortunate to have for anyone to explore the largest combination of hiking trails on Maui. The cabins are the most secluded you can find on island, the peace and solitude that can be found is unrivaled. There's honestly no where else on Maui that can compare, if only we had more places for the community like Haleakala crater. Culturally, it is one of the most significant places of worship on the island, the proof is in the naming. Native Hawaiians should have the strongest say to what is allowed, especially with issues that will affect future generations to come! I don't feel the need to use big words or over elaborate any of this, because it seems so obvious that less is more in this case. The question shouldn't be if there should be more helicopters but how can we have less? Ultimately the Hawaiian government should start to realize the urgent need to grow out of the tourism industry and concentrate on a switch to self sustainability!

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Correspondence ID: 1045 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Furtado, Nicholas

Received: Mar,07 2022 22:58:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please no copter overfllys over Haleakala crater.

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Correspondence ID: 1046 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Willoughby, Christopher  
Received: Mar,07 2022 23:11:41  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: After reviewing the ATMO,  
I am in agreement that there needs to be a policy change to protect visitor experience, soundscapes and sacred sites.  
Quiet places are getting harder and harder to find and in a crowded tourist destination like Maui, the National Park Service and Haleaka National Park stand in a good place to be leaders in preserving wildness, wilderness, and native Hawaiian cultural sites. Because air travel is so ubiquitous and quiet is so valuable to both roadside and backcountry users, I urge the park choose the alternative #2, where all flights maintain at least a 5000ft AGL, and be more than ½ mile from the boundary of the park soundscapes are hard resources to maintain and preserve when we let the camels nose in the tent for allowing some aircraft to get close into the park. We have a sacred obligation to native Hawaiian culture to do our very best in preserving the primeval ways and conditions of the land.

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Correspondence ID: 1047 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Vishnevskaya, Nina  
Received: Mar,07 2022 23:14:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours over Haleakala. It is one of the most sacred spots on the planet. Perhaps the center of the universe! The silence can be measured in negative decibels and it is the most quiet place on earth. We have very few sanctuaries that allow for peace and meditation and natural undisturbed beauty left on our little island. There's nothing to be gained from this except profits for the tour companies. Tourists can drive up to Haleakala; it is a pilgrimage. It would be complete sacrilege and desecration and the worst kind of noise pollution. Truly a nightmare to have that kind of disturbing noise and hovering intrusion in our last refuge.  
Already tourists have destroyed our reefs and the fishes are dwindling. Please let us preserve our Haleakala!

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Correspondence ID: 1048 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lopez, Morgan H  
Received: Mar,07 2022 23:17:01  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park violate the sanctity of this area. There should remain certain areas of Hawaii nei to be persevered, not exploited. 25K helicopter tours/year is over 68 tours per day, which could be over 5 per hour (over a 12-hour span), which would mean potentially seeing or hearing a helicopter every 12 minutes per day in this area. As a nation, do we find it acceptable to interrupt people's spiritual practice or violate their cultural or spiritual beliefs for tourism dollars? Please, no helicopters over Haleakala National Park.

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Correspondence ID: 1049 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Roberts, Beth Evelyn (Eva)  
Received: Mar,07 2022 23:37:39  
Correspondence Type: Web Form



Correspondence: Aloha,  
I urge you with all my heart to honor the sacred energy of Haleakala Crater, the source of our Aina. Haleakala is and has always been a place of silence, a place of prayer, a place of meditation, a place of connection with nature. The silence is profound, even at the beginning of the trail. It is so healing for our overworked nervous systems to be in a place of peace, so that we may find ways to create and support Peace on Earth.  
Mahalo for your kokua,  
Eva Roberts

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Correspondence ID: 1050 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lynne, Nancy A  
Received: Mar,07 2022 23:44:09  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters! Preserve the opportunity to hear, feel, and see the beauty!

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Correspondence ID: 1051 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Bruce, John G  
Received: Mar,07 2022 23:51:22  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: What a damn stupid idea to let helicopters fly through the crater!  
I have been in the crater in the days when aircraft and helicopters could fly below the rim. The sound literally spreads from one side to the other. Anyone who thinks this is a good idea needs to reassess their grasp of reality.

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Correspondence ID: 1052 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Sandbach, John  
Received: Mar,07 2022 23:55:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopters are extremely loud and disruptive. Why do we need to offer 25,000 flights? I go up there for peace, quiet and a connection to nature. Absolutely not

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Correspondence ID: 1053 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Sandbach, John  
Received: Mar,07 2022 23:55:15  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopters are extremely loud and disruptive. Why do we need to offer 25,000 flights? I go up there for peace, quiet and a connection to nature. Absolutely not

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Correspondence ID: 1054 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Doucette, Paul A  
Received: Mar,08 2022  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Absolutely NO, no helicopters on Haleakala~ simply idiotic. Silence is priceless.  
No no no  
Thank You

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Correspondence ID: 1055 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Alexander, Rosan

Received: Mar,08 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopters to fly over this sacred and silent space. Huge no to any commercial use of this land. This is the white man mentality, take and use for profit. We must resist this. Please!

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Correspondence ID: 1056 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Quan Pfetzing, Charlene

Received: Mar,08 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly oppose against ANY helicopter tours in Haleakala. How can this even be a consideration? Haleakala is a spiritual place. It must stay that way. We cannot afford to loose any more of our island to tourist enterprises that do nothing except take take take. I've lived on Maui for over 25 years and painfully have watched the island become overrun with tourism. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE HALEAKALA AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE!!!

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Correspondence ID: 1057 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Zamor, Christabel

Received: Mar,08 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

Regarding plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you, bless you,

Christabel Garcia-Zamor

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Correspondence ID: 1058 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Sikirdji, Albert

Received: Mar,08 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha

Blessings from jungles of Huelo

I have lived here in Hawaii'Nei for 43 years now

I consider this island of Maui my home

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

The question that begs is what's in it for the residents of Maui and particular, the Polynesians who consider the mountain a sacred place? Seems like a tourist attraction to make money for helicopter operators. I do not believe

that is in the best interests of All Hawai'ians.  
Mahalo. Blessings. Aloha  
Albert J Sikirdji. AKA Rev. Solomon  
Journey of the Heart Ministry

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Correspondence ID:	1059	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Engel, Toni			
Received:	Mar,08 2022			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: To all who have concern;

The news that there may be helicopters flying over Haleakala National Park was extremely alarming sad news. WE are so fortunate to live on this very beautiful island that offers so many gifts and beauty. Haleakala has been a treasured sacred place for so very long. It is with great gratitude that I visit the summit and hike the amazing crater. It is a grand spectacle of environment, beauty and silence. When I think of being in the crater I recall the deep silence that exists way above the clouds that brings me and others to a profound peaceful place inside. I go there with deep respect. I hope you see the great importance of maintaining this special place and its special silence that offers up so much in a world that is so uncertain and unstable, Haleakala offers a strength that comes from deep in the earth.

Please I ask from my heart do not let helicopter tours invade the precious space.  
a concerned citizen,  
Kalei Engel

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Correspondence ID:	1060	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Wilson, Suzan M			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 01:04:23			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha NPS...

Silence is one of our great resources, being slowly lost. See the PBS Documentary about "The Quietest Place on Earth"... it was measured in Haleakala Crater. To rob the poor of this experience for the pleasure of the wealthy (those who can afford the Helicopter ride) is unconscionable ... Please do not cave in to pressures from capitalistic schemes at the expense of our National Treasure: our Park. Mahalo for the opportunity to express myself. Sue Wilson, fierce defender of silence.

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Correspondence ID:	1061	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Slater, Steven M			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 01:08:33			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: As far as flights over Haleakalā, when presented with only three choices I support option number two, no flights allowed lower than 5000 feet.

I actually feel that no flight should be allowed at all even at that high altitude. It's not fair that the pleasure of a couple of wealthy tourist and destroy the peaceful environment of thousands of others.

Let those waste for thrill seekers by virtual reality goggles instead, provide a VR video from the park, get with the times stop wasting the environment for the entertainment of a few.

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Correspondence ID:	1062	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Winter, Sherry J			

Received: Mar,08 2022 01:20:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow tours by helicopters to fly over Haleakala Crater. We have been coming to Maui go over 30 years and treasure the peace, beauty, and sacredness of this special place!

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Correspondence ID: 1063 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Winter, Sherry J

Received: Mar,08 2022 01:20:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow tours by helicopters to fly over Haleakala Crater. We have been coming to Maui go over 30 years and treasure the peace, beauty, and sacredness of this special place!

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Correspondence ID: 1064 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Domingo, Angela

Received: Mar,08 2022 02:24:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours above Haleakala. It's the only place to find peace from everything. There is no need for it.

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Correspondence ID: 1065 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Valence, Noella K

Received: Mar,08 2022 02:32:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha , we need to keep the Haleakala Park the way it is . No helicopter tours , no changes ! You know it is God who made that Park and God does not change , and the Silence is how to pray to God ,the silence is the means to reach out to God and if we do and obey God's will then we know God will protect not only the Park but thePeople , the Land and everything o. The Land and the Ocean . So please let's be wise and leave things the way they are . Mahalo nui loa

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Correspondence ID: 1066 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wilson, Amanda

Received: Mar,08 2022 02:59:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you not to ever allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

This is a sacred spot and one that has at least avoided this intrusion for this long.

Please preserve the silence.

Thank you and Aloha

Amanda

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Correspondence ID: 1067 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Manor, Collin  
Received: Mar,08 2022 03:36:44  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha, I've been a resident of Maui for 20 years. After surviving past trauma, I've struggled with ptsd. Every time my wife and I can pull ourselves away from our rat race lives and adventure into the crater, we are able to forget the rest of the world even if just for moments. Spending 3 - 5 days of camping in complete silence has been amazing for resetting our look on life. Please consider the peace that will be sacrificed for those of us who escape to the crater for it's silencing of life. There are much more beautiful places on the island for helicopters to explore. Keep the crater at peace and allow those who wish to disturb it, to make conversation on the trails. The Nenes in Paliku will certainly thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 1068 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Brown, Isobel  
Received: Mar,08 2022 03:44:20  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We must Protect ALL Areas of Beauty all over the World.

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Correspondence ID: 1069 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Levin, Steven  
Received: Mar,08 2022 04:17:17  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This beautiful and incredibly unique landscape cannot be allowed to be impacted by the introduction of helicopter tours. Nor should the tranquility it provides be interrupted for those who make the effort to explore this truly amazing natural wonder. I say no to allowing helicopter tours.

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Correspondence ID: 1070 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Reed, Leslie  
Received: Mar,08 2022 04:59:33  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to ruin the serene beauty of the crater. Please protect and preserve it for generations to come. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 1071 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: DeLonay, Allie  
Received: Mar,08 2022 05:31:58  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is in regards to the proposed helicopter tours in Haleakala national park. I'm begging you with every ounce of my being, please, do not allow any helicopter tours. The Haleakala crater is my favorite place on earth. Whenever I talk about it to my friends and family that have never been to Maui, I always tell them it's the quietest place I have ever been, and probably ever will be. It feels like you are on Mars, and it's pure magic. If you add helicopter tours, the magic will completely disappear and it will just be another example of Hawaii being exploited and used just to make money. Please please don't allow this to take place.

Correspondence ID:	1072	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Seafyre, Trillium		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 06:53:20		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopters in Haleakala whatsoever		
Correspondence ID:	1073	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	charles, crouse		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 07:34:49		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>please do not allow ANY helicopters to fly over the park (with obvious exception to emergencies such as rescue or repairing utilities after a storm). Haleakala is one of the quietest places in the world and that would be ruined, not to mention is fragile ecosystem that is a haven for many endangered flora and fauna. please help us protect this area from the further greed and exploitation of the island. look at the previously allowed bike tours as an example, when they were allowed, at first it was just a few companies then it grew and grew and became a safety issue for the bikers and the people around them. there is not responsible use when it comes to business and profit. there are plenty of ways to experience Haleakala without this major disruption to the environment and unique location.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1074	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Marshall, Kayla		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 07:41:37		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>There are a million other places on Maui where tours are offered. Let's keep the silence and beauty of Haleakala sacred. I am a pilot myself and have flown over the crater many times but at a very far distance and it was good enough. Yours shouldn't happen in the crater. To experience the crater you should actually GO to the crater.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1075	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Purchin, Andrew		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 08:01:55		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Honor and keep profound silence. No to helicopter tours. Thank you.		
Correspondence ID:	1076	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Olivier, Carol		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 08:09:26		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>Please no helicopters over Haleakala. There are few places left where silence is meaningful, palpable. Do not allow exploitation of this precious and sacred land.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1077	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	, Carrie		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 08:11:16		

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters

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Correspondence ID: 1078 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Nagle, Molly R

Received: Mar,08 2022 08:23:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello, please don't disrespect our public lands, protect biodiversity, and talk to the Hawaiian community and honor their wishes.

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Correspondence ID: 1079 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Drogowski, Jason M

Received: Mar,08 2022 08:35:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters! As a previous DOFAW employee who would camp on remote corners of Maui, I understand the importance of helicopters for work access/project support, but also know how regular tour helicopters can greatly disrupt one's natural experience. Tour helicopters regularly fly below required altitudes. Trust me, they do. They are loud. They quickly remove any sense of solitude. No helicopters, they already have the rest of the island and the ocean.

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Correspondence ID: 1080 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: stephany, sharon m

Received: Mar,08 2022 08:39:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: They are all terrible ideas.  
Please keep this sacred place and the wonderful quiet in this fast paced and loud life we have today the way it is now.  
Much Aloha,

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Correspondence ID: 1081 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: maher, john

Received: Mar,08 2022 08:50:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: please do not allow helicopters to fly fly over haleakala park

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Correspondence ID: 1082 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Emde, Teresa

Received: Mar,08 2022 08:51:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern:  
I have lived on Maui nearly my whole life, since 1982 and have always loved the peace, quiet and solitude of Haleakalā Crater. There's no other place like it and if you allow ANY helicopter traffic to overfly the area you will completely destroy this unique and fragile environment. I live in the Waiakoa area of upper Kula and we get regular helicopter traffic and noise overhead which is annoying enough, so I urge you not to allow their noise pollution to spread. The only people who gain from this proposal are a few tour companies and a few tourists who

could just as easily drive up to the crater and enjoy the view from that perspective.

Thank you for thinking for the sake of the many and not just the few by continuing the ban of all air traffic in this special part of our island home.

Teresa Emde

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Correspondence ID:	1083	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	O'Brien, Daniel
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 08:53:13
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please leave Kaheakala National Park the way it is! No helicopter tours should be allowed, not even on a limited basis.

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Correspondence ID:	1084	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Adamek, Wendi
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 08:59:11
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Anything that can be done to reduce or remove the impact of flights over Haleakala Park would greatly improve the Crater experience for locals and visitors alike. For someone who started hiking in the Crater in 1973 at the age of 13, it was really really sad when the helicopters and small planes ruined the sense of quiet and magic in the Crater. I haven't been in there for a few years now, and it's not because I'm 62 and can't make it. I could still backpack from Sliding Sands through to Kipahulu (used to do it in one day in my teens.) But the frequent flyovers are just depressing. Flights should be limited to people with certified medical inability to walk, and those should only be above 2000 ft.

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Correspondence ID:	1085	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Mogford, Liz
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 09:11:16
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Correspondence: In a moment of Reckoning in which public institutions are working to decolonize and reckon for the ways in which we have stolen and destroyed land which does not belong to us, it is amazing that the national park would even consider initiating helicopter tours over sacred grounds. Please do not take this step moving backwards, which will only benefit very rich, mostly white people and service capitalism. We hope our national parks are there to protect the land and people's access to the raw Beauty and spiritual sanctity of these spaces, particularly if places that are deeply sacred. No helicopter tours!

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Name:	Mogford, Liz
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Name: Mogford, Liz  
Received: Mar,08 2022 09:11:31  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 1088 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Travis, Connie  
Received: Mar,08 2022 09:19:23  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Do not allow helicopter tours..it is dangerous to the birds and other wildlife.

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Correspondence ID: 1089 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,08 2022 09:33:49  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I appose the helicopter tours over haleakala. No tours should be allowed at all, there are lots of other places to fly that are not such a sacred place. People who go there to hike, go to enjoy the quiet peacefulness that she is. Tours would disrupt what Haleakala is. No helicopter tours should be allowed AT ALL.  
Mahalo  
Concerned Canadian.

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Correspondence ID: 1090 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Brown, Nicole  
Received: Mar,08 2022 09:34:28  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think helicopter tours disturb the peace in Halawakala crater which is pristine wilderness and sacred to native hawaiians . Please do not allow helicopter tours in this area. Airplanes are already enough disturbance to this fragile ecosystem

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Correspondence ID: 1091 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Brown, Nicole  
Received: Mar,08 2022 09:34:29  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think helicopter tours disturb the peace in Halawakala crater which is pristine wilderness and sacred to native hawaiians . Please do not allow helicopter tours in this area. Airplanes are already enough disturbance to this fragile ecosystem

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Correspondence ID: 1092 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Markowitz, Nichol E

Received: Mar,08 2022 09:36:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I lived in Maui for four years and watched as the tourism industry slowly destroyed peaceful natural spaces for the sake of money. Please do not let this happen to Haleakala National Park keep helicopter tours out! This will irreparably negatively effect the environment and the ecosystem as well as the experience of hiking through the crater. Do the right thing, no helicopters!!!

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Correspondence ID: 1093 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Trimble, Mark G

Received: Mar,08 2022 09:37:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I arrived in Maui by sailing vessel and had the pleasure of visiting the Haleakala Crater. It's beauty, grandeur and peacefulness left an impression I will never forget. To even consider allowing helicopters to carry fat, lazy, inconsiderate and quite frankly, unworthy tourists over the park and destroy that peace is something I'm not even able to understand. If it's the tourism dollar your wanting to increase, you'll achieve that better by making said fat lazy tourists head up via van to walk it, if they want to. .... As I understand it, your job is to look after the park, please do so. Kiaora, Mark from NZ

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Correspondence ID: 1094 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gordon, Rita M

Received: Mar,08 2022 09:39:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello.

I don't think helicopters should be able to fly over this land. However if I had to chose :

3) allow limited tours on one flight path.

See how this one flight path affects visitors hiking or on foot.

See how it affects and wildlife and plants.

Hopefully everyone can enjoy the park. I know accessibility issues can be challenging and I appreciate that.

The park is also quiet and peaceful. The feeling of humans not making their mark there yet. Don't want to take away from that energy. There's not many places on earth like Haleakala.

Honour to have visited.

Thanks,

Love

Rita Gordon

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Correspondence ID: 1095 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cook, Thomas M

Received: Mar,08 2022 09:39:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I humbly ask The National Park service NOT allow ANY helicopter tours or other aircraft flying over or in Haleakala crater on Maui Hawaii.

The national park service establishing and maintains National Parks for current and future generations to enjoy and marvel. The peace and tranquility of Haleakala Crater is a substantial piece of its charm and wonder. The experience is scared by aircraft noise and presence.

I have taken my family on two helicopter tours around Maui. It is humbling and magical to see Maui from the air. The flight enabled my family to see and better understand the unique grandeur of our Island home. But the crater needs to stay off-limits and only sounds of the mountain. The Commercialization of Hawaii has been a mixed blessing and curse.

Please leave the crater in peace. Respectfully I ask No Arial tours or flights except to rescue people in serious need.

I'm hopeful this request is seriously considered and the final decision is  
NO HELICOPTER TOURS IN OR OVER HALEAKALA CRATER.

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Correspondence ID:	1096	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Ngu, Dan			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 09:40:59			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please keep it silent. No helicopters ever should be allowed. Thank you. We have everywhere else to fly. Just not Haleakala please !! :) aloha and mahalo

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Correspondence ID:	1097	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Cantellops, Javier			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 09:43:32			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Thank you and Aloha Wale

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Correspondence ID:	1098	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Nguyen, Daniel			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 09:46:36			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha and please don't allow any tours to fly around Haleakala. Not only would the resident dislike helicopters flying at odd hours of the morning and evening. No one would enjoy that heli tour there. I'm strongly against it!!

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Correspondence ID:	1099	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 09:47:47			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: RE : Plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. Tours are allowed over other parts of the island where there is also

hiking and people seeking the quiet of nature. The helicopter noise is a type of pollution in the serenity and sacred mauna. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, to walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. Please PLEASE do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The Heart of East Maui. Thank you and Aloha Wale

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Correspondence ID:	1100	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hunt, Connie			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 10:03:06			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please, no helicopters! Is there no end to the destruction caused to our state and our beautiful island in the pursuit of tourism? The silent, sacred stillness of Haleakala is an endangered species. Let's do our part to protect the beauty and sacredness. No helicopters to destroy the crater. This represents the financial benefit of a few without regard for the many people of Hawaii.

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Correspondence ID:	1101	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Roversi, Elly			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 10:03:48			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I have been traveling to Maui almost every year for the past 30 years. On most trips I take a trip hiking down into Haleakala crater. I enjoy the silence in the crater. In my life, there is hardly ever the extreme quiet you can experience on Haleakala. I remember reading it was one of the quietest places on earth. Growing up in the country with a lot of quiet, I can say this is true. I would hate to hear that silence ruined with helicopter tours. It would completely change the experience on Haleakala. Please do not start doing helicopter tours in the crater.

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Correspondence ID:	1102	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Whelchel, Scott			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 10:05:43			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Haleakala crater is one of America's treasures. It is among the most unspoiled, beautiful, and for many, sacred places on earth. Being in the crater is like no other experience that I know. Otherworldly beauty and complete silence give one a feeling that very few places can offer. Please do not spoil this one of a kind place by having the chatter of helicopters flying in the area. I most recently hiked the crater in December, and the helicopters that now fly around the rim are very loud on the crater floor and therefore interfere with the experience. Please, please, please do not give helicopters additional access to this American treasure.

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Correspondence ID:	1103	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Fink, Billy			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 10:07:48			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Not flying over dense neighborhoods like Makawao

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Allowing helicopters to fly over Haleakala would be a desecration of an awe-inspiring natural spectacle. The peaceful spell of the crater would be shattered by the intrusive roar of a tourist-laden chopper. Those who really want to see the park and volcano are perfectly capable of getting in a vehicle and touring that way. Overhead flights should be rare, for emergencies or scientific study only, never a regularly scheduled occurrence. Please do not permit helicopter flights over Maui's crowning glory!

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Correspondence ID: 1105 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Crawford, Clayton H

Received: Mar,08 2022 10:14:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a resident of the Hawaiian islands it hurts my heart to hear of plans for allowing helicopter tours over Sacred Haleakala crater. If we continually ruin our wild spaces to serve commercial interests where will our children go to listen to Mother Earth? You can already do helicopter tours through many beautiful area of Hawaii, let's leave Haleakala alone. Preserving the peace so all of us can truly listen to this Aina. I have hiked into the silence of Haleakala many times and felt deep peace from the silent tranquility that reigns in the mighty crater. Come here to Kauai, hike through the pristine nature of Nepali coastline, bubbling streams, waterfalls, ocean waves and the ever buzzing of helicopters, assaulting your ear drums, scattering birds and destroying the experience of why we come to these places to begin with. It's terrible and the fuel use further destroys our planet, stand together on this Hawaii. Malama Haleakala! No Helicopters at all!

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Correspondence ID: 1106 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Piazza, Shaun

Received: Mar,08 2022 10:17:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please please please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala crater! It's the one piece of wilderness on the island that you don't have to hear that obnoxious noise. And the silence is one of the most incredible and special parts of the crater. Leave it as it is.

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Correspondence ID: 1107 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Atay, Māhie

Received: Mar,08 2022 10:20:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha. I believe there should be no helicopter tours flying over Haleakalā at all. Allowing tours would only disturb the true essence and beauty of that place by creating a lot of background noise. The tours will also scare any Native wildlife away or cause harm. As a kanaka, these tours would take away the peaceful silent connection I would have speaking with my kūpuna and akua above. I hope you folks make the right decision in not allowing such a sacred place to not be exploited for another idea of monetary gains.

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Correspondence ID: 1108 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kaneholani, Kēhau

Received: Mar,08 2022 10:20:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: please do not disturb our sacred mountain. Have respect for the land and the people who serve it. There is no need to continue desecration on Haleakalā, please refrain from the money making cultural damaging idea.

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Correspondence ID: 1109 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Smart, Camille  
Received: Mar,08 2022 10:20:59  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No helicopters please over H crater

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Correspondence ID: 1110 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Alvarez, Ayla  
Received: Mar,08 2022 10:25:27  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I write to stand STRONGLY AGAINST the continuation of air tours over and around the summit of Haleakalā National Park.

First and foremost, the committee MUST engage with the Native Hawaiian community and place their stance on this plan at the forefront of their decision making. Maui and the Hawaiian Islands continuously fail to take into consideration the needs and desires of the local population that over the last century, have had their wants, needs and desires completely trampled on by tourism and the capitalistic need to monetize every aspect of the Hawaiian Islands.

Aside from this, recognize that the summit is already accessible to the public by entrance to the National Park that enables visitors to drive to the summit and experience the crater if they so choose to hike into the park. Haleakalā National Park has rare ecology that is not found elsewhere on this planet, and introducing tours that could potentially cause greater air disturbance in these areas is incredibly problematic (Haleakala silversword sensitivity).

Overall, the over commercialization of Maui and all Hawaiian Islands causes intensive degradation of the sacred culture and peace that Hawaii holds and ignoring this ought to be a crime.. In regards to the tours, I believe that the increased air traffic above the summit could impact those hiking and utilizing the park (which they have paid to do) by creating air disruption, sound pollution and an overall physical disturbance to what ought to be a peaceful and quite commune with the national park space.

I encourage you once again to work closely with the Native population and listen to what they call for above all else. There is so much strife attached to capitalism in our modern day, please do not be blinded by profit.

Recognize that these tours are not accessible to those without large sums of money, and so the equity of accessibility is also an issue (especially when you introduce the concept of limited flights (which there absolutely SHOULD BE - if a no-flight policy cannot be reached). That is why, at the end of the day, I simply believe that zero summit tours by helicopter should be conducted over the summit.

There are multiple equity implications here, I encourage you to look at every single one and again, listen to Native Hawaiians on this issue.

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Correspondence ID: 1111 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Applin, Ronald  
Received: Mar,08 2022 10:26:44  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I say NO tourist helicopter flights should be allowed anywhere over the National Park!

They are a an unnecessary annoyance for everyone who is on the ground enjoying the natural beauty of the park and a danger to all of those creatures who live there.  
NO HELECOPERS please!!!

Correspondence ID:	1112	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Lorton, Teresa S		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 10:31:04		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please, please, please don't let helicopter traffic and noise destroy this precious place. It's sacred and virtually unspoiled now.		
Correspondence ID:	1113	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Spreiter, Janet		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 10:33:25		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	OPTION 2...KEEP HELICOPTER TOUR OUT OF HALEAKALA!! THANK YOU		
Correspondence ID:	1114	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Osborne, Leslie		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 10:37:30		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	HALEAKALA CRATER IS SACRED GROUND TO THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE & TO A GREAT MANY OF US THAT GO THERE TO SEEK REFUGE . PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY YET ANOTHER SACRED AREA IN HAWAII BY ALLOWING HELICOPTERS TO FLY UP THERE . WHY..JUST WHY????		
Correspondence ID:	1115	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Callan, Carmel		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 10:41:56		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopters over Haleakala		

Correspondence: DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ALLOW FOR HELICOPTERS TO FLY UP TO, AROUND, OR OVER HALEAKALA!!!

This is one of the last sacred sites that remains untainted!!

The land, the precious Nene and other birds, the QUIET and clean air need to remain AS IS and left SACRED!!

Stop the madness!!

Maui & her people already provide SO MUCH. LET THE SACRED REMAIN SACRED!!

SAY NO TO THE HELICOPTERS!!!

CHOOSE HONOR, RESPECT AND SANCTITY FOR THE 'AINA!!

ALOHA KE AKUA!

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Correspondence ID:	1118	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	long, ashlie
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 10:51:14
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Correspondence: aloha. Writing to express my concern for the proposal of helicopter tours over Haleakala crater. There is one place that comes to mind when I think of peace and it's Haleakala crater. There are not many places in the world that you will find silence that exists in the way it exists at the top of that mountain. Helicopter tours over the area would not only be devastating to the sake of the Hawaiian community, it would also provide a nuisance to park members, animals and the surrounding residence people helicopters over your house all day long is a terrible way to live. Please oppose this idea by not allowing helicopter tours over Haleakala crater Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID:	1119	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	, Nadine
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 10:57:54
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please, do not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. Maui is a very beautiful space and is becoming more of a tourist spot, busy like Oahu. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. I vote no to allowing any access in the airspace above haleakala. Please. do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you

Aloha, Nadine

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Correspondence ID:	1120	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Marinelli, Maia
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 10:58:08
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Abut allowing helicopter tours over the park my aswer is FUCK NO.

It is already impossible for resident to enjoy the park, the sun rise or book a cabin at the park. Personally I have tried for more 5 year sins the system as change to the central national park booking system in favor of truism access instead of local access. Now This! The beauty of the park is its natural delicate equilibrium silence, wind and sounds and life that thrives in it so my answer is hell no.

Do we really have to prostitute our identity and our unique natural resources to the mighty good of truism? Is the disruption of our beautiful and unique natural ecosystem worth so little compare to cooperate greed . ENOUGH



I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you

Maia Marinelli

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Correspondence ID:	1121	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	, Nadine			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 10:58:15			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Thank you

Aloha, Nadine

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Correspondence ID:	1122	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Newell, Jennifer L			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 11:07:36			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Pleasanton dont allow Hēli optors to fly Inder 5000 ft okere Haleakalā .  
Help preserve the wildlife.  
Mahalo

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Correspondence ID:	1123	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Jacobs, Nicole			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 11:31:35			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha. I'm writing in regards to helicopter tours having permitted use over Haleakala national park and the crater. I strongly oppose this and I'm sending in my opposition to you. One of the aspects that makes Haleakala national park so special is the absolute silence you encounter on the trails and many areas within the park. My family and myself use this park frequently. We have obtained annual passes for over a decade every year. More importantly what helicopter tours will effect are our local native birds that only live in this area on the island. Seeing nene fly across the island and parts I've never seen them before is magical and reassuring that what Haleakala national park is doing is working. Allowing helicopters into the park, I feel, will significantly adversely affect these native birds and Nene that have been thriving. Our main goal as humans should be to protect and to preserve the natural and native species and to make any place we encounter better or the same as we found it. Although the view would be absolutely spectacular and you would get glimpses of the park we would never see otherwise, we cannot let profit driven reasons override our duty to protect this park and its sanctity. I live in haiku where I've lived since the late 90s. Helicopter tours flyover our house. These helicopters fly incredibly low, are invasive to your privacy so that their guests can get a glimpse at the people below, are incredibly loud they affect

your pets and the animals around you, and quite frankly I would explain them as a nuisance. The noise and how loud it gets is enough to make you run outside to see what's going on. Please please please keep these helicopters away from Haleakala national Park. I hope we can come together as a community to protect this sacred space and to do the right thing. Mahalo for taking the time to read my testimony.

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Correspondence ID: 1124 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,08 2022 11:43:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please keep our sacred crater and national park free of aggressive sounds. It would completely change the experience of the entire place. Please.

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Correspondence ID: 1125 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Krabill, James  
Received: Mar,08 2022 11:44:33  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Do not allow this to happen!!! Leave this majestic place alone

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Correspondence ID: 1126 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Woodbury, Elizabeth  
Received: Mar,08 2022 11:48:03  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please, please, please do not allow helicopters to fly over our sacred silence of the Haleakala crater!

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Correspondence ID: 1127 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Quintana, Chris  
Received: Mar,08 2022 11:48:50  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Emergency and ranger use only. NO COMMERCIAL Flights

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Correspondence ID: 1128 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: LaPedus, Dale D  
Received: Mar,08 2022 11:52:52  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No helicopter tours over Haleakala, please. There are existing ways to see and enjoy this beautiful place. Everyone in the world is asked to respect our environment in any way we can. No helicopter tours, please. No more sightseeing helicopter crashes, please.

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Correspondence ID: 1129 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hendrickson, Cheryl  
Received: Mar,08 2022 12:07:41  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative 2 needs to be adopted for Haleakala National Park. It is the only course of action for quiet enjoyment of our beloved Maui National Park.

The US National Parks were established to preserve and protect these special natural environments for the public in perpetuity. These spaces are to be enjoyed free from urban noise.

These helicopters interfere with the natural soundscape. Negatively affecting bird and wildlife behaviors, cultural practices, and the natural wind and environmental sounds.

No aircraft should be allowed within any national park except for emergency rescue or evacuation and fire control, extinguish and prevention.

Please pass Alternative 2 to protect Haleakala National Park from aviation greed and exploitation.

Many Mahalos

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Correspondence ID:	1130	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Covert, Valerie			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 12:10:47			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Aloha			

RE: Plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha Wale

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Correspondence ID:	1131	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	velasquez, catherine A			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 12:12:27			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Regarding plans to allow helicopter tours over the park.

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. This is a unique place on this earth.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of Maui.

I live high upon the slopes of Haleakala and there is nothing more disturbing than being outside in my garden in the silence and hearing a helicopter buzzing above.

Thank you and Aloha Wale

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Correspondence ID:	1132	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Herman, Tess			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 12:12:29			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Hi there, I am testifying as a civil servant. I would not like to see this increase in helicopter traffic at Haleakala. Although helicopters are fun, they are extremely loud. There are already many helicopter

tours available to take people to see beautiful Haleakala. We do not need more, or more to enter the crater, which is special specifically because it is so quiet. I was camping in Haleakala a few weeks ago and was woken up by helicopters early in the morning at Holua so I can attest to their existing sound nuisance in the crater. I love loud sounds, but the crater is a sacred place to escape the noise. Please keep it that way ! Thanks!

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Correspondence ID: 1133 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hunter, Kendra

Received: Mar,08 2022 12:14:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Absolutely no! Haleakala is a sacred place!! It would be horrible to see and hear helicopters while hiking there. As a resident I soundly oppose treating our beloved volcano as a commodity. Haleakala is a national forest and we need to protect our aina, our wilder lands!

With respect, Kendra Hunter

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Correspondence ID: 1134 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Varel, John

Received: Mar,08 2022 12:20:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To assume that any flights over the any national park is beneficial to anyone is sheer lunacy. The inherent beauty of the parks is the solitude and silence we so desperately need as humans.

Not to mention, none of our wildlife need to be bothered anymore then we already do.

Not only the noise pollution, but the pollution that each and every copter generate is collectively devastating to anyones health.

The half ton of carbon for every hour of flight time is also unnecessary and with the sheer number of flights being proposed just compounds our problem with trying to keep our planet cool enough for all us to enjoy for generation.

NO FLIGHTS over our parks or our living areas is the only way to bring the peace back to our islands that we once all enjoyed.

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Correspondence ID: 1135 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bowman, Jody L

Received: Mar,08 2022 12:29:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My understanding is that the law that was passed in 2000 needs to be followed. Is that right?

I personally feel that there should be NO tours flying over Haleakala Crater, but if there is already a law around that, it should be implemented.

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Correspondence ID: 1136 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Smith-Gunter, Deva S

Received: Mar,08 2022 12:37:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alpha,

Please do not allow helicopter flights above Haleakala. This is a peaceful, tranquil, sacred area.

Growing up on Maui, helicopter noise was common because of the Green Harvest program. It was invasively noisy and created a lack of privacy. I do not want to see that happen to our beautiful mauna. It's tranquility needs to be preserved for future generations.

It is understandable if helicopters are needed for emergency situations, but I do not think we should have helicopter tours in the area.

Thank you for your time,  
Deva Smith-Gunter

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Correspondence ID:	1137	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 12:44:21			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopter tours please. As a local far from home, I am already tragically disappointed with the condition of our state and specifically my home island of Maui. The tranquility of the summit, not to mention the holy sacred space that Haleiakala is to the Hawaiian people is it's appeal. Having a helicopter tour hovering would only serve in ruining the splendor the grace of the mountain.

In terms of environment impact, as it is Haleiakala is home to many native vegetation that would be impacted by the additional carbon emissions added by the helicopter traffic. Additionally, the noise pollution that would impact the farms and homes just below the summit, as well as those homes near the launch pad. The mountain is the most active at sun rise and sun set, the added noise and traffic volume would be greatly impacting those living around the area at those times.

I would be remiss by not suggesting that the concept of this plan is even more offensive when you consider the people impact. As a state we have one of the highest cost of living in the nation. This tour isn't a service to the people of Hawaii. It is as a result of demand from tourist. As a service to our island this may bring money to our economy but it actually only serves very few people. The company itself would likely only employ very few locals, likely transplanted trained locals, not necessarily trained native locals. Additionally, if this goes on with restrictions on times of tour and amount, the company will likely be a very small operation generating large profit benefiting few individuals. Who will argue for more tour times so that they can provide more service to Tourists. The company employee who also lives in Maui would likely pour their moneys in places where it will go further, like Walmart, Target and the other national brands and not shop locally. Aside from following the money going in to the company from those utilizing the service. Does this attraction serve our people? Will it be available to locals at a discount? Who would benefit if it were accessible to only the people who could afford it? I think the answer is for those who live on Maui a luxury like this added tourist attraction is Superfluous. It doesn't benefit our people or our native plant life, or our overall economy.

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Correspondence ID:	1138	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Scammell, Kathy			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 12:46:45			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Noooooooo! Please do not allow helicopters to fly over the mountain. Drones are not allowed in parks for noise and privacy so same reason applies to copters.

Please keep the grace and silence to remain.

Maui residences are subjected to many copters flying over their houses.. Please not more..

Kathy

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Correspondence ID:	1139	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Owen, Danny			

Received: Mar,08 2022 12:49:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There should absolutely should be no tour helicopters over Haleakala. You are talking about one most sensitive ecosystems on the entire planet. Please reconsider this plan. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 1140 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lammer, Kevin

Received: Mar,08 2022 12:53:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NO Helicopters should be allowed to fly Under 5,000ft above ground level. Haleakala is such a peaceful place where I often spend hours soaking up the sun and enjoying the silence of the wind and songs of the birds. Helicopters whirring above would be a tragedy to the peace up at Haleakala. Nene, the native Hawaiian goose lives in the crater and the surrounding rims and are often seen flying throughout the crater from one side to the other. Introducing helicopters would create quite a shock for them and potentially pose a fatal threat. Please keep Haleakala the way it is to preserve it for future generations. Money is not the key. The big chopper agencies make enough money as it is, leave the land peaceful for the people. The one final place on Maui not bombarded with helicopters

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Correspondence ID: 1141 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: criss, Seah

Received: Mar,08 2022 12:55:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please leave the peace and sanctity of Haleakala alone! The inly really wuiet place on Maui needs our reverence and protection! Why support heli companies to get rich from disturbing the peace of nature? There is already enough fly overs in ither areas to guve them ample income. Encourage instead eco powered buses to bring a limited number of people up a day and truly encourage stewardship if our natural treasures.

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Correspondence ID: 1142 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: M, Thea

Received: Mar,08 2022 12:57:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: For the sake of our children & grandchildren, this issue of silent places on the earth is so important. Please preserve the quality of this silence in our national parks--NO to air traffic noise above sacred places.

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Correspondence ID: 1143 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: King, Mariah

Received: Mar,08 2022 13:13:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sacred land. Sacred birds. Sacred plants. Quiet and peace. Almost no sound at the top. Please help keep this land a Sacred place for animals

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Correspondence ID: 1144 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: little, patty

Received: Mar,08 2022 13:25:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom this may concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed helicopter flying over Haleakala. ABSOLUTELY NO NO NO. This is a pristine and quiet environment and MUST be PRESERVED and free from any activity as such.

I have lived on Maui for more than 50 years, this is outrageous that you would even entertain this idea. REALLY??!!

NO NO NO TO HELICOPTERS FLYING OVER HALEAKALA.

SINCERELY,

PATTY LITTLE

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Correspondence ID: 1145 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kudlich, Robert A

Received: Mar,08 2022 13:56:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I was truly horrified when I heard that this was even proposed. This is the Quietest place naturally on Earth the only place where scientist can measure negative sound Negative decibels. Meaning below the human hearing spectrum. No Cave, Mountain top, or natural space is more quiet then the center of Haleakala.

Please I beg you to not let the money ruin one of the most sacred places on Earth!

From a deeply concerned citizen

Mahalo Nui Loa

Aloha ke akua

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Correspondence ID: 1146 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wais, Phaedra

Received: Mar,08 2022 13:59:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There should NOT be helicopter tours over Haleakala! For 1 people go up to enjoy the peaceful scenery, now imagine trying to enjoy that and a helicopter comes out of now where flying over you!? And the poor animals that will be so scared of that noise everyday, and don't tell me "they'll adapt" they shouldn't have to adapt! Next is very important, the pollution! Now why would we want to pollute the cleanest air that we have on Maui??? Have you smelled the air in kula? It's FANTASTIC! Stop trying to ruin the island for tourists! They have helicopters on the mainland so let them do their tours over there. Maui is for enjoying nature and being one with it, not being lazy and making it a small mainland with a fantastic view.. Try think about the people that live here once in a while yea?

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Correspondence ID: 1147 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Brooks, Sharon

Received: Mar,08 2022 14:04:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why are we always ruining nature and the environment with tourist attractions. People can live just fine without a fly over. Look it up on Gacenoook. Having Helicopter's flying around so people can brag about doing it and these companies can increase their profits is not a justifiable reason.

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Correspondence ID: 1148 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Brooks, Sharon

Received: Mar,08 2022 14:05:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why are we always ruining nature and the environment with tourist attractions. People can live just fine without a fly over. Look it up pn Facebook. Having helicopter's flying around so people can brag about doing it and these companies can increase their profits is not a justifiable reason!

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Correspondence ID: 1149 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Borge, Scott

Received: Mar,08 2022 14:11:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW HELICOPTER TOURS OVER HALEAKALA CRATER.

The flower, fauna and foliage are like no other in the world. The oil and exhaust emitted by helicopters will be expelled over the very fragile landscape. The landscape will be at risk and irreparably affected by the unnecessary traffic.

Haleakala is precious and must be protected.

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Correspondence ID: 1150 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: OBrien, Sarah

Received: Mar,08 2022 14:16:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours over Haleakala - ever. It's sacred land with so many endangered species. Plus it's quiet and should stay that way.

As a kid helicopters flew over our house several times a day and it was scary and so disruptive. Please just say no.

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Correspondence ID: 1151 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,08 2022 14:18:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please please please don't allow helicopter tours in the Haleakala Crater.

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Correspondence ID: 1152 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Waddell, Darlene

Received: Mar,08 2022 14:23:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We must remain respectful in and around this sacred mountain of Haleakala ... it is a sanctuary of peace and quiet stillness for many people ... please do not ruin it with helicopter noise.

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Correspondence ID: 1153 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , AJ

Received: Mar,08 2022 14:28:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the Haleakala crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to



drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

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Correspondence ID: 1154 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Kirts, Victoria  
Received: Mar,08 2022 14:32:31  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 1155 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Wolin, Mimi  
Received: Mar,08 2022 14:47:41  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No Helicopters!  
We need quite!  
There are other areas to go.  
Over 5000' and only on 1 flight path.  
We need love and respect for the Land

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Correspondence ID: 1156 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Plevney, Betty  
Received: Mar,08 2022 14:54:01  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I favor Alternative 2 as it does the most to protect the mountain and all its lifeforms from adverse impacts. With the efforts underway to revive the population of endemic birds by expanding their range in the areas where the sound of helicopter flights could be heard, Alternative 2 is especially helpful to these species.

However, should Alternative 2 be put into effect, I am concerned about the unintended consequences that may occur. Tour operators might then take to flying over 5,000 AGL across the entire park. Or they may then decide to increase the number and timing of flights to other parts of the island, creating worse problems. Or they may decide to fly more frequently and lower over areas like Polipoli State Park. Or some operators may end up going out of business, laying off people who need this work.

Therefore, I think Alternative 3 is a reasonable solution. However, I would strongly recommend increasing the number of weekly no-fly days to three and consider adding additional no-fly days for all Federal holidays.

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Correspondence ID: 1157 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Radewonuk, Diane  
Received: Mar,08 2022 14:58:03  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter rides....I've been to Maui 4 times and Haleakla is the most peaceful sacred place on Maui and needs to remain as such.

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Correspondence ID: 1158 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Schroeder, Eric

Received: Mar,08 2022 15:04:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is one of the most serene and beautiful places on earth. The distraction of helicopters overhead would greatly diminish the tranquil environment and ruin the experience of visiting this heavenly place. I urge you not to allow helicopter flights.

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Correspondence ID: 1159 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Moore, Geoffrey

Received: Mar,08 2022 15:14:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

I am writing to comment about the proposed options for air tours and Haleakala National Park.

Alternative 1 (No Action) is an option I might be okay with, but I don't see how it continues what I understand to be a voluntary system of no flying directly over the crater, but to stay on the outside of the crater's ridges. I understand the organization Friends of Haleakala helped come to this agreement with air tour companies some time ago. And in my experience both flying with Blue Hawaiian, and on the ground hiking in the crater, the tours do not go over the crater directly. I see it is stated in this alternative, that: "There are no designated flight routes or nofly zones under the no action alternative."

If that is the case, I think the only option is Alternative 2 is the only good choice to protect the park: "Air tours could be conducted only outside the ATMP planning area." Thanks for hearing me out. - Geoff

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Correspondence ID: 1160 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Landau, ALEX

Received: Mar,08 2022 15:23:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please DO NOT allow helicopter tours over Haleakala. There are fewer and fewer undisturbed areas on this beautiful island, and one of the most pristine and precious is Haleakala Crater. Helicopters are extremely loud and disruptive, and the few amount of people who will "benefit" from it, is far far far less than the amount of people, animals and spirits that it will disturb. Keep this place a sacred area for refuge and connection with the Aina. NO HELICOPTER TOURS PLEASE!!!!!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 1161 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Piazza, Judith

Received: Mar,08 2022 15:24:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I just spent 6 weeks on Maui, where my son and sister and friends live full time. I am asking that you DO NOT pollute the space over Haleakala with noise and toxic exhaust. Keep this space sacred, silent, and profound, not another tourist highlight. I am wondering if you've asked the kahunas / tribal people on the island about their thoughts? I beg you to disallow this most recent consideration of yet more noise and tourism ploys.

Correspondence ID:	1162	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Stone, Robert J		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 15:26:30		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow the convenient entertainment of a few helicopter tour customers to interfere with the unique tranquillity of one of the most beautiful places on our Island. No helicopter tours in Haleakala!		

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Correspondence ID:	1163	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Nichols, Kathryn R		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 15:34:52		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I am writing to express my opinion that there should not be helicopters zooming by Haleakala at all.		
<p>As a resident of a noisy city (with helicopters overhead sometimes) who used to live in Hawaii, the quiet and tranquility is one of the benefits of being in Hawaii, *most especially* at a remote and unique place like Haleakala. I urge you not to trash it by allowing noise and air-polluting helicopters to wreck that.</p> <p>Also, as a friend pointed out, it is already accessible by car. This is not a location so remote that you need a helicopter to see it, or to see the view. Haleakala itself is already high up. That is the point. People can take a helicopter ride and be high up somewhere else where they can't already easily do it standing at the top of the mountain itself.</p> <p>Where I live in Cambridge, I hear the irritating noise of helicopters sometimes, even when they are quite far away AND high up -- merely a speck in the sky. That's how loud they are and how well the sound travels. It would be a darn shame to go to the top of Haleakala and feel like you're standing on a noisy street corner, or to feel like you're being watched from above. What a gross feeling.</p>			

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Correspondence ID:	1164	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Deakin, Lori		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 15:47:21		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please please please do not allow this sort of noise pollution to be allowed even near to Haleakala!! The beautiful surrounding. The silent beauty. All will be ruined!!!!!!!		

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Correspondence ID:	1165	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	ROSENTHAL, YAFFA		
Received:	Mar,08 2022 15:53:11		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I have been spending thime in Maui for over 30 years. I tis important to keep the land and culture alive. Her pristine beauty is beyond measurable. Respect the land and keep the Mountain free of noise, construction or anything to disturb it's natural environment. So much of the island has already had many losses, pollution, tourism.....Please save Haleakala and keep it a hiker, healers, seekers, explorers, scientist, childrens sanctuary.		

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Correspondence ID:	1166	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Hastings, Jahnavi		

Received: Mar,08 2022 15:58:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please say no to the noise and environmental pollution that would be brought in by helicopters.

Please protect sacred places of the earth

Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 1167 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rendon, Javier

Received: Mar,08 2022 16:01:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear NPS, I am reaching out regarding this proposal as I have had the amazing opportunity, as a tourist, to experience the wonder and beauty of Haleakala crater first hand. Some of my visits were by car to the peak at sunrise/sunset and others were hiking trips into the crater itself. As a tourist, I would hate to have the splendor and serenity of Haleakala degraded through the introduction of helicopter tours around and into the crater. There are also cultural implications which should also be considered as this is also sacred land.

I live near Yosemite National Park in California and I could not imagine sitting atop El Capitan or Half Dome while helicopters are buzzing above or through the valley, why should it be any different at Haleakala National Park? And doesn't such a proposal go against NPS' established mission and purpose to maintain the integrity of America's lands? Please do not allow helicopter tours into Haleakala National Park.

Sincerely,  
Javier Rendon

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Correspondence ID: 1168 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hamilton, Beth

Received: Mar,08 2022 16:16:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours. This is such a pristine quiet lovely undisturbed area and it is sacred. Absolutely opposed to the idea. Please please please help us and preserving the special place

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Correspondence ID: 1169 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Campbell, Joseph

Received: Mar,08 2022 16:34:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I just recently hiked the crater. The silence itself was breathtaking and incredible and it would take away from the crater's majesty if there was a bunch of noise pollution from helicopters. And I can't imagine the noise would be very welcomed by all the protected species of birds up there for whom it would be an entirely new disturbance for. Maui is better than sacrificing this pristine, beautiful and unique landscape just to make a few more dollars for the helicopter tour owners. I wasn't born here but I've been here most of my life and I'm sure that all the people that truly love this land would agree with this sentiment. So if you no can understand this, I don't care if you were born here or not, it's time for you to go live on the main-land guy.

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Correspondence ID: 1170 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Balinbin, Richelle

Received: Mar,08 2022 16:34:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is very important to leave Haleakala in its natural quiet state. To disrupt her with such noise and even more traffic would be tragic. Not just because of basic common sense, proper human to Earth relations , but also to keep the natural balance of it all. It is so not necessary for Helicopters to come up there. Everyone can drive the road if they feel the need to go up there. Please do not approve Helicopter Tours to Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	1171	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Balinbin, Richelle			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 16:34:41			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: It is very important to leave Haleakala in its natural quiet state. To disrupt her with such noise and even more traffic would be tragic. Not just because of basic common sense, proper human to Earth relations , but also to keep the natural balance of it all. It is so not necessary for Helicopters to come up there. Everyone can drive the road if they feel the need to go up there. Please do not approve Helicopter Tours to Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	1172	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Luke, Barbara J			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 16:47:19			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha,

I live on the slopes of Haleakala so any air traffic going over Haleakala affects me, my family and animals. There should be no air traffic over Haleakala, tours or otherwise. Just now, 3/8/2022, a jet flew over at low altitude. Last week Tuesday tour helicopters flew over us near Hana Bay. Per a neighbor, the helicopters tour over Kipahulu prior to Hana Bay. They flew at a very low altitude. I've also noticed when there are several private jets on the island they too fly over Haleakala. What I'm saying is all air traffic needs to be curtailed over this sacred mountain.

The impact of tourism alone has changed Haleakala to the point local families can't enjoy a quiet day in the park. It seems tourism has taken precedence over everything else. At one time Haleakala was said to be one of the quietest places on earth. We need to get back to that place for the mountain and the native Hawaiian people.

Mahalo, Barbara

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Correspondence ID:	1173	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Reed, Jenn A			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 16:50:34			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I urge that no helicopter tours be allowed to fly over the crater and park lands. This place like no other on earth has precious qualities like profound silence and native species that are put at risk if helicopters are allowed to fly.

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Correspondence ID:	1174	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Varga, Judy			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 17:02:23			

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is the quietest place i have ever been in my life,,please keep helicopters away. There is enough noise pollution in the world,lets leave some places as they were meant to be! Thankyou, JV

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Correspondence ID: 1175 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ramani, Ramani

Received: Mar,08 2022 17:17:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a resident of Hawaii since statehood in 1959 - and a resident of Maui since 1989 - I have hiked the crater numerous times - even once with my keikis when they were 5&7! The profound Silence one experiences as they walk through Haleakala is unparalleled and needs to remain as Nature created it! If people want to experience the Beauty of Haleakala then let them walk! No helicopters should be allowed to violate the Sacred Mountain. To quote Mark Twain: "The house of the sun ... it was the sublimest spectacle I ever witnessed and I think the memory of it will remain with me always!"

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Correspondence ID: 1176 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Feinberg, Arianna J

Received: Mar,08 2022 17:19:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow air tours over Haleakala National Park. There are few places on Maui free from artificial noise pollution and we must protect Haleakala's wilderness. Last week on my way hiking to Paliku cabin, there was a helicopter nearby. The loud noise from the helicopter disturbed my meditative hiking. Luckily there was only one encounter but if the helicopters swooped around multiple times per day, it would definitely impact the experience of being away from civilization.

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Correspondence ID: 1177 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wolf, David

Received: Mar,08 2022 17:21:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours in Haleakala. None. It is a pristine place and well known to be one of the quietest places on earth. The idea of helicopters disrupting this sacred place is disastrous. No! Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 1178 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Patricia

Received: Mar,08 2022 17:49:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I was there many years ago. It was amazing to see. Plus there were no crowds. No helicopters (in fact they may have been banned at the time due to concerns about the area).

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Correspondence ID: 1179 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: P, Annette

Received: Mar,08 2022 18:16:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters should not be allowed to fly over our sacred Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 1180 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Sheehan, Brent d

Received: Mar,08 2022 18:32:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Stop it. People come here to enjoy nature and nature comes here to be away from man.

Extend this to Waimanu and other isolated spaces that take a lot of effort to get to by foot. What an invasion on the peace this place brings.

Thank you,  
Brent Sheehan

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Correspondence ID: 1181 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Walters, Robyn R

Received: Mar,08 2022 18:39:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakalā is a sacred space, venerated by na Kanaka Maoli. Do not bring the harsh noise of helicopters to disturb the sleep of their Hawaiian ancestors.

Me ka mahalo

Robyn Walters

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Correspondence ID: 1182 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,08 2022 19:09:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I've hiked in the crater for more than 150 miles in the past decade and it's a very rare, special and quiet place for reflection and honoring the earth. Please kokua and keep it that way. Please do not allow helicopter tours in the park. Maui has changed so much in the past 20 years for tourism reasons, yet these tours are harming the land and our resources that animals, sea life and residents depend on. Please help us keep Maui a natural resource and not ruin all of it with TOURS. Thank you. I appreciate your consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 1183 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kiili, Rebecca K

Received: Mar,08 2022 19:10:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

In regards to offering helicopter tours over Haleakalā, I am writing to share that I am strongly opposed to allowing this type of commercial activity in our national park. This area is truly very special for everyone who wants to experience the magic, mana, and natural beauty of our park. Helicopter tours are costly and are generally targeted for tourists and not so much the local residents. Let's keep our mountain tops sacred spaces for everyone to enjoy. Helicopter noise disturb the serenity and peacefulness that people seek when visiting this special place.

Helicopters also interrupt the aesthetics of the mountain landscape which is also a reason to not allow this type of commercial activity there.

If we are truly stewards who believe in the long term health and vitality of our precious environment, then we will do everything to preserve the sanctity of Haleakala. Again, I strongly oppose helicopter tours on our mauna.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Kapolei Kiili

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Correspondence ID:	1184	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Andersen, Eric M			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 19:10:43			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Mahalo for allowing public comment to this Air Tour Management Plan concerning Haleakala National Park and associated Wilderness areas of East Maui.

I support the third alternative and applaud the suggested use of quiet technology (NOTAR) aircraft for commercial tours by helicopter.

I further suggest that along with the annual cap on the total number of commercial tours being conducted over Haleakala National Park, that the numbers conducted by any one tour company be capped at a number equally divisible by the number of commercial tour operator companies. By example; if the annual total tours is capped at 4,000 and there existed 5 permitted air tour operators, each tour company would be allocated 800 flight tours/ per tour company.

In recognition of the above suggested per company quota; any company could "trade" unused or unplanned allocated tours to another existing tour company, thereby allowing the public to be assured of 4,000 possible opportunities to view East Maui environs safely and in observance of Maui's fragile environment.

Thank You for this opportunity to comment on the Haleakala NP ATMP.

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Correspondence ID:	1185	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	, Meg			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 19:12:29			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Re: helicopter tours over Haleakala

I am writing to encourage you to protect the Haleakala crater and park lands from helicopter tours. This place is a precious natural resource, and one of its most beautiful qualities is the profound silence one can experience there. Please keep Haleakala sacred and serene. We all need the peace of our natural spaces.

Thank you and aloha, Meg

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Correspondence ID:	1186	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Moy, Deb			
Received:	Mar,08 2022 19:19:56			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please ban all helicopters and other aircraft over Haleakala. It's one of the few places that silence and quiet is allowed to be part of the whole outdoor experience. We can hear and see rare birdsong in Hosmer's Grove. What happens to the birds when helicopters are allowed to pollute the sounds of the forest? At the summit, the experience of hiking through the volcano desert would be completely shattered by helicopters flying overhead. A single helicopter would ruin the entire experience. Haleakala is a sacred place, let's keep it that way.

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Correspondence ID:	1187	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hudson, Wendy			



Received: Mar,08 2022 19:57:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative 2 - no helicopter tours. I've been in the crater hiking and hearing the helicopters is quite disturbing. Let's get back to nature and NOT have any extra NOISE! Mahalo!

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Correspondence ID: 1188 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Scattergood, Tamara R

Received: Mar,08 2022 20:32:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please no No helicopters in Haleakala National Park !!!!

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Correspondence ID: 1189 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ventura, R.

Received: Mar,08 2022 20:33:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do NOT allow helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park. We go there to get away from the noise, hustle & bustle. The best way to experience Haleakala National Park, is to drive up there and view it from the rim, or hike down into the volcanic basin.

Again, PLEASE don't allow helicopters!

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Correspondence ID: 1190 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Roth, Victoria

Received: Mar,08 2022 20:35:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Many farm animals & pets will be very stressed from this idea.

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Correspondence ID: 1191 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Guffey, John

Received: Mar,08 2022 20:40:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please no helicopter tours over Haleakala. Subdue the human beast. Make the world safe for all life to exist in this community of collaborative life. Thank you!

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Correspondence ID: 1192 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Offen, Karen

Received: Mar,08 2022 20:41:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We must protect wild spaces. They humanize us. Those who encounter it are forever advocates of protecting the planet. It must be an authentic experience, however. Encountering it through a noisy helicopter, monetizes nature rather than builds a real relationship with it.

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Correspondence ID: 1193 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Russo, Carmen J

Received:

Mar,08 2022 21:07:01

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters around the crater. Quiet

Correspondence: No helicopters at.all. where I live in Wailua is assaulted by helicopters every day. Haleakala and the tops of our mountains are wao Akua, the realm of the God's. To allow helicopters to fly there is an assault and affront to Hawaiians and Hawaiian spiritual practice. Hilahika!! Hewa!!

Me ka oiaio,

Puahhi Hookano

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Correspondence ID:	1199	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 21:56:39
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Correspondence: Thank you for preserving the unique and amazing silence which we all so enjoy and need at times , and for not allowing helicopter tours which would disturb that. There are many other beautiful places they can fly, but only one Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	1200	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 21:57:06
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: As a 36 yr. resident and past NPS Back Country Trails Crew employee, DON'T DO IT

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Correspondence ID:	1201	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Gourley, Tricia
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 22:14:05
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Correspondence: Aloha, I just heard that it is being considered to allow helicopters to fly over the sacred mountain and volcano of Haleakala. I pray that this does not happen. We must protect and preserve places of silence. I volunteered in the national park several years ago. My experience was so profound, the most profound aspect of it was the deep deep silence. In a world that is so noisy and relentless with technology, our souls need these places of Solace. It is precious. Please take a stand and protect this special and sacred place. Please say no to helicopter tours here.

Mahalo, Tricia

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Correspondence ID:	1202	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Campbell, Samantha M
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 22:19:34
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: NO HELICOPTERS in Haleakala NP! Keep our wild places quiet.

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Correspondence ID:	1203	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Corkran, Lee
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 22:25:29
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Oh please, just don't!!!! It's not going to benefit the common good, the greater good, nor any scientific endeavor. It's catering to a few, at the expense and insulting to all.

I've been a few times to the top of this majestic and magical place. The road is just fine and enough.

Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID:	1204	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Corkran, Lee
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 22:25:30
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Oh please, just don't!!! It's not going to benefit the common good, the greater good, nor any scientific endeavor. It's catering to a few, at the expense and insulting to all.

I've been a few times to the top of this majestic and magical place. The road is just fine and enough.

Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID:	1205	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Moquin, Katie
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 22:38:04
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please save Haleakala from air traffic. It's a quiet sanctuary and should stay that way.

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Correspondence ID:	1206	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Trahan, Miriam
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 22:48:22
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Haleakala is a precious area of silence in our noisy world. The correct number of helicopter tours over this precious resource is ZERO.

NO FLIGHTS. helicopters over the crater serve no one. Please. No

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Correspondence ID:	1207	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Radcliff, Deborah
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 22:48:30
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters over Haleakala and the crater. The silence of the crater is what makes it so unique. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID:	1208	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Stewart, Jean
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 22:53:39
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please limit helicopters in Haleakala National Pa k. I'd prefer no recreational flights. The area is peaceful and sacred.

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Correspondence ID:	1209	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Pitman, Erin
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 22:59:29
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

There has been enough exploitative tourism of this beautiful island to our great detriment, and it must end, not expand.

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha Wale

Erin Pitman

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Correspondence ID:	1210	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Laemoa, Kealoha
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 23:37:15
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Aloha, I am opposed of any helicopters flying over or near such a sacred place as Haleakala. No company should be profiting off a place that in our Hawaiian culture sacred the most.

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Correspondence ID:	1211	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Sarkozy, Heidi
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 23:53:36
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: The whole point of a national park is to preserve the wilderness and that includes the quiet. Haleakala is supposed to be one of the most quiet places in the world. Please don't spoil that with helicopters.

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Correspondence ID:	1212	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Deakos, Mark
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Received:	Mar,08 2022 23:57:58
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: The peace and quiet of Haleakala are one of its key signatures that everyone can experience by car and by hiking. Please don't approve helicopter tours that will further desecrate this amazing place.

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Correspondence ID:	1213	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Mentzel, Chris
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Received:	Mar,09 2022
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours above the park.

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Correspondence ID:	1214	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Saltoon-Briggs, Diana
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Received:	Mar,09 2022
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I understand that the National Park Service is considering allowing helicopters to fly over Haleakala Crater. The idea is appalling. I've hiked into the Crater and spent several days exploring its diversity and

beauty. The experience was one of peace. I felt I was walking in sacred space. I've also hiked along trails leading to the rim of the Crater to watch the sunset there. At all times, I remember the silence and peace surrounding me.

The sound of helicopters over the Crater would break that peace. So please NO! There's no need for such a reach of greed in the tourist trade in Maui to sacrifice the sacredness of the place. Its beauty can be enjoyed by simply driving up to a lookout point or even better, taking a hike on its rim or inside the Crater itself.

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Correspondence ID:	1215	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Jones, Julia			
Received:	Mar,09 2022			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala Crater. I love to hike across the crater and have stayed in Holua and Kapalaoa cabins many times. The most amazing thing you can experience up there is the silence. It is what makes this park unique. Like you are in another time! Please help us preserve this rare and precious resource. Mahalo!

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Correspondence ID:	1216	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Horcajo, Cole K			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 02:23:34			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha mai kakou, I strongly oppose any flights within the bounds of the ATMP, any further incursion both visual and auditory, and strongly encourage acceptance of "Alternative 2" which prohibits "air tours within the ATMP planning area. The ATMP planning area includes areas below 5,000 feet AGL and within 1/2-mile of the Park boundary. The Park itself would be designated as an area to remain free of commercial air tours under 5,000 feet AGL. Air tours outside of the ATMP planning area (i.e., above 5,000 feet AGL or more than 1/2-mile outside of the Park's boundary) are not subject to the Act and are therefore not regulated under the ATMP. Thus, there would be no limitations on the annual number of air tours that could occur outside the ATMP planning area."

I write this testimony as a native Hawaiian with cultural and genealogical ties to Haleakala. I also write this testimony as a lifelong park user, hiker, camper, cabin user, and supporter of the park's quiet sanctity and space.

I also write this testimony in full knowledge of the many other areas that commercial air flights are permitted to fly within FAA rules that are just as beautiful, sacred, and deserving of the silence that Hale NPS is the beneficiary of because of it's status as a national park. Please protect that for our, and your, future generations.

With humble hope and watchful eye,  
Kainoa Horcajo

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Correspondence ID:	1217	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Marsters, Janice C			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 04:29:42			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I support Alternative No. 2, i.e., no air tours within the ATMP planning area. I believe air tours over or near the Park are in direct conflict with the mission of the Park and interfere with the ground-based visitor experience, as well as potentially damage natural resources. The summit of the Park is accessible to all and there is no reason to allow helicopter flights over the Park. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	1218	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bertelsen, Gemma			

Received: Mar,09 2022 05:05:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re. Helicopters over Haleakala

This is very sad news. My husband and I were there just exactly a month ago for the first time. As scared as I was driving up, the breathtaking view, peace and quiet were more than worth it. Even my husband, who has younger onset dementia commented on how peaceful it was. There are so few places in America that are truly quiet anymore. The complete quiet is what should be promoted. Yes, the view is gorgeous but since it's accessible by driving or taking a tour car/bus, there really is no need to disturb the absolute peace visitors feel with very noisy helicopters. I am saying this as a person who loves helicopter tours to inaccessible places. That's the point, though. Haleakala is accessible without resorting to helicopters.

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Correspondence ID: 1219 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Van Sickie, Krae

Received: Mar,09 2022 06:19:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please prevent helicopters from flying over Haleakala Canyon. Ever.

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Correspondence ID: 1220 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Panek, Jennifer M

Received: Mar,09 2022 06:23:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopters produce loud noises, wind disturbance, and pollution. There is no place for regular helicopter tours over a National Park. Lets leave some land and water somewhat undisturbed for wildlife. Helicopter tours will alter the behaviors of animals searching for food, mates, nesting sites, and raising young. And for what? Money? Please don't be a greedy corporation. We have enough of those. Parks are for preserving and conserving nature. Not for exploiting it.

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Correspondence ID: 1221 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cohen, Joan M

Received: Mar,09 2022 06:24:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Leave the helicopters OUT. Keep its beauty which is accentuated by the silence. If people want to experience this beautiful park, get off your butt and hike. You won't have to go too far to experience what a special place this is.

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Correspondence ID: 1222 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: johnston, bud

Received: Mar,09 2022 06:32:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: we have been here many times! plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Thank you and Aloha Wale

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Correspondence ID: 1223 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ward, Kevin

Received: Mar,09 2022 06:34:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We have already thoroughly corrupted the serenity of the Grand Canyon with thousands of helicopter flights. The experience is now jackals in the temple. To do that to Haleakela would further profane the silence and beauty that nature offers us as a respite. Ask yourself---is all of nature just wallpaper for rapacious tourist companies? I vote "NO!"

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Correspondence ID: 1224 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Elliott, Ed

Received: Mar,09 2022 07:45:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NO! NO! NO!

No helicopter flights at all. It is a total disgrace, a violation of a sacred space, and just another money grabbing scheme that insults the land, the air, and the profound silence that is part of this unique space.

Haleakalā last erupted in 1600, yesterday in geological terms. Recent seismic activity and surrounding tectonic movements indicate it will again in the future. Don't tempt fate...

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Correspondence ID: 1225 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lazzareschi, Kathleen

Received: Mar,09 2022 08:06:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters. The point of preserving lands as national parks should be for the flora and fauna and unique treasures lands. Human visitation should remain respectful. Urge you not to allow the helicopters. They will destroy the peace, frighten animals and forever change the park.

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Correspondence ID: 1226 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ROSS, BRIAN

Received: Mar,09 2022 08:21:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is a sacred cultural site & geographic wonder. The silence in the crater is an Essential part of the experience of this unique national treasure which we as a community have a kuleana to protect. Helicopters are invasive to the landscape, detracting from the natural beauty. While it may afford a glimpse for some wealthy tourists, but their regular presence at low altitudes will totally change the authenticity of the experience. Please do not destroy Haleakala's natural beauty.

Mahalo,

Brian Ross

Hanapono

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Correspondence ID: 1227 Project: 103365 Document: 118738



Name: Selberg, Chris

Received: Mar,09 2022 08:44:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you NOT to allow helicopter Tours of the Haleakala national park. Helicopters would take away from the beauty of the stillness of this Unique place on earth.

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Correspondence ID: 1228 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Riddle, Cynthia

Received: Mar,09 2022 08:51:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is a sacred space. Just like a church. Please do not allow helicopter flights over it.

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Correspondence ID: 1229 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Riddle, Cynthia

Received: Mar,09 2022 08:51:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is a sacred space. Just like a church. Please do not allow helicopter flights over it.

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Correspondence ID: 1230 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,09 2022 08:53:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think Haleakala Nation Park should have no helicopter tours. It is a place like no other and the having helicopter tours would change the whole experience of the place and not for the better. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment!

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Correspondence ID: 1231 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Terao-Guiala, Agnes N

Received: Mar,09 2022 09:09:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not desecrate the air space above Haleakala with helicopter tours!!! Money-hungry tour operators are thinking of ruining the peace and tranquility of our scared mountain for their own profits--ignoring and disrespecting our cultural beliefs! This is not respectful of our native environment and our cultural beliefs. This is NOT pono--ie culturally acceptable for the general good of the native and local people who live on Maui.

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Correspondence ID: 1232 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Hafiz

Received: Mar,09 2022 09:21:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please no helicopters over the beauty and quiet of Haleakala. I have been there and will never forget it. Protect this sacred lands. Thanks

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Correspondence ID: 1233 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bitz, Jeanne

Received: Mar,09 2022 09:28:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My request is for no helicopter tours. What if the one allowed path further disrupts the declining native species populations?

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Correspondence ID: 1234 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Tran, Aline

Received: Mar,09 2022 09:33:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is a blissfully silent escape from everyday living. I enjoy being able to hear the endangered native Hawaiian birds chirping to each other and trying to spot them. Helicopters would drown out the sounds of nature and turn this peaceful landscape into just another noisy tourist trap.

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Correspondence ID: 1235 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Watson, Danelle

Received: Mar,09 2022 09:58:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am apprised to helicopter tours over Haleakala. This is a healing place that is quiet and unlike any place I have hiked. The mountain is accessible by car therefore I do not see a need to air travel.

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Correspondence ID: 1236 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Sterling, Joseph A

Received: Mar,09 2022 10:00:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please no helicopters!!!  
Only for emergency rescue!!!  
Keep it pristine QUIET!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 1237 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Sentowski, Ellen

Received: Mar,09 2022 10:21:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours

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Correspondence ID: 1238 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Isdale, Brian

Received: Mar,09 2022 10:29:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Flight tours over the crater would be a huge noise nuisance for people in the crater. It would make it feel much less natural and peaceful. I love helicopters but this is not the place for them.

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Correspondence ID: 1239 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lisowski, Stephanie A

Received: Mar,09 2022 10:36:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

I deeply and sincerely ask for Haleakala to remain a sacred, silent place. This land is so magical and being able to preserve its delicate silence should be our priority and our honor. This world is so loud and there are a few places on earth that maintain the voice of the land. It would be a travesty to take away this rare gift. I deeply urge you to not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala. Please honor this sacred land by allowing it to remain silent.

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Correspondence ID: 1240 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gildred, Kathleen

Received: Mar,09 2022 10:44:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please honor the sacredness and stillness of Haleakala crater, and not allow any helicopters to fly in or around it.

Mahalo,  
Kathleen Gildred

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Correspondence ID: 1241 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,09 2022 10:56:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow these helicopter tours over our peaceful and sacred mountain. Pollution comes in many forms. Noise pollution is the worst. Especially if it is on a regular basis. People choose to hike the mountain and live near it for peace and quiet. These helicopters are loud. The mountain is accessible by hikers. Nothing to see by air you can't see better from the ground. Keep the mountain peaceful and sacred for all those who hike it for that very reason. Why is it ok to allow these helicopter companies to make money at the expense of all those who want to hike in peace and quiet. The skies should be protected over the mountain. Is anything sacred anymore ? Is everything for sale ? Even the skies ? Maui is special for a reason. Let's keep it that way !!! Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 1242 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Mahjoubian, Kate

Received: Mar,09 2022 11:10:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours anywhere near Haleakala.! It is a beautiful space for hiking, camping and family friendly recreation. Helicopter noise would ruin this experience. There is PLENTY to see and do on this Island without adding this. Please do not disturb it's beauty

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Correspondence ID: 1243 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lyons, David

Received: Mar,09 2022 11:10:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please reconsider the possibilities of helicopter flights over and into Haleakala. There is no need to have such aircraft doing this, aside from an actual crisis rescue situation. Mere tourism is better served through other channels. Please allow the island wonders to be able to be enjoyed without such intrusive sounds

and sights. Whatever wildlife exists in that area will be impacted -and has already been affected by human activities already.

Correspondence ID:	1244	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Herriage, Yancey		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 11:18:38		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopter use in Haleakalā National Park. Doing do May disturb the natural environment that National Parks serve to protect by causing excessive noise.		
Correspondence ID:	1245	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Johnson, Ginger		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 11:22:20		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No tours please. Option two. The last quiet place must be honored. Mahalo		
Correspondence ID:	1246	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Johnson, Ginger		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 11:22:22		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No tours please. Option two. The last quiet place must be honored. Mahalo		
Correspondence ID:	1247	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Johnson, Ginger		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 11:22:23		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No tours please. Option two. The last quiet place must be honored. Mahalo		
Correspondence ID:	1248	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Burke, Robert		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 11:23:18		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	RE: plans to allow helicopter tours over the park		
I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.			
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.			
Thank you and Aloha Wale			
Correspondence ID:	1249	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Remis, Jeffrey L		
Received:	Mar.09 2022 11:27:29		

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala volcano and crater preserve is a sacred site.  
The crater area needs and deserves highest level protection.  
Sacred sites should be a no fly zone.  
No drones, no helicopter.

Silence important to respect site, and experience the incredible beauty  
undiminished by noise and vehicles of any kind.  
No bikes either, just people.

Rich people exceptions in helicopter is abhorrent.  
Let entertainment be outside national preserves.

Thank you for reading my comment.  
I deeply appreciate park service administration and oversight protection of the crater area.

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Correspondence ID: 1250 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,09 2022 11:36:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow ANY sight seeing aircraft fly overs of any section of Haleakala NP. Those who are to determine the status of flights really need to spend a little time there to appreciate the beauty and tranquility that exists. Maui tourism already heavily negatively impacts most of the island. Let's preserve this unique slice. Mahalo for listening.

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Correspondence ID: 1251 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kermode, Allison

Received: Mar,09 2022 12:12:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park is an important place for locals and Native Hawaiians (although I cannot speak directly for the Native Hawaiian population). It is where people go to be in awe of nature and for solitude and peace. Visitors are inspired by the natural beauty and otherworldliness of the crater. This awe translates to respect for nature and conservationism.  
Allowing helicopters to fly over Haleakala National Park will detract from all of this. It will cause noise pollution and diminish the sense that Haleakala National Park is a place to be respected and preserved. The crater is easily accessible by a car ride. There is no need to use helicopters so that people can see this special place. Please, do not let helicopter tours begin over Haleakala National Park.

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Correspondence ID: 1252 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Reilly, Michele

Received: Mar,09 2022 12:13:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters over Haleakala, except for fire or rescue. The peace and solitude are part of the experience.

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Correspondence ID: 1253 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Field, Kelli

Received: Mar,09 2022 12:19:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha, I strongly urge those wanting to change Haleakala from the beautiful and valuable silence that it is now, into a disturbing landscape of loud distracting noise. Being from Kauai and spending much time in Kalalau Valley, a place of immense beauty but the pure fact of the helicopters is the most terrible distraction of peace that every visitor who hikes in there speaks about. It distracts all the Birdsong creates crumbling erosion of rocks from the vibrating sounds from the helicopters. Nothing needs to be changed for Haleakala. Visitors can still view Haleakala and its beauty and peaceful presence. This is the attraction there are so few quiet places left. Please do not fall for the greed of money in someone's pocket to change a valuable resource of peace and beauty. This is what is precious, and Sacred as it is.

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Correspondence ID:	1254	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Brown, Courtney			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 12:31:53			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I don't think air yours of Haleakala crater should be permitted due to the cultural significance of the area as well as to not disturb the habitat.

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Correspondence ID:	1255	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Grace, Tara			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 12:37:11			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Really, this topic comes areound again??? No Helicopters ... please allow humans to experience a full boy/mond peaceful existance for the precious time one might have in the crater .... Nuff already.

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Correspondence ID:	1256	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Rieves, Jade			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 12:47:06			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Re : Plans to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of east Maui and a sacred place for Hawaiians.

Mahalo,  
Jade Rieves

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Correspondence ID:	1257	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Penniman, Teya M			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 12:47:39			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park is one of the quietest places on Earth. The sound of quiet is a natural resource that should be recognized, treasured, and protected. Please do not allow helicopter tours over the Park. There are other beautiful places on the island that can be seen from the air on helicopter tours. I know this

because I have seen them as part of my efforts to protect our precious natural resources. There is absolutely no value added to the Park by allowing helicopters tours.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Teya M. Penniman

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Correspondence ID:	1258	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Gort, Gio			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 12:51:35			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please no helicopter tours under 5000 feet on Haleakala crater. It will damage the hiking experience of silence and peace in that park.

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Correspondence ID:	1259	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Carr, Matt			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 13:00:59			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I strongly oppose helicopter tours on Haleakala, in any form. The silence found in the crater is something to be treasured. It is difficult to describe how upsetting it is to have a helicopter upset that tranquility. The crater has a good number of trails to experience it on foot. There are a view points for those who are less abled. Furthermore, helicopter tours are not some thing likely to be experienced by local people, but by tourists who are fortunate enough to have a lot of extra money to pay these companies. There are plenty of other alternative helicopter tours available on Maui. Please do not turn the crater into a(nother) tourist nightmare. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID:	1260	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Champ, Jennifer			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 13:05:26			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Recently we visited Kauai and hiked on the Kalalau trail to Hanakapi'ai falls. The helicopter noise was so constant and disturbing it saddened me for the people of Kauai. Some times people who are not able to go to these places are just out of luck. Their are wilderness areas in Colorado that I am unable to reach or see and thank goodness they do not do helicopter tours there!

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha Wale

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Correspondence ID:	1261	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Abrahams, Doug			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 13:20:00			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: NO helicopter tours over Haleakula!

These proposed plans will destroy the quiet sky and serenity of the crater...minimizing the vastness one feels being on top of this majestic volcano in this most isolated Galapagos on Earth.

Sedona lost its magnitude and stillness with helicopter flight tours...and the Grand Canyon, even with its impressive land area... has been compromised with the giant machine locusts which echo throughout the cliff and chasm. Being in nature is listening to the wind moving through the trees, plants, brush...and hearing the calls of birds...and the faint whimpers of all creatures great and small.

Preserve the sounds of nature and the solitude one feels as they are swept away by the greatness of this majestic crater!

Doug Abrahams

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Correspondence ID:	1262	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Jurdi, Jonathan			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 13:27:23			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Air traffic at the summit would distract from the peacefulness of the experience. It should be avoided at all cost or at least severely limited.

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Correspondence ID:	1263	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 13:29:27			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I do not support helicopter tours as I believe we need to cultivate respect for the host culture. This is a sacred place and the noise pollution would be devastating to the experience and land.

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Correspondence ID:	1264	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Brenna, Witt			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 13:37:09			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please don't ruin the peace and serenity of this magic place.

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Correspondence ID:	1265	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 13:37:11			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala Crater! This is selling out to those that will ruin the park for profit only. I will not go to Maui again if this happens, nor will many others.

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Correspondence ID:	1266	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 13:37:41			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please protect Haleakalā. Please do NOT allow helicopter tours over this sacred area. It will disturb the natural peace and magic of the land, these are what draw people.



Correspondence ID:	1267	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Kohn MD, Joseph			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 13:43:10			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	NO HELICOPTER FLIGHTS OVER HALEAKALĀ except for life threatening emergency responses. Respect The Sacred Respect The Culture We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO			

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Correspondence ID:	1268	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Plume, Alexis			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 13:47:30			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	35 year resident and I'm absolutely opposed to allowing helicopter tours in the crater. You don't have to spoon feed tourists every attraction, desperation is a stinky perfume.			

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Correspondence ID:	1269	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bunton, Merissa L			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 13:49:55			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Please do not allow commercial helicopter tours of Haleakala crater. This soundscape is one of the few places, in relative reach, where one can fully disconnect and be still in the silence.  I am a former resident of upcountry Maui and hiked the crater regularly to escape the onslaught of modern life, disengage, and reconnect with myself, making me a better partner, teacher, friend, and overall healthier human.  I now live in Honolulu, in a condo, and am accosted by noise ALL THE TIME. I fantasize about the quiet of the park and have plans to return soon. Just knowing that it currently remains a placie of quiet escape brings me peace of mind.  Haleakala is a beautiful environment, that I'm sure is incredible from the sky, but only the most wealthy could afford such tours and those who cannot will have their experience in the park marginalized.  According to Quiet Parks International, "Noise pollution causes cardiovascular disease, hypertension, sleep disturbance, annoyance, cognitive impairment, hearing impairment and tinnitus, and reduces quality of life, well being and mental health. (Sources: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorder)" <a href="https://www.quietparks.org/about">https://www.quietparks.org/about</a>  Please don't allow commercial air tours to ruin this precious soundscape.  Most sincerely, Merissa Bunton, Ed. D.			

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Correspondence ID:	1270	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Meade, Cynthia D			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 13:57:27			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	I am against helicopter tours below 5000 feet over the volcano. I visited in January 2022 and thin helicopter noise would ruin the experience.			

Correspondence ID:	1271	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Moir, Melea			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 13:59:10			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui. Melea Moir			

Correspondence ID:	1272	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Kaczvinsky, Jason			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 14:06:43			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	PLEASE, refrain from this. There are several different ways to enjoy Hawaii. One of them being peaceful quiet hikes. Helicopter rides are available elsewhere. I would strongly rather pay to hike than pay to disturb such a quiet peaceful place. I urge you to reconsider.			

Correspondence ID:	1273	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	, Erin			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 14:11:53			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	I've been hiking and camping in Haleakala for almost 20 years and have always cherished it as a place of peace and profound quiet. A whole day of utter silence with just nature surrounding you is priceless and rare. It is a unique experience and that uniqueness should be priority over money to fly into a place best experienced on foot. Allowing any aircraft inside the crater will destroy it. Even one flight a day shatters the peace. This CANNOT be allowed!			

Correspondence ID:	1274	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Lawless, Hannah			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 14:16:40			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Please do not do helicopter tours over the crater			

Correspondence ID:	1275	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Holtschlag, Mary P			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 14:16:58			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Any helicopter over this park would destroy the whole reason for this sacred space. The quiet atmosphere would be inundated with the constant and irritating sound of propellers. Totally unnecessary and disruptive to all who visit this lovely park. There shouldn't be any helicopters allowed. Thank you for allowing me to comment on this most important issue.			

Correspondence ID:	1276	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Bennett, Mary Jane		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 14:42:17		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>Aloha Kakou!</p> <p>Please Please Listen !</p> <p>Please say Noooooo ! To Helicopters tours in the Haleakala Summit and Parks!</p> <p>This is a violation of the Hawaian Ancestors and Hawaiian People. Disturbing the Peace of Pele is a really terrible idea. Just walk up , bike up</p> <p>or drive up to summit to see and feel the QUIET and Peace in this most sacred Heart of the Earth. .</p> <p>Mahalo for your Kokua! Mary</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1277	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 14:46:10		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>It is wholly unnecessary to disturb the sacred, quiet space of the crater with helicopter tours. The attraction of Haleakala crater is its quietude together with its stunning visual. With helicopter tours one would only be able to experience part of why people visit this unique place, thus ruining the whole experience.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1278	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Hannah, Deborah E		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 14:53:02		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>leave Maui as pristine as possible. The animals and plants are endangered by frequent human interactions.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1279	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Hannah, Deborah E		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 14:53:16		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>leave Maui as pristine as possible. The animals and plants are endangered by frequent human interactions.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1280	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Lakhani, Avani		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 14:54:22		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>No helicopters on Haleakala</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1281	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	KRUTEK, Amy		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 15:19:39		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: Please NO HELI TOURS!

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Correspondence ID: 1282 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,09 2022 15:29:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours fly over Haleakala. It's one of the most serene, peaceful, silent, majestic Holy places on the earth. Let's not destroy that too.

Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 1283 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Melissa, Robison,

Received: Mar,09 2022 15:38:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a resident of Crater Road I find the idea of helicopter tours to be highly invasive to the residents of the area. We already deal with 100s of visitors a day on our road driving recklessly and nor familiar with the area. What these tour companies and developers don't seem to remember is that the charm of the Hawaiian Islands is the peaceful quiet beauty, not the noise and pollution of helicopter tours that frankly aren't even affordable for the average household. Please reconsider this idea. Residents don't want this!!!

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Correspondence ID: 1284 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wood, Teresa G

Received: Mar,09 2022 15:52:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopters to fly over Mt Haleakala. The crater is one of the quietest locations on the entire planet and it should remain that way. There are a multitude of ways to enjoy beautiful Maui, and Haleakala National Park, without this unnecessary addition.

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Correspondence ID: 1285 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: cross, jai

Received: Mar,09 2022 16:00:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have visited Maui many times and am always stunned by its natural beauty. The Haleakala Volcano is a special place for me, filled with rugged natural features, a place where you can experience the fullness of raw nature.

The proposal to allow commercial helicopter flights in this precious sanctuary is repugnant. People should be free to hike in as far as they are willing and encouraged to enjoy this unique landscape without the intrusion of noisy low-flying aircraft. Please preserve the majesty and wonder of Haleakala Volcano by denying any commercial helicopter flights in its vicinity.

Thank you for your consideration to this very important matter.

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Correspondence ID: 1286 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Camire, Mary E

Received: Mar,09 2022 16:31:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not permit helicopter tours over this pristine and unique part of Maui. Although I reside on the other side of the U.S., Maui is one of my top vacation destinations. The sound of helicopters and the potential for accidents are very good reasons to prohibit them from Haleakala Crater. I prefer to see this wondrous site from the ground.

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Correspondence ID:	1287	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Sultanoff, Barry			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 16:43:00			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I urge you not to allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala Crater. This area is a precious resource to be enjoyed from the ground. It provides deep and profound silence--a needed break from the din and commercialism of everyday life. It is a unique, healthy place to visit. No helicopters should ever be allowed to fly there. Please preserve the sanctity of this treasured land, which is like no other on Earth. Please do not allow the intrusion, both auditory and visual, of helicopters. Aloha e, aloha no!

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Correspondence ID:	1288	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Mueller, Kris			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 16:46:58			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I was lucky enough to live on Maui for two years. During that time I had the privilege spending a lot of time at the summit of Haleakala. It is unlike anywhere else on earth. Part of that unique beauty is its remoteness. Please preserve the beautiful stillness of Haleakala. Please do not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala crater. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	1289	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Butler, Jeanne L			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 17:01:21			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Re: Future plans for Helicopter Tours to fly over Haleakala State Park... I urge you with my whole Heart NOT to allow Helicopter Tours to Fly (up to 25K a Year!) over our Sacred Crater and Park. This will Disrupt the Profound Silence and Sacredness of this Beautiful Spiritual Piece of Nature. The Hawaiian Island's have been so desecrated already PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS. I live at the bottom of this incredible MAJESTIC DORMANT VOLCANIC MOUNTAIN.... PLEASE LEAVE HER BE. People can drive and experience the Sacredness of the Silence and her Beauty so much better. No NOISE POLLUTION! This is a small Island and this would disrupt not only the park but EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE AROUND IT! Thank you for NOT LETTING THIS PASS.

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Correspondence ID:	1290	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Fossen, Jane E			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 17:08:41			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha,

As a frequent traveler to Maui over the past twenty years and one who takes the time to hike the Haleakala Crater, I'oa, and other sacred sites, I urge you to continue to disallow helicopters from flying over the crater. While the island of Maui is rich and diverse it's small and suffers from an excess of automobile and aero traffic. There are large and small planes coming and going at all hours, including helicopters for tourism, rescue, law enforcement and the uber wealthy.

Helicopter tourism adds another layer of noise and exhaust pollution to an island already burdened with too much pollution. If anyone wants to see and appreciate the crater, they can drive up the highway; there is no need to allow helicopters access. The helicopter tourism industry is doing fine without giving them permission to fly over the crater; not everything should be for sale.

I implore you. Make the area over the Haleakala Crater restricted to all air traffic.

Sincerely,  
Jane Fossen

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Correspondence ID:	1291	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Eartschild, Jaiia J			
Received:	Mar,09 2022 17:08:53			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I was honored to live for 26 years on Maui. From 1986 - 2013. And it was there that I learned more about the true sacredness of wild places than perhaps any other place on earth. Silence is so rare now. The quality of nature untouched. Once you remove the silence, you remove something that can never be measured or replaced and yet forever the wild has been desecrated. I will add here a URL to a song I wrote of the Hawaiian Islands and the native Sandalwood trees which it was a great honor to assist in returning them back from the brink of extinction. I feel that it is relevant to this issue. Please protect the sanctity of Haleakala for future generations and for our own. The song is on a public safe and free site if you wish to listen. Some have spent the rest of their lives devoted to undoing the damage that was wrought in the 19th century. Please take heed of your own history and protect what you have now that is so precious that it is beyond price.  
<https://soundcloud.com/jaiia-david-e-t/once>

Once  
There were no islands  
Then fields of rolling fire  
were cooled by endless seasons  
The spirits sang the mountains rang  
and answered to life's desire

Once  
In the mountains  
Tiny seeds and spores began  
to cover the land  
The spirits sang the mountains rang  
and answered to life's desire.

Life of a woman - life of a man  
Smaller than a century's span  
What is our hunger? Can it be fed  
Before the ancient wilderness is dead?

Now  
now in the mountains  
The hunger has a different sound  
cries to us from naked ground:  
'Do you remember how sunlight weaves  
mist and moss and forest leaves?  
Will you come with me to the land now bare?  
And with this human hunger dare  
to recreate the land  
seed by seed

hand in hand  
Recreate the land.

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Correspondence ID: 1292 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Valentine, Donna

Received: Mar,09 2022 17:13:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, no helicopters/aviation noise over the sacred mountain, Haleakalā. Thank you for your help!

Received: Mar,09 2022 19:17:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

Please do not allow helicopters to fly over or near Haleakala. This area is very sacred and it is unnecessary to have a flight path through. Maui has opened its air traffic to explore many areas so there is no reason to expand over the crater. Look at the damaging effects of helicopters over Kilauea and other volcanoes in Hawai'i. There are limits and boundaries that need to be set to protect our land and this is important to us. Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 1297 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Elkington, Kelikouli

Received: Mar,09 2022 19:17:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

Please do not allow helicopters to fly over or near Haleakala. This area is very sacred and it is unnecessary to have a flight path through. Maui has opened its air traffic to explore many areas so there is no reason to expand over the crater. Look at the damaging effects of helicopters over Kilauea and other volcanoes in Hawai'i. There are limits and boundaries that need to be set to protect our land and this is important to us. Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 1298 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Boesch, Susan

Received: Mar,09 2022 19:21:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: #2. NO helicopter tours over Kaleakala Crater.

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Correspondence ID: 1299 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,09 2022 19:27:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha Wale

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Correspondence ID: 1300 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Thayer, Kimberly

Received: Mar,09 2022 19:34:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours into Haleakala National Park. They will ruin the sanctity of the entire environment and the experience of everyone that visits Haleakalā. The tiny benefit that could be gained from allowing helicopter tours will be overwhelmingly outweighed the negative impacts to wildlife (especially nēnē, 'ōpe'ape'a, and the many seabirds and forest birds that dwell up there), to the visitor experience, and to the pristine, sacred cultural landscape. The crater is one of the last places on this island that is free of



human imposition. There is no long-term good to the park or to the island that could be gained from allowing any helicopter tours. Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 1301 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Miske, Songja  
Received: Mar,09 2022 19:57:23  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please No helicopter over Haleakala creater. Keep peace and quiet for this magical place.

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Correspondence ID: 1302 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Bearden, Hollie L  
Received: Mar,09 2022 20:00:42  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: RE: helicopter tours over the park  
  
Please do not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This unique place, like no other on earth, is a respite for humans and animals. Silence is the expectation, and an individual's enjoyment to make another individual some profit is not more important than the greater good's need for silence and respite. It is accessible by car and foot already, it does not need to be accessible from the air.  
Mahalo,  
Hollie Bearden  
Kihei

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Correspondence ID: 1303 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: H, K  
Received: Mar,09 2022 20:09:30  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: As former longtime Maui residents who have spent countless hours in and on Haleakala, I cannot fathom how altered the experience would be for all generations to come if helicopter tours were permitted over that remarkable natural asset. So many of the special places in nature around the Hawaiian islands are already polluted by the incessant presence of helicopters; do not do this to the surreal and serene mountain. For every person with enough wealth to pay for a helicopter tour, there surely are dozens (or more) who can't and won't, and whose ability to engage with the natural wonder if Haleakala would be meaningfully disrupted. Please don't allow it.

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Correspondence ID: 1304 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Corrick, Steve Corrick  
Received: Mar,09 2022 20:38:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Leave Haleakala to the akua!

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Correspondence ID: 1305 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Corrick, Steve Corrick  
Received: Mar,09 2022 20:38:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Leave Haleakala to the akua!

Correspondence ID:	1306	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 21:11:57		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopter use over Haleakala. This is a sacred site where prayer and communion takes place frequently. The noise and traffic from helicopter use will be disturbing to visitors and animals. And as someone who lives in Makawao and used to endure a lot of helicopter traffic over my home, I find it one of the most disturbing noises to my psyche. Please keep this precious air space free of noise and traffic.		
Correspondence ID:	1307	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kraft, Emily		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 21:13:43		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Hi,  Please do not permit helicopters to fly over Haleakala. The profound silence and beauty of this crater must be preserved. Thanks		
Correspondence ID:	1308	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Berger, Robert		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 21:18:41		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	NO HELECOPTERS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!		
Correspondence ID:	1309	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Wong, Shirley		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 21:43:45		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopters to tour Haleakala. This park is a sacred place and lets respect the land and air and not pollute the air and soundscape. Mahalo.		
Correspondence ID:	1310	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	A Jeffrey, Julie		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 21:44:17		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Aloha, Please do not allow helicopter tours to enter Haleakala National Park. It is one of the most silent pristine places on earth right now and it would be a tragedy to ruin this. Can't there be a place, in Hawaii, a sanctuary where there are no tourist helicopters allowed? This is a sacred mountain and sacred to the Hawaiians and all who seek communion here. Please, please, please don't allow commercialism to seep in and destroy our beautiful nature. The National Parks are almost all we have left. Please protect this place. Thank you, Julie Jeffrey I was a resident of Maui from 1996-2001 and I visit every winter for a few months to enjoy the beauty and nature. I care deeply about the ecology of the island.		

Correspondence ID:	1311	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Lamoureux, Martha		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 21:57:11		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I have been to Haleakala twice when visiting the beautiful island of Maui. This tourist attraction is special because of its magestic landscapes and solitude. One of the special highlights of Haleakala is that you can drive or ride up and then hike down into the crater with scenic views and no interference of noise pollution. This is an affordable excursion for locals and tourists. If helicopters are permitted you may make some rich tourists happy but you will be letting down the people who see Haleakala as a sacred treasure. This will certainly have a negative effect on tourism in this area.		

Correspondence ID:	1312	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Scott, Picton		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 22:23:34		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Hi, I must say completely disturbed to my core by this. I urge you all to please be the last string of respect to this island that has been so disrupted and leave this majesty of nature to be as it is. Please please please don't fly helicopters in the crater! We beg you.		

Correspondence ID:	1313	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Fowler, Sarah N		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 22:30:26		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I strongly urge you NOT to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands of Haleakala. Although I live on the mainland, this special place means the world to me. One of its most outstanding and unique qualities is the profound silence that exists there. Introducing helicopter noise at any frequency or intensity would irrevocably alter the unique and important qualities of this natural treasure. Thank you for your consideration.		

Correspondence ID:	1314	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Curtis, Rebekah		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 22:38:24		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please protect our Mauna. Too much commercial business is allowed inside and above.		

Correspondence ID:	1315	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Hotchkiss, Lisa L		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 22:40:17		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I'm a 20 year resident of Maui.Over the years I have watched tourism and tourist transportation grow exponentially with seemingly no caution exercised by local government. The road to Hana is ridiculously overcrowded with tourist cars and private tour buses. No toll road even to limit traffic. Now helicopter tour companies want to profit from destroying the majestic peace and quiet of Haleakala Mountain?! Helicopters create noise pollution that will disturb the native environment. Must we humans have to impose ourselves everywhere?! I firmly oppose ANY helicopter tours over Haleakala Mountain summit.		

Correspondence ID:	1316	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Escobar, Jennifer		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 22:44:03		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	One of the most peaceful places on earth!! PLEASE I urge you to vote no on this action. People visit this amazing place to find peace. The noise from flights would absolutely ruin the serenity that people enjoy when visiting. Thank you and ALOHA from the mainland		
Correspondence ID:	1317	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Hernandez, James		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 22:54:19		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Allowing helicopter flights over Haleakala National Park will provide a thrill ride for the few at the expense of a beautiful experience for the many.. I urge you to allow NO helicopter tours over this sacred place. Mahalo		
Correspondence ID:	1318	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Glennon, Melissa		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 22:57:21		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopters anywhere near Haleakala National Park. Protect the peacefulness, culture and the Nene birds		
Correspondence ID:	1319	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 22:58:43		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	The Haleakala crater is such a rare place on Earth because of how quiet it is and how little sound pollution there is. Helicopter tours would destroy that experience of the crater and take away what makes it so rare and special. In this modern day it is so important to keep certain places on Earth preserved for their sacredness and for their beauty. The sky is a huge part of experiencing the craters beauty. If helicopters are flying overhead, they would distract the eye and senses from the amazing sky at that elevation. People go to the crater to have a special, sacred, beautiful experience. If you start to disturb the environment that is so naturally perfect, it will destroy the experience for all, especially the Hawaiian people who call Haleakala home.		
Correspondence ID:	1320	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Bernardy, Nadia		
Received:	Mar,09 2022 23:24:13		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	In regards to allowing helicopter tours to fly over the park. I am absolutely heart broken to hear that helicopter tours over this sacred land are being proposed. This is not something that the community wants and will be equally saddened as I am. Please reconsider and provide other		

options for guided tours for people who want to hike into the crater. Haleakalā National Park is a special, peaceful place that should be experienced without the distraction of helicopters flying over head. Please take into account the people who live here.

Mahalo

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Correspondence ID:	1321	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Demirbag, Jocelyn R
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Received:	Mar,09 2022 23:52:27
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: We should not be creating any noise in the airspace above Haleakala. Period. Its signature experience is the quiet. Please do not destroy this gift. There is almost no place else to find it in a park. Ruining Haleakala is not worth the money.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID:	1322	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	, Kaile
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Received:	Mar,09 2022 23:54:57
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: no helicopter tours Flying below 5000 feet above ground level,  
To much already.

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Correspondence ID:	1323	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Erdahl, Jeanne W
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Received:	Mar,10 2022
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I am a part-year resident of Maui and I have hiked in the Haleakala Crater at least annually for over 30 years, mostly hiking completely across the crater. I have stayed in one of the cabins overnight 4 or 5 times in this span of time. Along with the Grand Canyon, this is one of my most beloved places on earth, as it was also for my parents.

One of the most notable features of the crater, if not the most notable, is the overwhelming silence of the space. It was where I chose to memorialize the passing of my mother 20 years ago with a solo hike across the crater.

I recognize that most visitors may not have either the time or the physical ability to hike in the crater, and for that reason I would accept Alternative 3 as a compromise between unlimited helicopter tours and none at all. The defined flight path appears to offer both good views into the crater as well as keeping helicopters from ruining that blissful silence for those of us who have been privileged to immerse ourselves in the experience - a silence which they will sadly be unable to partake of as helicopter passengers. I especially like the feature of including education for tour operators so that visitors can have a more nuanced view of the crater and the fragility of the surrounding forests and ranchlands, a feature which appears to fit well with the current rethinking of the overall visitor experience when coming to the Islands.

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Correspondence ID:	1324	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Neswald, Pamela
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Received:	Mar,10 2022
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I recommend NO helicopter tours over the crater. That would be pollution.

Correspondence ID:	1325	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 02:09:58		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Part of the appeal of Haleakala is the tranquility of nature, the airspace above should be protected for the native life.		
Correspondence ID:	1326	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Everett, Laura		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 02:15:30		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please keep this place quiet and free from air traffic. When I visited in 2019 I loved that such a vast space was filled with silence and awe. Helicopters will remove that experience for all and disrupt the beauty of the location only then for those within the helicopters themselves.		
Correspondence ID:	1327	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kyler, Kim		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 06:29:15		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow ANY helicopter flights over Haleakala! You must wake up and realize the precious, pristine sanctuary that it is. To allow it's silence to be spoiled by the sight and sounds of aircraft would be a crime!!!		
Correspondence ID:	1328	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kyler, Kim		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 06:29:16		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow ANY helicopter flights over Haleakala! You must wake up and realize the precious, pristine sanctuary that it is. To allow it's silence to be spoiled by the sight and sounds of aircraft would be a crime!!!		
Correspondence ID:	1329	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 06:30:54		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I don't believe it is a good idea to break the silence of the crater with helicopters. How invasive		
Correspondence ID:	1330	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Marshall, Jane		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 06:53:13		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopters tours over the crater		

Correspondence ID:	1331	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Mejia, Veronica		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 07:41:12		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow any helicopter tours.		
Correspondence ID:	1332	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Emmitt, Renee H		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 07:48:19		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please keep Haleakala pristine and silent and preserve one of our last remaining sanctuaries of nature on Earth. People deserve to experience this rare beauty , majesty and SILENCE...please do not exploit and ruin this area .Kalalau should be an example of the travesty of helicopter tours and the horrible impact they can make on our sacred wilderness areas..  thank you, , Renee H Emmitt		
Correspondence ID:	1333	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Smith, Elizabeth		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 08:15:53		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopters over Haleakala Nat park. It is an important and delicate natural and cultural area. It's been called the quietest place in the world.		
Correspondence ID:	1334	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Madaras, Diana		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 08:38:53		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	We are against allowing helicopter traffic in Haleakala National Park and the surrounding ding areas of Upcountry Kuka. These surrounding lands are home to hundreds of small ranches and should be otitected from noice and are traffic.		
Correspondence ID:	1335	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Madaras, Diana		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 08:38:59		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	We are against allowing helicopter traffic in Haleakala National Park and the surrounding ding areas of Upcountry Kuka. These surrounding lands are home to hundreds of small ranches and should be otitected from noice and are traffic.		
Correspondence ID:	1336	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Bakur, Lawrence		

Received: Mar,10 2022 09:05:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let's keep the sanctuary of silence that is Haleakala. No helicopter rides please!

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Correspondence ID: 1337 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Winn, Robin

Received: Mar,10 2022 09:36:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Oh no!

Really?

You are considering having helicopters flying above Haleakala! What a travesty. WHY? Why would you destroy the deep quiet that is so rare precious?

Please be pono.

Be wise.

Be caring to the rare beauty that graces us through stillness.

Thank you

Robin Winn

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Correspondence ID: 1338 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Alexander, Zoe

Received: Mar,10 2022 09:44:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters over Haleakala. Only silence....

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Correspondence ID: 1339 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gelert, John T

Received: Mar,10 2022 09:47:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep helicopters out of Haleakala crater, so that it maintains the status as the quietest place on Earth! They can stay far away outside of the crater rim to provide a view but not contribute much noise. I flew on one of these several years ago and thought the view was acceptable. I especially enjoyed seeing the cluster of waterfalls above Kaupo.

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Correspondence ID: 1340 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rosenbaum, Claudia J

Received: Mar,10 2022 09:52:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to keep Haleakala the quiet, sacred place that it is! I would prefer that we don't start allowing any more air traffic than necessary at the summit. I am not in favor of helicopters flying close to Haleakala.

Best,

Claudia Rosenbaum

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Correspondence ID: 1341 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ryan, Evan



Received: Mar,10 2022 09:53:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter tours over Haleakalā National Park. My family has been enjoying the solitude of the crater for over 20 years. It is a refuge that needs to be maintained as one of the quietest places on earth. It is sacred to the Hawaiian people and the people from all over the world who come here for a nature connection experience. No amount of money is worth desecrating the experience of being in such a peaceful environment.

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Correspondence ID: 1342 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Maya, Lucia

Received: Mar,10 2022 10:04:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours of Haleakala! It is an incredibly beautiful, otherworldly place that is extraordinary in its quiet beauty.

It is also a sacred place to the Hawaii people and helicopter tours would be disrespectful and degrading.

Thank you.

Aloha,  
Lucia

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Correspondence ID: 1343 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Berry, Glenda

Received: Mar,10 2022 10:07:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park.

This is a sacred, unique and sensitive environment that deserves our protection and highest respect.

Care for the aina! Be pono!

Noise from heli tours will feature the peace, impacting cultural practices and native species.

Surely this small portion of Hawaii can be protected. The USA and the state has already taken so much.

Thank you,  
Glenda Berry  
Haiku

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Correspondence ID: 1344 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: anderson, kim

Received: Mar,10 2022 10:07:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am AGAINST allowing ANY helicopter tours to enter the pristine and exceptional quiet of this awesome crater in Haleakala state park

Allow Haleakala to continue beaming profound Silence!

NO HELICOPTERS!!!!!!!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 1345 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cale, Bennett W

Received: Mar,10 2022 10:13:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha friends,

First I would like to say Mahalo for this public forum to submit comments and also for your work to preserve the natural beauty and wonder of Hawaii's parks. I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed bill which would allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala for tourist purposes. As an Upcountry resident for the past 16 years and frequent visitor to Haleakala, I can attest that such an action would have a profound negative impact on the serenity of the experience of being inside the crater at Haleakala. There is no other place in the world that has such a deep and pervading silence like this sacred place.

Please do everything you can to prevent the noise and general disruption this would bring, only to benefit a few tourists and helicopter tour operators. If there is one thing that are recent shut down during Covid has taught all of us, it is the importance of realigning our priorities around creating healthy visitor experiences that do not impede on what is so special about the islands on which we live. This is a perfect opportunity to stand for holding a very sacred place on our islands in a way that protects what makes it special.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
Bennett Cale, 808.268.5068

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Correspondence ID:	1346	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Lewis, Lori			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 10:17:33			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Now, more than ever, we need to honor whatever moments of sacred silence we can allow in our day. There is no need, and much harm, if any of the proposed options for helicopter tours over Haleakala is adopted. It's rather shameful.

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Correspondence ID:	1347	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hernandez, Meghane			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 10:26:23			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: People hike in Haleakala crater to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the material world and reconnect with the crater's natural wonders. Maui is already overrun with tourists in all areas, and Haleakala is no exception. Why ruin the quietest place on earth with profit-driven helicopter tours? Tourists can ride helicopters nearly anywhere else on Maui. Make Haleakala Crater the exception and let people continue to enjoy the silence of this sacred place.

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Correspondence ID:	1348	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Kowalski, Kimberly			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 10:30:01			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please limit air tours over Haleakala as much as possible. The silence and peace of this sacred place should be preserved, and the majesty a reward for the journey in by foot.

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Correspondence ID:	1349	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Best, Bobbie D			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 10:30:25			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Haleakala is one of the quietest places on earth, one of the reasons it is so cherished. Allowing helicopters is awful. Please keep this pristine area as is. When I woke up there, I cried, overwhelmed by the beauty

and silence. I hope that others will continue to experience this.

Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 1350 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ohana, Samuel R

Received: Mar,10 2022 10:39:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: For the last hundred years, humans have taken a particularly reckless approach to our existence on the earth. We prioritize making money over being careful not to poison/ruin/damage/destroy the environment. It's not going to be too long before this locust level of wanton disregard for the future is going to render the earth unsafe, unpleasant, and eventually uninhabitable. Please do not decide to allow any helicopter tours over this most delicate and exquisite place that inspires awe and wonder and inspires people to remember our connection to and dependency on the earth. One of the important aspects of this is being able to enjoy it without harming the land, the trees, the animals, or harming people who enjoy it. Helicopter tours will ruin the experience for all except the people who paid to go in the helicopter.

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Correspondence ID: 1351 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Waters, Aerie

Received: Mar,10 2022 10:49:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is the quietest place on earth. That offers gifts beyond words!!  
Do not allow commercial enterprise to destroy this sacred gift... a place to quiet and listen to the voice of silence.  
**NO HELICOPTERS OVER HALEAKALA!**  
Thank you.  
With Aloha,  
Aerie Waters

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Correspondence ID: 1352 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Tong, Caitlin M

Received: Mar,10 2022 10:53:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Do NOT allow helicopters to start cruising haleakala. It's beauty and otherness would be destroyed by the noise and reminder of the modern world. If you have hiked the crater, you would know how jarring and disruptive a helicopter would be to that gorgeous peaceful journey. We have desicrated enough, why add to the list?

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Correspondence ID: 1353 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Goodman, Ron

Received: Mar,10 2022 10:59:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE!! NO Helicopter Tours OF ANY KIND over Haleakala crater, this precious area. Silence is golden and should be respected for all to contemplate.

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Correspondence ID: 1354 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Beaudin, Marvin

Received: Mar,10 2022 10:59:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NO helicopter tours over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 1355 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Beaudin, Marvin

Received: Mar,10 2022 11:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NO helicopter tours over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 1356 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Dreskin, Mollie

Received: Mar,10 2022 11:03:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours of haleakala. It is easily accessible by car and the several other tours that go up the mountain. The noise pollution of helicopters would disrupt the peace and quiet of hiking through the crater or even just simple sitting and enjoying the view. Please consider the harmful side effects that allowing this would bring to the community and visitors alike.

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Correspondence ID: 1357 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Mcclean, John M

Received: Mar,10 2022 11:05:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha

Please protect the peace and quiet of Haleakala Crater by not allowing helicopter tours.

I have been hiking there for decades. It would degrade my experience and all of us not

In the helicopter.

Mahalo

John Mcclean

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Correspondence ID: 1358 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Greenleaf, Marta

Received: Mar,10 2022 11:09:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: When I heard that helicopters on Haleakala were being considered, I felt dread. Our Kula, Makawao and Pukalani communities, which totals thousands of people, would be subjected to nonstop noise pollution. We reside upcountry for the peaceful living we experience, which would be trampled upon. I say absolutely NO to commercial helicopters flying over Haleakala.

Thank you,

Marta Greenleaf

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Correspondence ID: 1359 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Carlos Garcia,

Received: Mar,10 2022 11:15:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I go to Haleakala for the peace and silence. Don't turn Haleakala into another corporate greed game.

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Correspondence ID: 1360 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ROSE, BRIAN  
Received: Mar,10 2022 11:34:39  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala crater is like no other place on Earth. One of its most precious qualities is the profound silence one can experience while in the crater. Please let's keep it that way. No helicopter tours

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Correspondence ID: 1361 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Vermillion, Dan A  
Received: Mar,10 2022 11:35:30  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please Please. This will be so obtrusive to t by is sacred landscape and destroy it's serenity. Please no choppers.

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Correspondence ID: 1362 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Carlisle, Roma  
Received: Mar,10 2022 11:36:32  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please . . . No helicopters over Haleakala

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Correspondence ID: 1363 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Diamond, Martin  
Received: Mar,10 2022 11:39:16  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for protecting Haleakala Natl park from excessive noise of tourist helicopter flights.

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Correspondence ID: 1364 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Okazaki, Tomoko  
Received: Mar,10 2022 11:40:30  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the sacred places SACRED. sound of Helicopter buzzing above would be completely change the place.  
only helicopter for rescue purpose is allowed

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Correspondence ID: 1365 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Buckler, Caroline  
Received: Mar,10 2022 11:47:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours of any kind over Haleakala. It will absolutely ruin the serenity of the park there is no need for this besides greed with no care for the beauty and peace and quiet of the

park. It is easily accessed by car. Tours go there for people who can't drive themselves etc. it would absolutely ruin the park.

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Correspondence ID: 1366 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ross, Stephen

Received: Mar,10 2022 11:49:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There should NOT be a place for helicopters over a national park for site seeing. If they have to travel through on the way to a job then fine they would follow accepted routes , but the amount of flights per day would upset the peaceful place that it is.

I would say no to allowing helicopter tours

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Correspondence ID: 1367 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Iberg, Janell

Received: Mar,10 2022 11:50:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please let there be one place where tourists can go where it is fairly untouched. People should have to do some work to experience something special. I realize that it would be money for the park system and all those people with money to see the crater without any trouble.

I was lucky enough to walk down the crater with my family and stay in the cabins. It wasn't easy but very, very special. It is like no place I've ever been. I wouldn't have bothered if there had been helicopters buzzing around. It would take all the specialness away. I made the trip several year ago and still think and tell people about it.

Have you even though about the impact it would have on the flora and fauna?

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Correspondence ID: 1368 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Botton, Tatiana

Received: Mar,10 2022 11:53:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to request to leave Haleakala wild and to not allow helicopter tours near the park or summit. We are very lucky to have a place that is a reverence to peace and respect to the land as Haleakala is. Please keep the respect and do not allow that. If a local person or a tourist wants to visit the area they will experience it the way it has always been experienced.

Mahalo,

Tatiana Botton

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Correspondence ID: 1369 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lewis, Jimmy

Received: Mar,10 2022 11:57:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow ANY helicopter tours in or around Haleakala Crater. This place has been hiked through for YEARS and the people hiking do that for a reason: for peace and quite in nature, one of the greatest place on earth. To ruin that so some company can make money AND ruin the experience of the people who have priority: the hikers. Thanks and aloha, Jimmy

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Correspondence ID: 1370 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Martin, Ingrid  
Received: Mar,10 2022 11:59:04  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow any flights over the haleakala crater!  
Thank you for protecting this sacred place!!

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Correspondence ID: 1371 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Brnner, Bruce  
Received: Mar,10 2022 12:01:02  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is a profound "No" not to allow ANY aircraft noise to pollute the silent song of Haleakula Crater. To allow otherwise is to miss that the silence of "the most silent place on the planet" is a gift as rare and as beautiful as the visual offered by this sacred place. If we allow noise pollution we should also have billboards, high rises and outboard engine repair in the crater as well. The secret is to stop the losangelization of the world and allow some perfect places to remain as they are.

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Correspondence ID: 1372 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Brnner, Bruce  
Received: Mar,10 2022 12:01:03  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is a profound "No" not to allow ANY aircraft noise to pollute the silent song of Haleakula Crater. To allow otherwise is to miss that the silence of "the most silent place on the planet" is a gift as rare and as beautiful as the visual offered by this sacred place. If we allow noise pollution we should also have billboards, high rises and outboard engine repair in the crater as well. The secret is to stop the losangelization of the world and allow some perfect places to remain as they are.

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Correspondence ID: 1373 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Pendergast, Susan L  
Received: Mar,10 2022 12:03:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please no helicopters! Maintain the beauty and organic naturalization that exists!

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Correspondence ID: 1374 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: McCabe, Jon  
Received: Mar,10 2022 12:05:36  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Kipahulu has made this mistake in Kauai and it truly ruins the experience of connecting with nature and the Aina. Please do not allow helicopters to fly over our sacred lands.

Aloha' Aina

Correspondence ID:	1375	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 12:06:40		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Absolutely NO helicopters flying over the crater or any part of Haleakala, at any time! We need to keep places in nature quiet and peaceful, there's too much noise pollution in the world already. Let visitors walk or ride horses to enjoy this amazing place.		
Correspondence ID:	1376	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	MARSH, BONNIE S		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 12:08:24		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>please do not allow helicopters over haleakala for tourists that would completely disrupt the tranquility of the crater</p> <p>it is sacred hawaiian grounds, not to be exploited</p> <p>be pono and protect this sacred mountain</p> <p>mahalo,</p> <p>dr. bonnie marsh</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1377	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Spanjaard, Fred		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 12:09:12		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Allow Haleakala to continue beaming profound Silence!		
Correspondence ID:	1378	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Hastings, L		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 12:09:15		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>I ask that you withhold my personal information from public review.</p> <p>Thank you for taking comments regarding helicopter flights over Haleakala Summit. As a Maui born and raised senior citizen, I feel strongly that there be NO Helicopter Flights below 5000 feet.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1379	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	McCabe, Jon		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 12:14:45		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.</p> <p>Kipahulu has made this mistake in Kauai and it truly ruins the experience of connecting with nature and the Aina. Please do not allow helicopters to fly over our sacred lands.</p>		



Aloha‘ Āina

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Correspondence ID: 1380 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,10 2022 12:15:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: One of my most treasured experiences was at this site. Please do not allow any helicopter flights over this sacred site.

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Correspondence ID: 1381 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Allencastre, Audrey A

Received: Mar,10 2022 12:17:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No Helicopter Tours over Haleakalā Crater. Period.

But this does not address if helicopter tours can fly near the rim. No to that also. You must determine how close and how high helicopters can fly near the summit. And think of the poor residents who have to endure the overhead noise pollution.

Enough is enough. It is one thing to have people create businesses but not at the expense of our Islands' environment and the residents' quiet enjoyment at their homes. Just don't even start so that when you DO put restrictions these businesses will have a loss to their bottom line or even go out of business. Case in point - that NorthShore Zip Line in the Kauhikoa residential area of Ha'ikū. How would you like a tourist activity as your neighbor next to your house?

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Correspondence ID: 1382 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hull, Pamela

Received: Mar,10 2022 12:23:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopters over Haleakala!!!  
Some places on this island need to be protected.  
That would destroy the beauty & serenity of this precious place.

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Correspondence ID: 1383 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hull, Pamela

Received: Mar,10 2022 12:23:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopters over Haleakala!!!  
Some places on this island need to be protected.  
That would destroy the beauty & serenity of this precious place.

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Correspondence ID: 1384 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Birdsall, Allison

Received: Mar,10 2022 12:35:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

I'd like to express my concern for the helicopter tourism over the crater. There is no other place on the planet I can go to be in such stillness and silence. I go to pray and be with spirit. Many people go there to stand in awe of the vast beauty of stillness and peace. I imagine the extra noise and energy to be very disruptive. At what cost and to what end do we allow money and businesses to disrupt our natural wild places to go on this planet.

Please, from the bottom of my heart, don't allow this to happen to our beautiful crater. She deserves to be left in quiet.

Mahalo nui.

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Correspondence ID:	1385	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Lamoureux, Catherine
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Received:	Mar,10 2022 12:39:54
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: PLEASE no helicopter tours over haleakala national park. NONE!  
Why are you even considering this? You will ruin everything that's special and sacred about this mountain.

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Correspondence ID:	1386	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Mccormick, Nancy
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Received:	Mar,10 2022 12:42:18
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please prevent helicopters from ruining the serene pristine beauty in this amazing area.  
Thank-you

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Correspondence ID:	1387	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,10 2022 12:45:36
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Aloha,  
Haleakala is such a magical place due to the lack of air traffic. When you go to the Na Pali Coast you instantly realize how much damage this noise pollution has done to the serenity and peace of the land.

I hope that our parks continue to protect our air space; even more than what has been done in the past.  
Mahalo for your help in preservation.

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Correspondence ID:	1388	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Light, Ariana
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Received:	Mar,10 2022 12:46:18
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: No helicopters above Haleakala crater! It is one of the quietest places on earth and helis would poison the solitude.

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Correspondence ID:	1389	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Bilinsky, Alan
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Received:	Mar,10 2022 12:47:20
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Aloha,

Please do not allow flights over Haleakala. It would be impossible to be present with them flying overhead. This is a very important cultural place to respect as much as possible. Noise is a severe degradation of the environment and the ability of people to connect to and thus respect the Aina.

Mahalo.

Alan Bilinsky

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Correspondence ID:	1390	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Armstrong, Cynthia J			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 12:47:48			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Re: plans to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala.

I am pleading that you don't allow helicopter tours over Haleakala. It is a special place because of it's serenity and if you allow helicopter tours that will destroy it's peacefulness. We need to protect this sacred land. Locals and tourists alike can drive up and enjoy it easily already. Please do not allow this unnecessary noise pollution.

Aloha,  
Joy

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Correspondence ID:	1391	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Stoner, Wailani K			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 12:58:13			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha - please do not approve helicopter tours/flights over this sacred area. It is a place that needs no human desecration more than it already has. Helicopters disrupt the natural flow of everything in nature. Nature has a way of communicating with each other that humans have lost. The unnecessary noise it will make for what? Profit? It's hewa. Please do your part in protecting these untouched areas.

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Correspondence ID:	1392	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Goodbar, Kari			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 13:00:08			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha,

I urge you to not allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. Haleakalā is like no other place on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. Even with other hikers and walking groups around, the absolute silence felt in this place is unreal - the type of silence where suddenly the sound of your heartbeat is amplified in your ears and you can almost hear the very blood running through your veins. The regular presence of helicopters would absolutely destroy this very special quality of the crater. There is simply no need for these tours because the crater is so easily accessible by vehicle and thus the major overlooks are easy enough for anyone of any fitness level to witness.

All throughout the pandemic, Hawai'i has had to reexamine its relationship with tourism. It's obvious that tourism has reached an extractive level, prioritizing short term profits over the health and longevity of Hawai'i's delicate ecosystems as well as the well-being of its residents and Native Hawaiian population. This decision - the decision of whether or not to allow the regular presence of a disruptive tour operation - is exactly the type of scenario where we should stand firm to prioritize and preserve the sanctity of a place rather allowing it to become another cash cow for the tourism industry which currently directs most of its profits towards itself rather than towards the environment or the people of the state.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

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Correspondence ID: 1393 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Erickson, Carol E  
Received: Mar,10 2022 13:00:51  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not permit more helicopters over Haleakila!! They are noisy & dangerous!!  
Maui has plenty of benign activities for tourists!

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Correspondence ID: 1394 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Koenig, Vance  
Received: Mar,10 2022 13:11:22  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Haleakala crater is one of the most pristine and quiet areas on the planet. We must preserve this solitude and not allow the noise pollution of helicopter tours!

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Correspondence ID: 1395 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: , Stephanie A  
Received: Mar,10 2022 13:12:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala in Hawaii. I would love to visit one day and I have heard that the silence is one of the best parts of the experience.

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Correspondence ID: 1396 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: , Paul  
Received: Mar,10 2022 13:32:53  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: no tours of Haleakala, leave it alone

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Correspondence ID: 1397 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: MILES, PAUL R  
Received: Mar,10 2022 13:36:17  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not allow any helicopter flights above Haleakala. The silence there is perfect.

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Correspondence ID: 1398 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hessler, Noelani M  
Received: Mar,10 2022 13:53:22  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Aloha,

I am writing regarding helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park on Maui, Hawaii. I strongly suggest "Alternative 2 - no helicopter tours over Haleakala". This is a wilderness area where people go to enjoy the quiet solitude that is a critical characteristic of this place. Personally, I would describe the quiet and

solitude one of the main experiences here; it is the essence of this Hawaiian place. This place is considered the quietest place on Earth down to 0 decibels. There is no place like this on Earth. To have loud helicopter engines or drones in the vicinity of this crater will destroy that environment. This is a peaceful place like no other and helps the endangered species thrive in peace and flock and fly over the crater. I believe the helicopters noise and heavy wind turbulence that comes with them will affect the endangered Hawaiian Nene goose with a negative impact. They are finally thriving more and I would hate to see their population decline quickly again because of the helicopters and drones. I have commented in support of :

2). No helicopter tours whatsoever over Haleakala and a buffer created so that helicopters cannot be heard even if they are skirting the outer areas.

Mahalo Nui and Thank you for considering my request,

Noelani M. Hessler

Concerned resident of Maui Island and someone who hikes in this national park annually.

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Correspondence ID:	1399	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bastien, Mabelle B			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 14:22:19			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	NO HELICOPTERS in the Crater			

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Correspondence ID:	1400	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Sudekis, Ophelia			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 14:26:29			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Flying helicopters over Haleakala would be a desecration to the sacred energy of that place. Please don't do this.			

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Correspondence ID:	1401	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Raupp, Donna			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 14:28:00			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Please keep the skies above Haleakala NP free of helicopter traffic			

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Correspondence ID:	1402	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	McGrew, Paul			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 14:36:39			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Please, no heli tours into Haleakala creator.			

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Correspondence ID:	1403	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	MACKAY, MARK			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 14:36:42			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Enough of selling and ruining paradise for the entertainment of wealthy tourists and for the profits of the few who own multi million dollar helicopters!			

Correspondence ID:	1404	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Woods, Haley		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 14:55:34		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow air tours over Haleakala National Park. It remains one of the most isolated and quiet places on the island, and is home to many native species. The risk to both the indigenous animals, and the aesthetics of the park is too great, and the benefits distributed among too few. There are already many places for helicopter tours to go, and ways for people to visit the park. There is no need to merge the two, especially when we consider that reversing such a decision would undoubtedly be a lengthy and costly process.		

Correspondence ID:	1405	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Abay-Abay, Terri C		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 14:55:55		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala crater and the National park lands. Haleakala Crater is a sacred spiritual place in Hawaii. The silence of the crater, the clean pristine air, and the vast open land away from the "noise pollution" are just some of the reasons Haleakala is so unique and special to Maui. Helicopter tours are not needed, people can get to the top by automobile and that is enough. Please do not desecrate this Island any more than it already has been. With Aloha, Terri Abay-Abay		

Correspondence ID:	1406	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Abay-Abay, Terri C		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 14:55:56		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala crater and the National park lands. Haleakala Crater is a sacred spiritual place in Hawaii. The silence of the crater, the clean pristine air, and the vast open land away from the "noise pollution" are just some of the reasons Haleakala is so unique and special to Maui. Helicopter tours are not needed, people can get to the top by automobile and that is enough. Please do not desecrate this Island any more than it already has been. With Aloha, Terri Abay-Abay		

Correspondence ID:	1407	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Martin, Kristopher		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 15:10:29		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not allow helicopters over Haleakala. Protect this sacred land and let it be silent without the constant noise disruptions that helicopters bring. Thank you		

Correspondence ID:	1408	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Begin, Cheryl		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 15:20:54		

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please  
Keep Haleakala sacred. Helicopters do nothing but destroy peace.

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Correspondence ID: 1409 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: sachs, Stephanie

Received: Mar,10 2022 15:21:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To walk through Haleakala without noise is truly a blessing in this world filled with noise. It is an opportunity to commune with nature. Please do not allow helicopters. The tourists have enough of this island. If they want to enjoy the crater they can hike or look out at the rim.

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Correspondence ID: 1410 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ellinghausen, Lance

Received: Mar,10 2022 15:21:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopters should not be allowed anywhere near this sacred fragile environment

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Correspondence ID: 1411 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wylie, Cassandra

Received: Mar,10 2022 15:22:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, NO!! Being inside the crater is a sacred experience.  
Please, no helicopters to break the silence in that holy place.

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Correspondence ID: 1412 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wingard, Terrence R

Received: Mar,10 2022 15:33:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't take away Haleakala and give it ALL to the tourists. It's a special place to Hawaiians and to anyone that's ever been there.

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Correspondence ID: 1413 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pirnia, Azi

Received: Mar,10 2022 15:43:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The prevailing community sentiment seems to be that no air flights should be allowed over Haleakala; however, a bulk of the community seems to be under the assumption that currently there are no flights going through Haleakala which, according to this report, is untrue with the amount of flights reported currently hovering around 5k. As the community is generally unaware of this intrusion, it seems a good starting point for both determining the number of flights and the flight path that is the least obtrusive.

Without information about where these flights are going, how low they are, what time of day they are occurring, etc. it is pretty difficult to provide public comment on which of the three options presented would be the best compromise between commercial operators, environmental advocates and visitors.

Given the current information, I feel a combination of options two and three (allow limited tours on one flight path with no tours going below 5000 feet) would reach a compromise between tour companies operating in the park and the community as a whole. However, not knowing where this flight path would be/ who is determining the path makes it hard to say whether allowing unlimited flights on one path would help or hurt. If you have a flight path that sticks to the outer boundaries of the park but preserves the quiet you experience while hiking through to remote areas vs a flight path that flies directly overhead of places where people/animals are retreating for quiet and solitude makes a difference in what would be the best compromise.

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Correspondence ID:	1414	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Flaming, Lynn			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 16:08:50			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Zero helicopters. Do not allow the rich and a very few business owners to destroy one of the true silent places on our planet. This is a huge part of the magic of Haleakala Crater. Helicopters are only for the rich who can pay the high prices of this unnecessary luxury while simultaneously damaging the experience for everyone else.

If you must, only one day a week, only one flight path, and a very limited number of flights.

The sound of helicopters are extremely intrusive and for anyone who has ever lived in the inner city or gone to war or lived in a high crime or war zone - they would be a traumatic trigger. Even living on Maui, the helicopters that already fly are traumatizing and so extremely unpleasant to encounter.

I lived in Huelo and still cringe at the thought of the helicopters that harassed my off-grid land. They were intrusive and traumatizing not to mention infuriating.

Please, protect this sacred space. Please protect this extremely rare silent space on the planet. No helicopters in Haleakala Crater. Please.

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Correspondence ID:	1415	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Burke, Dolores			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 16:16:49			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	No helicopters over Mt Haleakala			

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Correspondence ID:	1416	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Aweau, Deborah			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 16:38:38			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Re: Helicopter at Haleakala National Park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha

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Correspondence ID:	1417	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Savage, Denine			



Received: Mar,10 2022 16:50:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do Not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala, Maui's most sacred site of silence.

There is so little left of 'real Maui'. (I used to be a resident and visit often).

We are so in need of setting some boundaries to keep tourism a thriving industry WITHOUT destroying the natural gifts of the place.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 1418 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Balfour, David

Received: Mar,10 2022 16:53:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters...please.

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Correspondence ID: 1419 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Huff, Marian L

Received: Mar,10 2022 17:02:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am opposed to allowing helicopters to fly over our sacred lands - Haleakala Crater! I have lived on the island of maui in hawaii nei for over 40 years and helicopters are allowed to fly right outside of the CRATER. Good enough. Our streets and parks are already inundated with tourist vans and rental cars. Tourists can hike through the CRATER or take a good look at the insides of the Crater from the Park Headquarters at the top of Sliding Sands. NO helicopters.

Mahalo.

Lehn Huff

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Correspondence ID: 1420 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Forman, Steven

Received: Mar,10 2022 17:13:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow Helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park. The silence is part of the pristine beauty of that park. This is why there hasn't been tours allowed over the park before. We went through this years ago.

Thanks Steven Forman

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Correspondence ID: 1421 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Walholm, Katherine P

Received: Mar,10 2022 17:46:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keep Haleakala the beautiful quiet place it is now. Maui needs this sanctuary. Our planet needs this sanctuary. Please!

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Correspondence ID: 1422 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Aoki, Victoria L

Received: Mar,10 2022 17:54:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
Please preserve the sanctity of this National Park Treasure and special mountain by not allowing helicopter tours. The noise and disturbance caused by helicopter tours over Haleakalā would be profound. Allow people to experience the magic and power and quiet of this sacred place by other means. This mountaintop is a place of prayer and reverence and deserves to be treated as such.  
Thank you for taking public commentary. Please consider the wishes and voices of the locals and natives of Hawaii.  
Mahalo, Victoria

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Correspondence ID: 1423 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lipcon, Lauren

Received: Mar,10 2022 18:24:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter tours over Haleakalā. Protect the aina.

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Correspondence ID: 1424 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: mott, gabriel

Received: Mar,10 2022 18:32:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Absolutely no helicopters except for emergency rescue and rare scientific research and species salvation purposes. None for tourists. OK maybe an exception once a month for cinematic / artistic purposes-- but only for non-profits / independent artists. Otherwise zero helicopters in Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 1425 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Beard, Alison

Received: Mar,10 2022 18:35:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I am deeply concerned about the National Park Service's consideration of allowing helicopter tours to fly over Mt. Haleakala crater. I want to strongly encourage the NPS to preserve the peace and quiet for residents, visitors, and wildlife. This sacred and peaceful sanctuary deserves to be shared with all in the way it stands now with no further challenges to the silence.

Mahalo,

Alison Beard

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Correspondence ID: 1426 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Billings, Deborah

Received: Mar,10 2022 18:56:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We live in a world where finding a place free from noise pollution becomes increasingly challenging. Please do not allow helicopter flights here. The National Parks are spaces of peace and beauty, but also where people can deeply appreciate the glorious mysteries of our world. Please continue to play an important role in keeping some places on our planet the way they are meant to be. Thank you.

Correspondence ID:	1427	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Ward, Susan W		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 19:00:32		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>Noooo! No helicopters over sacred Haleakalā!!!  Please!  It's an unnecessary invasion and disruption of the natural beauty and silent peace there.  Please... NO!</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1428	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Goodman, Louis		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 19:04:09		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>This is a national park, not Disney Land. Some places on earth call for a sacred silence. This is one of them. Please no helicopters here.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1429	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Grant, Danielle		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 19:11:44		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>Please keep Haleakala crater by keeping helicopter tours away from the crater and not allowing them to fly over or near it.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1430	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Roberts, Cody		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 19:49:52		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>Please do not disturb the quietest place on Earth with helicopter tours. As a fine art photographer who has a great love for aerial photography and has been on many helicopter flights, I strongly believe that Haleakala Crater needs to be left alone. There is already a great amount of access into the National park where anyone can enjoy the views and the peacefulness that Haleakala Crater has to offer. Allowing helicopter tours here would ruin the experience of visiting the park and especially hiking through its wilderness trails. It will also further impact our native ecosystems with a great deal of noise pollution. 25,000 tours a year? Do you realize what that will be like each day? Please consider what THE PEOPLE have to say, as it seems much of the island community will be against these tours.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1431	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kalaway, Bentley		
Received:	Mar,10 2022 19:57:42		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>Please, please do not turn this beautiful, sacred place into a tourist zone. It will be ruined for everyone and especially those of us living upcountry in the path of those helicopters as well. Enough is enough. The oceans and coral are living examples of just going too far with the profits made on our natural environment. Thank you</p>		

Correspondence ID:	1432	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Caprile, Martin			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 20:10:45			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Aloha			
<p>Please do not allow helicopter tours on Haleakala. It is sacred land and must remain like that, it is important to preaerve it. As a Maui resident I believe the helicopter tours will have negative impact on it.</p> <p>Thanks</p>				
Correspondence ID:	1433	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Blackwell, Patton			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 20:14:06			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Re: plans to allow helicopters over Haleakala National Park			
<p>Please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park. This profound silence so important for nature and nature lovers is imperative. It is easy already ti drive up and enjoy views so there is no need for helicopter tours at all!</p> <p>Please do not allow this unnecessary desecration occur to the Heart of east Maui.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>				
Correspondence ID:	1434	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Springer, Cindy			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 20:16:30			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Please please please !!! Let nature be Nature!! Stop pollution we do Not need LOUD HELICOPTORS IS SUCH AN AMAZING PLACE! PLEASE STOP THIS NONSENCE PLEASE			
Correspondence ID:	1435	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Jacobs, Shelley			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 20:28:10			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Please do not allow any helicopters to fly over Haleakala not under 500 feet, not under 5000 feet, not on a limited basis on one flight path, Not At All. It disrespects the visiting people on the ground in the park, it disrespects the Hawaiian people, and it disrespects the sacred place that the National Park pledges to care for and protect.. Please continue the gesture of protection of Haleakala and do not sell out this special sacred, still, peaceful place. There is no for this change and it causes harm. I implore you to drop the idea of helicopter noise pollution and visual pollution over and in Haleakala National Park. Thank you very much for considering these aspects of the decision and the impact that such a decision would have if it went forward.			
Correspondence ID:	1436	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Robinson, Tracey			
Received:	Mar,10 2022 21:05:38			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Keep Haleakala SACRED AND SILENT! As a person who practices Ho'oponopono, it is imperative to keep this ONE LAST place SACRED! A place where we can clearly and easily connect with ancestors!

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Correspondence ID: 1437 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Webb, Hannis

Received: Mar,10 2022 21:29:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: How about no additional helicopters in or around the crater! The ones that fly around it are distracting and annoying already. Adding more helicopters just to make money is shameful. So as a resident of Maui I would say nuff already! No more invasive human disturbance in the crater!

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Correspondence ID: 1438 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,10 2022 22:13:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Doesn't help anyone or improve anything

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Correspondence ID: 1439 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: K, N M

Received: Mar,10 2022 22:17:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopter flights!!! Please enjoy the silence!!

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Correspondence ID: 1440 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: LaBarre, Denise

Received: Mar,10 2022 22:22:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park. We need to protect this fragile ecosystem from overuse. Human encroachment has already degraded so many natural areas. There is no need to spoil our beautiful, sacred House of the Sun with the noise, exhaust, and traffic of helicopters.

Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 1441 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Muñoz, Jeff R

Received: Mar,10 2022 22:44:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
A Rare And Sacred Landscape

This special place vibrates with stories of ancient and modern Hawaiian culture and protects the bond between the land and its people. The park also cares for endangered species, some of which exist nowhere else. Come visit this special place - renew your spirit amid stark volcanic landscapes and sub-tropical rain forest with an unforgettable hike through the backcountry. (Quote from Haleakala front page NPS website)

I believe the above quote from the official website says it all. As a longterm resident on the south-west slope of Haleakala, and having made many trips through the crater, as well as representing a community that supports the

stewardship of sacred lands it is incumbent upon us to oppose continued flights over Haleakala Crater. We can best respect the rarity and sacredness of the park by honoring the natural silence of the mountain. A much needed and rare resource of our planet -- quietude.

Thank you for taking time to review my comment.

I am always available for any additional testimony on behalf of our most sacred mountain -- holy Haleakala.

With all best wishes

Malama Pono

Jeff Muñoz --

Executive Director

Prayer Rock Foundation (EIN-20-5827418)

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Correspondence ID:	1442	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,10 2022 22:48:03
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I do not want any helicopter tours to be allowed in Haleakala Crater air space. That would ruin the sacred quiet space of the crater. Please do not allow this to happen.

Sincerely, Maui resident.

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Correspondence ID:	1443	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Sarwate, Anand
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Received:	Mar,10 2022 22:49:42
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: One of the most magical experiences I have had was hiking and camping in Haleakala. It is SO QUIET there, in a way that is fundamentally at odds with how most of us experience the world, whether it be in an urbanized place like I live, or even in a rural location with lots of wildlife around.

Inside the crater is magical. And impossible to find. It's profound. And a helicopter tour will not give its passengers that magic but can easily destroy the magic for others.

So please, please PLEASE do not allow these helicopter tours. People who want to see things from above could do just as well with an IMAX/VR experience. Thanks to COVID we are used to seeing things from afar. That's ok!

As a teacher, I think about what people will learn from an experience, not what they will pay money for. Please try to think of yourselves as educators. What do you want people to learn from experiencing Haleakala?

Anand Sarwate

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Correspondence ID:	1444	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Lailey, Patricia A
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Received:	Mar,10 2022 22:49:43
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: There is so much noise pollution. Please spare this sacred place! No helicopters!

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Correspondence ID:	1445	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Allen Flores, Vincent
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Received:	Mar,10 2022 23:02:40
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Do not allow this to happen. When the last tree is cut down, the last fish eaten and the last stream poisoned, you will realize that you cannot eat money. Awaken from your capatalistic slumber and arise if not for yourself then for the future you create for our kids.

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Correspondence ID: 1446 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Teruya, Lovinia H

Received: Mar,10 2022 23:08:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No, no, no. It's unbelievable this is even being considered. It will ruin the stillness of Haleakala and the sound and sound waves will affect the native inhabitants of the crater and will ruin the experience for visitors who journey to the magnificent crater by motor vehicles, bicycles, on foot. As a longtime Haleakala hiker and camper, I want the everything special about crater to be preserved as much as possible for future generations. Hearing the wind rustle my hair, the crunch of the cinders under my feet, the wasps at work, the Nenes, the Apapane, the I'iwi, the Amakihi, and sometimes, nothing, is priceless. Let's keep this holy and not allow capitalism to overrun this sacred place - preserve our humanity

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Correspondence ID: 1447 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Blair

Received: Mar,10 2022 23:10:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters at Haleakala! Please allow this pristine island treasure remain so. Do not pollute our air with noise and smog. Our quality of life is under constant threat from mainland and outside influences, let's continue to value and protect what makes Hawaii special; our people and our natural resources. The experience of Haleakala is one of majestic wonder, beauty and a sacredness that should always be preserved in our fast paced, changing world.

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Correspondence ID: 1448 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Stutey, Lisa

Received: Mar,10 2022 23:25:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters please. Haleakala is a sacred place and needs to be protected. Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 1449 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Young, Jean

Received: Mar,10 2022 23:29:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please leave this sacred place in sacred silence. There needs to be a place where we can go and be in reverence to nature and the spirit of this island. Helicopters give thrills to a few passengers while destroying the peace and beauty of the wilderness for everyone else. It is not fair.

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Correspondence ID: 1450 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wallin, Robin

Received: Mar,10 2022 23:34:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No Helicopters over Haleakala. Please preserve the last beacon of blessed silence on earth.

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Correspondence ID: 1451 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Stone, Ananda D

Received: Mar,10 2022 23:53:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am opposed to this proposal. 25,000 helicopter flights is an alarming amount over a remote area that people go to, to enjoy nature. I thought we were trying to work on the new normal? Realizing during the pandemic how wonderful it was on Maui to not be overrun by tourism. I personally would be so saddened to hike Haleakala and have helicopter noise surrounding me during a hike. Especially when you have to pay to enter the park.

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Correspondence ID: 1452 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Howbert, Gaylin

Received: Mar,11 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The fact that the park has become such a zoo with the influx of visitors these past few years I strongly believe we should not add more commercial activity. Keep the park a sanctuary to the wildlife and flora/fana that thrive there. Do not allow it to become more of an attraction for amusement but to have it strongly be viewed as a what it is which is a sacred place.

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Correspondence ID: 1453 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Paine, Steven

Received: Mar,11 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is ranked as one of the quietest places in the world. We don't need any air based tours interrupting that silence. This crater is habitat to countless endemic species, found nowhere else in the world. Let's leave this piece of wildlife and nature intact.

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Correspondence ID: 1454 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Taylor, K.

Received: Mar,11 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is an exceptional treasure! One of the most incredible experiences of being in this gem of nature is the profound silence. Our planet is filled with so much noise and distraction already - please do not allow this noise pollution by allowing helicopter tours in the crater. It will not only disturb the peace but also the delicate natural habitat of the birds and other animals that live there., and for what - tourists?? They can make the trek into this treasure of a national park by bus or car and explore on the ground.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN! Haleakala is a rare place let's please keep it that way!!

Please no helicopter tours inside of Haleakala National Park or crater!!

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Correspondence ID: 1455 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Novello, Jason

Received: Mar,11 2022 01:00:30



Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours of Haleakala, over the crater and park lands. One of the most profound qualities of the park is its serenity, the peace of silence. The park is easily accessible by car and foot and does not need such an intrusive way to experience it.

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Correspondence ID: 1456 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lynch, Timothy

Received: Mar,11 2022 01:03:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I lived in Hawaii for 6 years, and hiked in Haleakala several times in that period. The crater is one of the few places on this earth that I have experienced true silence, which is a profoundly moving and extremely rare occurrence in this modern world. I am looking forward to bringing my family there soon to share this precious place with them.

The idea that this peace might all be destroyed by helicopters flying over this remarkable place is just mind-boggling. Why would anyone allow this one of a kind gem to sound like a war zone!?

The crater can be viewed by anyone from a viewing area accessible by motor vehicles. Helicopter tourism will destroy much of what is so special about this sacred place for almost everyone, with the rewards going to a very few.

Please do not allow helicopter flights over Haleakala!

Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 1457 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Athearn, Jamie K

Received: Mar,11 2022 01:43:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
Please do not allow helicopters to fly in our mauna. There is enough congestion up there already. Mahalo!

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Correspondence ID: 1458 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Chappell, Dale A

Received: Mar,11 2022 03:26:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE!! No helicopters AT ALL.....

Have lived here over 37 yrs. Please leave Her alone in perfect PEACE.

Mahalo

Ms Chappell

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Correspondence ID: 1459 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: French, Jackie

Received: Mar,11 2022 03:36:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dearest National Park Service,  
I'm a huge fan.

I've worked for State Parks for many years and was able to meet so many guests that revel in your beauty and glory of national parks. They travel from all over the world for the grandiose beauty, something bigger than themselves that man never created, just protected. From the towering sequoias to the wandering alligators- nature is available to be seen wild and it's an experience no one can capture the same through shared stories or a television. And I'm writing today about Haleakala and the proposed helicopter tours.

Imagine the first time you hiked in your favorite spot. Can you see the flowers or landscape that produced awe in your heart? What about the smells of crisp, fresh air when you stepped onto the trail. Are you like me and go along touching bark or rushing water to feel different textures like you're a kid again? The senses play a pivotal role in exploration and wonder. National Parks provide that wonder to millions every year that wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity or have saved most of their life to travel to these wild places. Now I imagine that favorite hike. Can you hear the birds chirping as the sun rises, the wind rushing by as the day breaks, the profound silence hiking in deserted land or families laughing and exploring as day has just broken. These are some of my favorite sounds having explored Haleakala myself. Now add the respectful and powerful feeling of being on this volcano in one of the most sacred lands the United States is honored with. It's one of the easiest accessible famous national park experiences and hiking within the crater with that profound silence is the treasure people seek. Adding helicopter tours takes all these senses away. The wind doesn't rush through to brush your face from a helicopter. It moves and disturbs all items in its place, the textures have been ruffled or bent from the wind, Flora and fauna are not adapted or equip to handle that new disturbance. A land millions of us know, love, and hold dear in our memories and heart and deafened by the blades and wind from helicopter tours. There is no profound silence experiencing this national wonder. I employee you to reconsider and not allow and helicopter tours for the sake of keeping national parks wild. This is the mission of National Park Services, of which proudly educate on Leave No Trace for generations to enjoy and allowing such tourism whisks away the same experience like the loud and boisterous helicopters. It's an experience like no other in the United States and I, along with many others who may not have heard about this comment forum, beg for you to continue to keep Haleakala and other parks wild.

- NPS admirer

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Correspondence ID:	1460	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Rohlfing, Laura			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 03:57:28			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	No Helicopter Rides. Leave it peaceful.			

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Correspondence ID:	1461	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Chaney, Allison			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 04:11:41			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I do not agree with the proposal to allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala Crater. This is a sacred place that should not be further disturbed unnecessarily for the primary purpose of financial profit. One might argue that offering helicopter tours is an exciting and life changing experience for tourists, but so is experiencing the crater in its natural form, without the disturbance of helicopters. I see no benefit by allowing this to happen, when the experience of being on the ground is just as profound, if not more. There are plenty of opportunities for thrill seekers to experience different parts of the island, without disturbing yet another sacred place. One of the things that this culture teaches us is that this is not our land. It is land given to us by our ancestors and that we are only here to steward for future generations. It is our responsibility to protect the sacred space, listen to the stewards of this land and the indigenous people who were here before us, and respect the land by not flying commercial aircraft through a sacred space for the purpose of entertainment and financial gain.

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Correspondence ID:	1462	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Flores, Jonathan K			

Received: Mar,11 2022 04:21:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative 2 ! No access to flights up on Haleakala please there's no need for any disturbance on the native Hawaiian species that live up Haleakala. There's plenty of other beautiful scenery to look at so leave alone the places that should not be disturbed

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Correspondence ID: 1463 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Youngstrom, Erin

Received: Mar,11 2022 04:22:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please dont allow helicopters!

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Correspondence ID: 1464 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gardner, Deanna

Received: Mar,11 2022 06:37:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Do not allow any helicopter tours. This is environmental exploitation of natural, sacred land already accessible to the public.

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Correspondence ID: 1465 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Waxman, Ilana

Received: Mar,11 2022 06:46:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours over the Crater! It is such an incredible oasis of peace on this island that is getting more crowded and overdeveloped by the day. I am born and raised on Maui and have already seen so many special places sacrificed to the tourist dollar. Don't do this here. Please!

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Correspondence ID: 1466 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kremins, Deborah

Received: Mar,11 2022 07:03:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I beg you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours any where near HNP! This is precisely the ONE place on Maui where people can go to experience something not available anywhere else: silence. The park is accessible to enjoy - even to those with the most limited mobility. We do not need helicopters to see it! Please please please consider saving this last wild place.  
Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 1467 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: malisos, michael j

Received: Mar,11 2022 07:10:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, DO NOT allow flights over Haleakala. Period. End of story. It's clear anyone who approves of this has never hiked through one of the most quiet and magical places on earth.

Correspondence ID:	1468	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	H., Brianna		
Received:	Mar,11 2022 07:13:47		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I do not support the people efforts to have helicopter tours flying over haleakala. People visit for its profound, unobstructed views and silence. It is such an immersive experience, and sound be kept that way		
Correspondence ID:	1469	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,11 2022 07:32:19		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Haleakala is the most beautiful place on Earth. Allowing helicopter tours to take place here would ruin the peaceful setting of the crater. It would no longer be a special place for people to go hiking and experience the freedom that the crater provides. Please don't let helicopter tours take place around Haleakala.		
Correspondence ID:	1470	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Spivack, Ely		
Received:	Mar,11 2022 07:39:42		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopter tours inside the crater, please!		
Correspondence ID:	1471	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,11 2022 07:45:14		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please don't legalize helicopter tours over haleakala. It is considered sacred a space where some locals go to pray. If the peace of this sacred ancient site is disturbed by the noise of helicopters, such people's religious freedoms will be drastically infringed upon.		
Correspondence ID:	1472	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Ivester, Robin		
Received:	Mar,11 2022 08:08:13		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I visit National Park Service protected land as often as possible, and have tremendous appreciation for what it means to preserve these spaces. I am strongly in favor of Alternative 2, which would prohibit air tours within the entire ATMP planning area. The noise and presence of helicopter tours is disruptive to a sense of wilderness and peace, and every tour has the potential to negatively impact many more people than are able to access or benefit from them. Beyond this, these tours have a negative impact on the sacred and cultural roles of this space; given Hawaii's history, this should be prioritized far beyond the ability of people who are privileged enough to afford helicopter tours. Finally, there is the impact of these tours on wildlife, which again we have a duty to respect and protect.		
Correspondence ID:	1473	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Miller, Kyle J		

Received: Mar,11 2022 09:06:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Mahalo and Aloha!

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Correspondence ID: 1474 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Deborah, Clark

Received: Mar,11 2022 09:09:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I don't think helicopter tours should be allowed. Keep this beautiful, tranquil place as it is.

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Correspondence ID: 1475 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lalonde, Jean

Received: Mar,11 2022 09:22:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I visited the park and the crater with my friend Deborah Kremins who lives in Maui and I am against the plan for elicopter tours over the crater

Jean Lalonde

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Correspondence ID: 1476 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Swain, Michele A

Received: Mar,11 2022 09:26:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keep it quiet. Shhhhhhhh. OM.....

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Correspondence ID: 1477 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bruere, Lance

Received: Mar,11 2022 09:37:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why have helicopters fly around a natural and historical place like this national park. Again capitalism is good but adding exhaust and noise to a monumental creation what humans like to do, without understanding the damage 50 years of this will do to this volcano!

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Correspondence ID: 1478 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rosenblatt, Jannick M

Received: Mar,11 2022 10:02:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please maintain the peace of this beautiful land.

Correspondence ID:	1479	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,11 2022 10:04:18		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Allowing helicopter tours above Haleakala Park, as any of your options, is an utterly ridiculous and unnecessary concept. Let people drive up, and preserve the silent serenity of the crater without the obnoxious break in silence of a helicopter.		
Correspondence ID:	1480	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Sarrow, Randy		
Received:	Mar,11 2022 10:16:22		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please, no Helicopter tours flying above Haleakala National Park		
Correspondence ID:	1481	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Saita, Kana		
Received:	Mar,11 2022 10:21:54		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	No helicopter tour at Haleakala. Over there should be quiet zone		
Correspondence ID:	1482	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Johnston, Emily C		
Received:	Mar,11 2022 10:30:34		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I am writing to you as a concerned long -time resident of Maui, to implore you to please not allow the helicopter tours in the area of Haleakala crater. Noise pollution is a thing, and that crater is one of the only places on the planet to get away from it so completely. Allowing helicopter tours in that area is just unacceptable. Do we have to profit from every inch of Hawaiian soil in the name of tourism? There has to be a line somewhere. Allowing these helicopter tours would seriously ruin the experience of spending time in the crater. There are plenty of other options of where to take tourists to give them a view of the beauty of the Valley Isle, and it's ok to keep places off limits in order to protect and preserve all aspects of the islands beauty. We don't pave walkways to all the waterfalls (yet), and Maui still has a few places that are hard to get to, and that's much of her charm. Please don't contribute to completely deleting that charm, to taking this island one more step towards Disneyland. Tour operators cannot have an all-access pass to do whatever they want on this island, please do not allow this to happen. I honestly can't believe that this is even being considered. Please do the right thing, and keep the crater clear of helicopter tours. Mahalo.		
Correspondence ID:	1483	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	S., Hiroshi		
Received:	Mar,11 2022 10:36:34		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do NOT bring any sightseeing helicopters in Haleakala park. We need to preserve our great nature as a calm place. It is much more important than business and or money.		

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Correspondence ID: 1484 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Rockett, Pearl  
Received: Mar,11 2022 10:37:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Stop any helicopter tours over Haleakala, entire Haleakala!  
Keep it the quiet, a place people need in our chaotic world and stresses.

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Correspondence ID: 1485 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: daniels, sally j  
Received: Mar,11 2022 10:43:46  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE PLEASE P. L. E. A. S. E. do not allow helicopter tours over our precious caldera. Our Maui island has had a huge population growth after Covid, and our visitors are returning in large numbers. Haleakala National Park is the ONLY place on Maui where you can go to experience the most incredible place on this planet. It is unique and we MUST have the peace to nurture our very being. When hiking and staying inside the crater, the silence is profound, whelming, spiritual, you distance your self from the modern world and it is very healing.

To be inside such an amazing place, to be reminded of the outside world by a throbbing noisy copter, whose sound will be magnified in the stillness is abhorrent to the heart and soul. We are plagued with bicycle tours and zip lines where visitors scream and whoop. Our roads are packed with fancy new vehicles all speeding like they used to do on the mainland. We NEED our crater to be one of protected silence, a place we KNOW we can go to experience solitude and beauty

I remember hiking the crater before helicopter tours were not able to fly over the interior, I have video footage from a helicopter zooming around the cinder cones, the Pu'u.

There are wonderful views of the crater from the many look-outs which provide aerial type views, so please keep the skies above the crater clear of this pollution which serves only a few people, and ruin it all for the rest of us

PLEASE allow us all to enjoy the one magnificent place we are so grateful to enjoy.

Thank you for all you can do to care for the people who want to hike and view, and for all the unique birds and animals that call Haleakala home

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Correspondence ID: 1486 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Anderson, Cheri L  
Received: Mar,11 2022 10:47:09  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No, no, no! A thousand times no! I haven't been back since my first visit in 1975 but I remember the peaceful majesty to this day. No helicopters please

Name: ,  
Received: Mar,11 2022 10:49:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Thank you and Aloha Wale

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Correspondence ID: 1489 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Sheerin, Brett  
Received: Mar,11 2022 10:52:13  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I've done heli tours where you can see into the crater going around the rim so let's leave it at that! Haleakala is sacred silence inside the crater! Leave it! We don't need an increase in heli tours and business to get a better look!

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Correspondence ID: 1490 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,11 2022 11:05:33  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would ask that the Haleakala Crater be a place that continues to be silent and lack the use of aircraft for tourist reasons. It is one of my favorite places to hike, explore and get away from the busy world we have on Maui. So many other places have been changes and adapted for tourist reasons...can we keep one place just as nature wanted it?

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Correspondence ID: 1491 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: , Kelley  
Received: Mar,11 2022 11:10:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha To All of Concern,  
I believe the proposal to allow 25 thousand helicopters; A YEAR, fly around or into Haleakalā Summit and Crater is crazy.

I appreciate the notice and recognize their will be other steps needed before this proposal gets pulled from the depths to see the rising of the sun.

Considerations must be taken to:

- \* families home life affected by twenty five thousand helicopters flying over head every day of every year on a flight path.
- \* the quality of that journey to the park for its exceptional of pristine beauty and into the park for a rare or annual experience.
- \* the attitude towards tourism dollar has to change to quality over quantity.
- Privileged rich people can be driven or drive themselves.
- Same for people checking off their "bucket list".

Perhaps the park should think out side the box, building guest cottages down the mountain for a one night only reservation that includes a gourmet dinner and croissant and coffee with the sunrise shuttle ride.



\*\*\* Allow a cottage a year; of cost, to be donated to a special family who could never afford it but would so benefit from being welcomed in a gifting experience. Example: A particular guest could be an employee of the park service in another state. He/she has been an exceptional employee with a special needs child. Think Up! The greater possibilities are outside of conventional thinking.

Mahalo,  
Kelley

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Correspondence ID:	1492	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Haywood, Guy A			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 11:28:16			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I have lived on Maui for over 70 years, walked through the Crater at least a dozen times and visited the Summit regularly. One of the reasons I go there is the quality of silence away from the urban areas. Please consider silence one of the resources to be protected from aerial incursion.  
Thank you

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Correspondence ID:	1493	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Suzuki, Chihiro			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 11:39:59			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Re: Plans to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala  
Absolutely NO to helicopter tours over the park.  
This place is like no other on earth and one of its most precious qualities is profound silence.  
People still can easily drive up, enjoy the amazing views, walk into the crater, and feel the stillness and the power of this special place.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary tour.  
Aloha and Mahalo

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Correspondence ID:	1494	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Weinstock, Fleur			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 11:52:14			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I urge you to NOT allow helicopter tours to fly over the Haleakala crater and park lands. This place is like no other on Earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. Please DO NOT allow this unnecessary desecration of the heart of East Maui.

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Correspondence ID:	1495	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Cosier, John H			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 12:46:47			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No flights should be permitted over the sacred grounds of the Haleakala Crater. Not only is this area sacred to the native Hawaiians, it is a source of peace and wonder to all those who visit and especially to those who hike into the crater to gain insight, tranquility and spiritual awareness.

I have hiked Haleakala many times both with overflights and without. Overflights spoil the incredible peace and silence one experiences. Many go to Haleakala to get away and experience "another world." This experience is ruined by overflights.

Haleakala is one of the most tranquil and beautiful places on the planet. Let's not ruin that by permitting a few minutes of viewing by those who choose to view it from afar rather than visit it directly and more intimately. It's not worth it.

John

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Correspondence ID:	1496	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Henderson, Jeffrey
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Received:	Mar,11 2022 12:49:20
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence:	No helicopters! Only peaceful place left on Maui.
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Correspondence ID:	1497	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Gima, Elaine
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Received:	Mar,11 2022 12:56:27
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence:	Please do NOT allow ANY helicopters anywhere near Haleakala crater! The silence is sacred.
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Correspondence ID:	1498	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Perry, Zachary
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Received:	Mar,11 2022 12:59:10
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence:	Hi there,
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I spoke to several people about the helicopters coming in to the crater and everyone is so sad to hear that.

The crater is one of the quietest places on earth and it is really important to a lot of people. Bringing in helicopters will bring a ton of noise, and while I am sure there are few arguments that can prevent this from occurring, I think this would initiate a slow degradation of the beauty, serenity, and peace that the crater offers.

I've talked with one of your employees that the revenue the park makes vastly exceeds the amount that can be utilized in operations so I can't imagine money is an issue for the park.

What is the thought process with adding helicopter tours? I would like to understand the rationale.

Thanks,  
Zach

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Correspondence ID:	1499	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Gonzalez, Robin C
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Received:	Mar,11 2022 12:59:22
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence:	I live below the crater, and one of the most precious things in my life is the profound non-human-created noises at my home.
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I can hear any helicopter traffic over the crater for pretty much the entire time the tour (or green harvest, or police activity -- whatever the cause) is in the area, and it's quite annoying.

Although I do not camp in the crater, nor am I native Hawaiian, I understand the disruption that they will experience, and am in complete sympathy with their concerns as well.

There is already too much noise caused by the existing use. I am quite dismayed by the idea that there may be more. Please reconsider the entire idea

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Correspondence ID:	1500	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Grabscheid, Michael			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 13:07:49			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I am writing concerning the possibility of allowing helicopter tours over Haleakala crater on the island of Maui, HI. As a regular visitor to Maui and Haleakala park & crater I think this is a horrible idea and goes against all that this stunningly beautiful national park stands for. Haleakala crater is so profound in part because of its incredible natural beauty and peacefulness being undisturbed but any site or sound of buildings or machines of any kind. It is repulsive to think of this being disturbed for its many visitors by the sound and site of helicopters flying overhead.

Please, please, please heed the many people who no doubt are reaching out to tell the National Park Service to refuse to allow such flights over the crater. Let's keep one of our national treasures pristine for so many to enjoy.

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Correspondence ID:	1501	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Cruz, Jocelyn			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 13:14:44			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha! I heard that the park might be considering allowing helicopter tours in the crater. Please please please don't let this happen. It's one of the most beautiful and peaceful places on this earth. It's such a pleasure to be able to go up there and hear only the sounds of nature. I also worry about how the Nene would be affected by the extra commotion. I beg you please reconsider and don't let this happen to our precious national park.

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Correspondence ID:	1502	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Scheidler, Andrew H			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 13:21:54			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Having hiked in the Haleakala long ago (and hopefully again some day), I feel compelled to ask that you continue to BAN all helicopter flights over the crater. There places that need to remain as serene, calm and quiet as they are naturally or they will lose their value. Please keep Haleakala serene, calm and quiet for future generations to experience and enjoy.

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Correspondence ID:	1503	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 13:33:48			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please NO helicopter tours over Haleakalā! It is such a wonderful experience to be up there in the silence and stillness and to explore it without the noise of flight patterns or helicopters flying over us. This

beautiful piece of land deserves to be kept remote!! If people want to see it, they should consider the drive, or hike. Please do not allow helicopter tours.

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Correspondence ID: 1504 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Brubaker, Patricia

Received: Mar,11 2022 14:18:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala should be designated as a no-fly zone.

All tourism, not only helicopter tours, needs to be controlled and limited for the sake of the 'aina and future generations.

Has there been an environmental impact study?

More helicopters would add more carbon emissions and noise pollution to the world in general. In specific, the reserve provides critical habitat for the endangered po'ouli bird and Maui parrotbill. The lower elevations have intact, dry wiliwili forests that provide habitat for the endangered Blackburn's sphinx moth and Hawaiian hoary bat.

Keep Haleakala as a REFUGE FOR endangered species and as a REFUGE FROM the noise and pollution that tourism inevitably brings. If you must, maybe think about ecotourism instead.

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Correspondence ID: 1505 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cohen, Denise

Received: Mar,11 2022 14:30:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. First those helicopters buzz the homes in Kula. When I work nights at Maui Memorial this interfered with my sleep patter plus was a huge invasion of my privacy. In addition, this place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha Wale

Denise Cohen

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Correspondence ID: 1506 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ryan, Danielle L

Received: Mar,11 2022 14:30:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I cherish the ubiquitous silence within the crater at Haleakala National Park, and the rare opportunity for extensive backpacking and camping on Maui that only HNP provides to long-time residents such as myself for deep immersion within a relatively untouched natural landscape. It is critical to protect that experience from the noise and distraction of air tours as much as possible. I've been in the crater with and without helicopters overhead and I definitely prefer the serenity I've experienced without them. From my limited understanding of the options proposed, it seems that alternative number 2 would best support limiting crater air traffic in general, and so has my vote. One of the blessings of COVID was reminding me how much I prefer less air traffic over my farm in Makawao as well as during my treks within HNP. Thanks so much for your time and consideration in this very important matter.

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Correspondence ID: 1507 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lohle, Rob  
Received: Mar,11 2022 14:40:47  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No to flights over the Haleakala!,,,,,  
It' disturbs a beautiful natural environment with non stop noise pollution!

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Correspondence ID: 1508 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,11 2022 15:24:50  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
Absolutely NO HELICOPTERS or air traffic of any kind at all. This is the most sacred quiet place on earth. If someone wants to see the crater they can go to rim or hike through it.

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Correspondence ID: 1509 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Dunning, Kristi M  
Received: Mar,11 2022 15:27:09  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: RE: Plans to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala

Aloha,  
I urge you to PLEASE honor the sacred mountain that is Haleakala and NOT allow ANY form of helicopter tours in the park. I frequent the mountain, and I can attest that there is PLENTY of human traffic on the mountain. I go to enjoy the serenity, natural beauty, peace, and connect on a spiritual level. And even now, I find myself having to hike out further and further to find that peace, due to so many visitors. In fact, you had to implement a ticket system for the sunrise as there were so many visitors; making it near impossible for us locals to enjoy our mountain at sunrise. Now, you're proposing helicopter tours? Do you really believe that MORE is the answer? With just coming off of COVID and lockdowns, we have an opportunity to re-open to a new beginning and BE better. What you're proposing is the antithesis of that. Imagine if helicopter tours were allowed into your church or synagog; how would you find that? Incredibly disrespectful? Rude? Discriminant? I say yes to all.  
Kristi Dunning

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Correspondence ID: 1510 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,11 2022 15:36:10  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 1511 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Davis, Patty  
Received: Mar,11 2022 15:54:10  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am firmly opposed to allowing helicopter tours over Haleakala Crater. As much as I realize that tourism brings much revenue and employs many islanders, including many of my family, there is a point where we need to find a balance that benefits everyone and our environment. I'm glad that Haleakala has found ways to protect from damage from overcrowding by limiting the number of people allowed at sunrise as an

example. We need to continue in that tradition and keep Haleakala the beautiful and quiet, unspoiled place that it is. Allowing helicopters AT ANY TIME is just another instance of losing a little more of this beautiful place we call home. I think as islanders we are all willing to share our beautiful island but only in a way that respects certain boundaries that will help to keep that beauty.

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Correspondence ID:	1512	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Dewilde, Ivo
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Received:	Mar,11 2022 16:07:30
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: As a 30 year resident I urge you to keep the crater quiet. Serenity will appeal to many many people in this modern society and peacefulness will be a magnificent and valuable asset i. The long term. Mahalo Ivo

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Correspondence ID:	1513	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Finkle, Laura
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Received:	Mar,11 2022 16:15:01
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha.

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Correspondence ID:	1514	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	King, Heather M
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Received:	Mar,11 2022 16:27:49
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I absolutely oppose the helicopter tours. Haleakala is one of the most profound and sacred places I have visited on vacation. It is a violation of it's sacredness to allow helicopter tours, and just the noise nuisance itself will ruin the experience of all those who make the effort to come by car and experience it on foot. Other places that have become destinations for helicopter tours have lost some of their charm. Several friends talked me out of visiting the Na Pali Coast because they said their experience lost it's magic due to the helicopter tours overhead. We need to have places on our beautiful planet where we can experience the true power of nature without interference from the constant noise and destruction of human made machines. I believe the more we lose this, the more we lose our balance and well being. We are living in a time when the need of humans to connect in a healthy way with the beauty of our planet is more important than ever. Please protect this sacred place from rich people in helicopters, the privileged and often disrespectful folks with all the money have already ruined too many places in the islands and beyond. When will we learn to have some respect? Not everything is about profit. Leave the sacred summit of the volcano to the sounds of the wind and nature please.

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Correspondence ID:	1515	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	nunez, leslie
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Received:	Mar,11 2022 16:39:11
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not do this to this state treasure. If visitors want to enjoy the park they should hike or camp. It's the best way to truly appreciate this sacred area. This home to native and endangered species should be preserved. Where will it end?! 25,000 flight will turn into 50,000; not flying below 5,000 ft will turn into 2,000 ft. Stop before you start. It's disgraceful and certainly won't be a turning point in the decline of this park. Anyone that agrees with this proposal clearly hasn't been camping under the stars in the crater. It's magic. PRESERVE THE MAGIC AND PEACEFULNESS!

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Correspondence ID:	1516	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hann, Claire			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 17:23:52			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Keep Haleakala quiet!

Absolutely no helicopters except for emergency rescue and rare scientific research and species salvation purposes. None for tourists. Maybe an exception once a month for cinematic / artistic purposes-- but only for non-profits / independent artists. Otherwise zero helicopters in Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	1517	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Auer, Emma A			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 17:37:27			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I am writing a comment the the National Park service to urge them not to allow Helicopters Rides over Haleakala Park in Maui.

I visited this park last year and one of its most striking features was the atmosphere once at the top. The thin air and wind made for a (literal) breath taking scene, the silence was profound.

To think of the disruption helicopters could cause to this experience is heartbreaking. Haleakala is also an important habitat for animals. They should not be disturbed by helicopter rides.

Please do not allow ANY helicopter rides/ tours around Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	1518	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Flake, Warren Michael			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 17:38:49			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: For the Love of anything sacred and special left on this earth, money will be the end of all of it if you do not do what you know to be ~right~

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Correspondence ID:	1519	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Farwell, Heidi			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 17:42:14			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please leave someplace amazing pristine! Money and tourism are not the end all and be all. The silence is .Helicopters ruined Kalalau and the NaPali!!!! SAVE SOMETHING PLEASE. Some actual real ( not lip service) respect for the aina and a sacred place that provides an experience like no other. Mahalo for considering seriously

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Correspondence ID:	1520	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Cotter, Makensie			

Received: Mar,11 2022 17:46:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter rides in Haleakala crater national park. This area has been untouched by civilization's noise and does not need to be bothered just so extra money can be made. The parks were created so that we can enjoy the peace, quiet, and beauty that nature has to offer. Using it for recreational activities like helicopter rides will disturb that peace that people specifically come to enjoy.

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Correspondence ID: 1521 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: sutherland, fern t

Received: Mar,11 2022 18:06:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: haleakala crater is a sacred place...it is the heart of maui where creation took place...it is a place of immense silence and peace....do not desecrate this sacred place as so many places on the earth have been.... the silence is outstanding there  
i implore you to honor this and respect the aina that has been taken from it's rightful caretakers...at least do this and have some heart for what is right  
it is not right to desecrate this sacred land...haleakala does not belong to you...respect it!

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Correspondence ID: 1522 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gutrath, Karen

Received: Mar,11 2022 18:10:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No to helicopter tours. No to noise. Let there be silence.

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Correspondence ID: 1523 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Heater, Jamie

Received: Mar,11 2022 18:28:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is in regards to the possibility of allowing helicopters in Haleakalā crater:

To allow such activities would be an absolute travesty. Here is a sacred place where complete silence can still be experienced by any who make the journey. To allow the elite, the wealthy, to buy out and destroy our national park is, I believe, completely against the purpose of the National Park System. The disturbance to the wildlife would be even worse. The Ua'u main nesting site is on Haleakalā as well as other endangered endemic species who make their home on the slopes of the mountain. The noise from helicopters would for sure destroy their current nesting habits.

Do not allow this atrocious plan to move forward.

Mahalo,

Jamie Heater

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Correspondence ID: 1524 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Heater, Jamie

Received: Mar,11 2022 18:28:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Do not allow this atrocious plan to move forward.

Mahalo,

Jamie Heater

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Correspondence ID:	1525	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Jefferds, Michael B			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 18:35:26			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	No Helicopters anywhere above Haleakala Crater!			

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Correspondence ID:	1526	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bonner, Marti			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 19:36:24			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Re : plans to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala National park. I urge you not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. People come from all over to enjoy the perfect silence. NASA provides missions necessary to the survival of our SPECIES in the crater. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky. Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui. Thank you and Aloha			

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Correspondence ID:	1527	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 19:49:35			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	No helicopter tours over Haleakala please.			

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Correspondence ID:	1528	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Cannon, Alisi			
Received:	Mar,11 2022 20:52:57			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	This is literally one of the most quiet places on Earth that is easily accessible to the public. Please, please, please do not spoil this incredibly unique facet.			

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Correspondence ID:	1529	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Gillmor, Jennifer			

Received: Mar,11 2022 20:53:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NO helicopters over the crater, already!

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Correspondence ID: 1530 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,11 2022 21:34:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is in regards to helicopters flying over Haleakala crater on Maui. NO, do not allow.

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Correspondence ID: 1531 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: cruikshank, christine

Received: Mar,11 2022 21:51:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Granting helicopters over Haleakala National park

The origin of National Parks was: "to protect special places so that their features would belong to everyone and remain preserved"

Anyone venturing into Haleakala can't help but be moved by "special feature" of indescribable silence that can be experienced there!

In the cacophony of the developed world, this is a precious gift.

How dare anyone allow such an egregious breach to this sacred acoustic marvel so unique to this park.

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Correspondence ID: 1532 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Odom jones, Justine

Received: Mar,11 2022 21:55:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to think about this decision. Maui is sacred land. It has already been overrun by luxury homes and resorts pushing out all the locals who now can't afford to live on their own land. And to add insult to injury now you want to disrupt more of it. Haleakala is a sanctuary of peace. Have you thought about the noise pollution? The experience of being up there in the silence of its natural state is powerful and you are going to destroy that....for what? More money? Whoever is making these decisions; how much money does it take to make a decision?

How much are they offering you?

Tourists are already allowed to drive up there and take in the beauty from the land! Why is there a need to do that from the air? Do you really think that flying over the volcano is a worthy experience when you will probably only spend 15 flying over it? What will you really be able to see except the money coming in to people who don't even need it. How about invest that money in affordable housing? Protecting the sacred land?

There seems to be a lot more good that money can be used for than just feeding hungry, already rich bastards!

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Correspondence ID: 1533 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ruschell, Amy

Received: Mar,11 2022 22:43:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No helicopters-far too sacred!!!

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Correspondence ID: 1534 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Jeri, England  
Received: Mar,11 2022 23:36:39  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to express my feelings for Haleakala and the peace it has brought me these many years. Helicopter traffic would destroy a state and national treasure.

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Correspondence ID: 1535 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Cannon, Tom  
Received: Mar,12 2022 02:00:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any flights, helicopter or otherwise, over or near Haleakala Crater, Haleakala National Park. Such flights detract from the ambiance and sense-of-place of the Crater, and it's significance to the Hawaiian Culture.

I first hiked into the Crater at the age of eight. I'm now 72, and want others to be able to experience what I experienced, or as close as possible.

Thank you for considering my opinion,

Thomas R. Cannon

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Correspondence ID: 1536 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Marks, Richard J  
Received: Mar,12 2022 06:00:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am distressed to hear that flying helicopters over Haleakala Crater is being considered. This is a place where we have always gone for quiet, praying, hiking trails, and camping. Helicopters are intrusive, and only serve a very small, limited, privileged number of people. It is the majority of people who arrive who need to be respected for why they visit Haleakala Crater. It is a cultural place of great beauty, and as I said, of profound quiet. Please -- on behalf of all people who live on and visit Maui, NO to the helicopters.

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Correspondence ID: 1537 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Teoh, Luanne S  
Received: Mar,12 2022 06:45:45  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, please do not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands.

This place is sacred to Hawaiians and is like no other on earth.

One of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

There is absolutely no need for flying machines to make this place yet another tourist destination that is loud and obnoxious.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of Maui.

Thank you and Aloha,  
Luanne

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Correspondence ID:	1538	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Patrick, Molly			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 07:00:09			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands.

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There is absolutely no need for flying machines to make this place yet another tourist destination that is loud and obnoxious.

Please do NOT allow this.

Thank you and Aloha,  
Molly

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Correspondence ID:	1539	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	KROPF, PETER			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 07:01:48			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopters at all!

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Correspondence ID:	1540	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Swati, Danielle			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 07:54:28			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do everything in your power to stop flights over sacred natural parks

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Correspondence ID:	1541	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bernard, Janet			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 08:11:08			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: The deafening silence is golden. Preserve the sacredness. It is imperative that you Do Not allow helicopters to fly over Haleakala . It is a precious and priceless preserve. Maintain the pristine clarity and rarity.for others both here and abroad to enjoy in perpetuity. Mahalo Nui Los. Janet Bernard, Kauai resident.

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Correspondence ID:	1542	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hussey, Patrick			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 08:30:04			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Totally against this.

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Correspondence ID: 1543 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Weller, Solé  
Received: Mar,12 2022 08:56:06  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha Solé

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Correspondence ID: 1544 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Keller, Mary  
Received: Mar,12 2022 10:29:10  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: What a terrible idea. Helicopters flying over this vast quiet blessed space?!?! For what?! So helicopter companies can make more money?? There are so many hiking trails and viewing spots that enable visitors to survey the wondrous view and spaciousness up there. We do not need helicopters polluting this natural treasure! Enough is enough!

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Correspondence ID: 1545 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Romanowski, Scott  
Received: Mar,12 2022 10:41:31  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep any flights out of the National Park! These places are best experienced in their natural settings. These flights will create unacceptable noise levels that will ruin the experience of this beautiful location.

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Correspondence ID: 1546 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Greenlee, MaryLee H  
Received: Mar,12 2022 11:11:48  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We lived on the slopes of Haleakala for 9 years. It is a sacred place to the Hawaiian people and a very special place for anyone who's visited or lived there. No helicopters need to be flying anywhere near there. Not even above 5000'. There's more than enough areas on Maui to view from a helicopter. If tourists want to visit Haleakala do it up close and personal. By driving there.

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Correspondence ID: 1547 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Bassett, Erin  
Received: Mar,12 2022 12:14:00  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,  
I hope this finds you well. I wanted to express my concern for helicopter tours over and within Haleakala National Park. Many believe this place to be sacred and hold a special silence. It's a place where you have much access to via car and hiking, wherefore I don't see the need for a helicopter. It's a special place inside the crater and keeping it as natural as possible is of utmost importance.  
Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	1548	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Cummins, Sea			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 12:35:50			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park Maui Haleakala crater  
I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Thank you and Aloha Wale

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Correspondence ID:	1549	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Forman, Gwen A			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 13:16:22			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha,  
Please do not allow helicopter tours at Haleakala. The crater is sacred to many who live here, and exploiting it for additional tourist dollars should not be permitted. Let them drive to see it first hand, and collect their dollars at the park entrance.  
Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Gwen Forman

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Correspondence ID:	1550	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Angel, Devlin-Brown			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 13:20:14			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I have spent most of the pandemic nestled in a cottage on the upper slopes of Haleakala. You would have to live here to realize what a living breathing sanctuary this area is for so many of our indigenous plants , birds and other wildlife . The Noise and Chemical pollution that would come from commercializing Haleakala anymore than it already is would destroy the health and eco-structure of this sacred place.  
The air above and around the summit is some of the clearest and the night skies some of the brightest on this planet.  
Please protect our aina;it is our lifeline! !  
Angel Devlin-Brown

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Correspondence ID:	1551	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Zou, Grace			

Received:

Mar,12 2022 14:18:30

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: I use to live on Maui and always considered the stillness and beauty of Haleakala to be unparalleled. So other worldly. I still think of my time there often and remember it as a place of pilgrimage, even though I didn't know that before going. It's just how I felt being there. Sublime. No place in the whole world like it.

I don't want to imagine the silence, free air space, spoiled by helicopters etc. We should not cheapen this sacred area and make it feel more like an amusement park, with lots of incoming traffic, noises, overhead disturbances, that take us away from the vast, overwhelming beauty of this land. This is a place where people go to pray, make offerings, find answers, look for inspiration, look for pristine natural beauty, for unspoiled silence. And a chance to finally hear the beckoning of this moment instead of the distractions of the world.

Please protect this treasure from disturbances and from helicopter tours.

We go there to see something extraordinary and natural, and we are welcomed there more by nature than crowds and artificial noises.

It is a treasure.

Please don't introduce conflicting interests into this area. It is difficult to control companies whose driving force is profit. Meaning there will ever be more demand to do more tours because it will be profitable. So we are creating inherent conflict and ongoing conflict between the desires of multiple parties, some who have less power than others to have their voices matter. And a strong lobbying force of commercial business that will probably offer money to operate in the park. So we walk in knowing that, we too are allowing and sacrificing the space and experience of most visitors for those who are willing to pay for expensive tours. And though these companies have the goal of sharing this natural wonder, they will also contribute to spoiling it.

It would be beautiful to take a helicopter tour of the space, but not at the expense of the experience of the area, so I would happily give up the right to preserve the space. Because Haleakala is enough alone. You don't need to fly see it, you're already above the clouds flying just by standing and witnesses all that is there. So if it must be done I hope the park service offers it so it can be more controlled and limited. But if you must, please allow the least possible amount, once a day or something at a designated time.

But I pray, please, please, let Haleakala, be as it is undisturbed.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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Correspondence ID: 1552 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Zou, Grace

Received: Mar,12 2022 14:18:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID:	1553	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bloser, Tracey			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 14:37:57			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours to go through Haleakala. This would be a tragedy and destroy one of the most special places left on earth. There are ample ways to access the park already and this is not needed. Please vote against any measures to expand helicopter tours into Haleakala.

Thank you

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Correspondence ID:	1554	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Wilson, Ann			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 14:39:58			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Helicopters should NOT be allowed to disrupt the peace and natural beauty of the park. I can't imagine how allowing helicopter flights over the area would not be in conflict with this.

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Correspondence ID:	1555	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Holzman, Ross			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 14:41:37			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha Wale

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Correspondence ID:	1556	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Simonson, Dylan			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 15:08:56			



Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Inside the crater of Haleakala National Park is one of the quietest places on the planet. Why EVER would that be allowed to be ruined by one of the worlds loudest machines like a helicopter? For the profit of 3 companies on Maui? They already fly around it with perfect visibility inside the crater. The endangered Nene loves inside the crater (a flying bird). Visitors hike in to the park to experience the isolation and quietude allowed by the crater. Why EVER should this be ruined by helicopters inside the park? Please, do NOT allow helicopters inside the crater of Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 1557 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Mac, Kristin

Received: Mar,12 2022 16:04:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to please not allow helicopters to start flying tours over the crater. This is a desolate, peaceful place for people and wildlife to enjoy. As a previous Maui resident, it is absolutely heartbreaking to hear that this action is being considered. The 3 alternatives that I have read all include allowing helicopters to fly over the crater. This will produce a serious disturbance in the form of frequent noise, visual impacts, and physical downdraft. This will affect protected nene and other native wildlife, as well as hikers, backpackers, and visitors who drive in. Even though the effects to nene and other listed species can be described and perhaps mitigated for elsewhere, this action would still allow adverse effects on a daily basis, which would result in changes to behavior, and likely reduced survival, not to mention people would be less likely to observe and enjoy seeing those species in what's left of their native territory. The last thing you want to hear when enjoying the crater is the loud beating of helicopter blades. It is a major disruption. Please, listen to your island, and non-residents like myself. I am someone that may take a helicopter ride as a tourist someday, and I am absolutely opposed to this. Once things like this happen, there is no taking it back. You can't unpave paradise. Please choose to keep it beautiful and healthy.

Mahalo,  
Kristin

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Correspondence ID: 1558 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Navran, Carola A

Received: Mar,12 2022 16:14:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui. I couldn't say it better.  
Thank you Carola Navran

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Correspondence ID: 1559 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Albright, Jan

Received: Mar,12 2022 16:15:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I say, Absolutely Not!!! we used to live on the flanks of Halelaka and there was enough noise from helicopters even then. To allow them to fly, at all, over this sacred mountain is truly sacrilege, it must not be allowed! And then there is the issue of climate change. Why allow even more gas guzzling helicopter flights? It's

insane!  
again I say NO!!

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Correspondence ID:	1560	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,Julia			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 16:17:21			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I went to Maui in 2019 seeking nature, a place to heal. Part of my experience on the island was spending time at the Haleakalā park, at the top of this incredible volcano. It was a one of a kind experience of peace, beauty and greatness. Silence was what allowed me to sink in deeper into what the place has to offer. Letting helicopters fly to and over it will disrupt completely the experience of this site. It will make it into just another touristic attraction. This is a pilgrimage site. It is a place of sacredness, and a place to pay respect to all our ancestors. We have enough noise in the world. Please do not jeopardize the beauty of this mountain with an opportunistic, commercial activity. The world is chaotic enough, and places like Haleakalā are for us all to find some balance. Thank you for protecting it.

Julia  
USA and Colombian citizen

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Correspondence ID:	1561	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Gordon, Lyn			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 16:40:30			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopter tours into and around Haleakala Crater!

1. The noise disturbs the solemn sacredness of Haleakala crater.
2. The ride up n down through the country side is part of the beauty of the mauna. Let the visitors drive or take a tour bus.
3. The kama'āina who live below the flight paths will enjoy the quiet and hearing the birds again.

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Correspondence ID:	1562	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Wade, Lois			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 16:53:59			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Do not allow helicopters over Haleakala is my vote.

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Correspondence ID:	1563	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Beardsworth, Anne			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 17:30:53			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I lived on Maui for 25 years. Haleakala Crater must be preserved and protected from air tourism. No fly zone. Period. Does the park system not understand how the invasion of helicopter and small airplanes would destroy the utter peace and sacredness that this park offers? It is one of the most precious places on the planet. Please protect this place from further degradation. Thank you

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Correspondence ID:	1564	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Sekander, Mena			
Received:	Mar,12 2022 18:02:47			

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly oppose allowing helicopters to fly through Haleakala National Park. Maui is already overrun by tourism and this is an extremely sacred place that should not be further commercialized. The disturbance, alteration and removal of sacred national resources and possible cultural artifacts would be a desecration of Haleakala. The proposed development would have an adverse and devastating visual effect caused by the addition a 14 storied intrusive and culturally inappropriate structure. We cater enough to tourists but this is one step too far. We do not need to sell out our rich culture for tourists to fly on a helicopter. No Hawaiian would fly on a helicopter, this is strictly for tourists. Hawaiians still visit Haleakala to perform all sorts of sacred ceremonies and rituals, my family included. I don't want to have helicopters hovering over me as I stand in the crater. That would ruin the experience for all the locals and tourists that visit the crater the right way.

Please do not move forward with this. Please protect Maui's natural wonders and allow people to see Haleakala up close, not from air.

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Correspondence ID: 1565 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cappadocia, Rajita

Received: Mar,12 2022 19:18:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It would be the meaning of the word travesty to bring these noisy machines into the creator. It is one of the most special places on the planet, we don't really need to destroy it with helicopters flying over! What a crazy idea! That's one of the worst ideas I've heard in a very long time.

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Correspondence ID: 1566 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rahm, John

Received: Mar,12 2022 20:11:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, no noise in and around the crater! Silence in the beauty of nature is precious and rare. No helicopters! We are drowning in noise in this man made world, please leave nature in peace.

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Correspondence ID: 1567 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gardner, Ines

Received: Mar,12 2022 20:43:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, no motors up there! The silence is so precious and special!

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Correspondence ID: 1568 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kelley, Alicia

Received: Mar,13 2022 01:16:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Protecting the sacred places on this planet, like Haleakala, should be paramount. The noise generated by helicopters and other motorized vehicles would be like letting motorcycles drive through the Vatican. It's hard to believe that helicopter flights over this area is even being considered. I urge you and all decision makers to consider the loss vs the gain and make the right decision to disallow flights over the volcano.

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Correspondence ID: 1569 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Chang, Christina

Received: Mar,13 2022 01:19:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please No helicopters.

Keep sacred sacred.

Silent is precious and valued as more important than Any amount of money.

Be pono

Support our sacred crater and Community.

Mahalo ke Akua

Christina 808-344-4338

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Correspondence ID: 1570 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Chang, Christina

Received: Mar,13 2022 01:19:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please No helicopters.

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Mahalo ke Akua

Christina 808-344-4338

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Correspondence ID: 1571 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Chang, Christina

Received: Mar,13 2022 01:19:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please No helicopters.

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Christina 808-344-4338

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Correspondence ID: 1572 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Conti, Vin

Received: Mar,13 2022 01:42:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As we all know, Haleakala is a special place, for many reasons. Haleakala is one of the quietest naturally occurring locations on Earth, and helicopters are loud. While I myself have benefitted from rescue helicopters at Haleakala, and can certainly understand their necessity, allowing commercial helicopter traffic (orders of magnitude more frequent and less critical) would be a staggeringly damaging, singularly precise literal breach of peace. Potential science of an under-researched of human and ecosystem health would be permanently lost, an opportunity to better understand one aspect of the costs of grinding modernity gone forever. We do not know the effects on a landscape, and would lose one of the very best places in the world to understand it.

Beyond that, helicopters are incredibly annoying, as the National Park Service is well aware, given the 1993 outcome report for the study of this exact issue, at this precise location.. See

Anderson, G. S., &quot;Dose-response relationships derived from data collected at Grand Canyon, Haleakala and Hawaii Volcanoes National Parks&quot;; drrd.rept, 1993.  
<https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/1993drrd.rept.....A/abstract>

and

Mace, B. L., Bell, P. A., Loomis, R. J., & Haas, G. E. (2003). Source attribution of helicopter noise in pristine national park landscapes. American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration.

NPS, please record an incredibly high-quality VR presentation of Haleakala, and have a few headsets at the base. Even the consideration of helicopter tours in stunningly ill-advised; perhaps next we can consider selling permits to tourists for LARPing proctology on marine life (turtles, sea lions) on the beach.

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Correspondence ID:	1573	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Malecek Ph D., Stefan J			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 03:11:32			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: PLEASE please please do NOT allow desecrate any more of our beautiful sacred natural areas! There has been far too much damage done to provide exclusive living areas of the rich (almost always not locals but people who &quot;visit&quot; twice a year!&quot;

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Correspondence ID:	1574	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Yashon, Carey			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 03:45:46			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopters over Haleakala please!

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Correspondence ID:	1575	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Stringer, Pollyanna			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 03:48:25			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I have visited Maui and it has a huge place in my heart.

re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

Thank you and Aloha

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Correspondence ID:	1576	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 06:38:55			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please consider discontinuing helicopter tours above Haleakala. Not only is this a sacred site of pilgrimage, but the stunning silence atop this crater is a part of the experience. Air traffic and machine noise would detract from the sense of peace and awe that this park inspires. Please keep this a place of peace.

Correspondence ID:	1577	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Armstrong, Rebekah J			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 07:32:44			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	<p>Haleakala is a very special place to many. It is not just the scenery that makes it beautiful..it's the feeling of being up there. The peacefulness is nearly impossible to compare. The satisfaction of slowly reaching the top and breathing in, with no other distractions is quite a feeling. It's a place to come to escape the chaos of everyday life. I understand that it would be an experience to see it from a helicopter, but it is not necessary. (An exception to times where it is necessary.)</p> <p>Tourism is a good thing in a lot of ways, but the locals have had enough taken from them. With that said, I do not support this idea in any way.</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p> <p>-Rebekah A.</p>			
Correspondence ID:	1578	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Mazepa, Darin			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 07:52:52			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	<p>Please keep Haleakala sacred and silent. Please no helicopters over her. Thank you. Mahalo. Aloha.</p>			
Correspondence ID:	1579	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Pesavento, Mike			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 08:26:49			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	<p>Haleakala is a sacred location, a place where the peace and quiet are part of what makes it so special.</p> <p>Allowing helicopters to desecrate one of the last pure spots in america--nay, the world--in the name of tourism could be compared to building an interstate highway through Yosemite. Both ideas reduce the natural wonder of a unique and pristine natural wonder by allowing contamination of the environment. In the case of Haleakala, one of the quietest places on earth, daily helicopters buzzing overhead would add noise pollution at obscene levels. It is already bad enough traveling to other islands and hearing wave after wave of helicopters beat their mighty wings and destroy what was a peaceful moment communing with nature.</p> <p>Please leave Haleakala untouched by man-made machines used to create tourism dollars for the few at the expense of humanity and nature. It's just not worth it.</p>			
Correspondence ID:	1580	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	, Kathryn			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 09:17:41			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	<p>There are better ways to explore the mountain instead of causing air and noise pollution with fossil fuel-burning loud intrusive helicopters ruining the visual, auditory, and physical peaceful experience of this incredible place. Do not allow it!!</p>			
Correspondence ID:	1581	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Schneider, Libby			

Received: Mar,13 2022 14:25:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not go forward with bringing helicopters to Haleakala. Respect these sacred sites. They are not for you to capitalize on. No helicopters please.

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Correspondence ID: 1582 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,13 2022 15:36:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please intervene and eliminate helicopter tours over Haleakakla and the rest of Maui as well. Not only are the dangerous, they disrupt the natural beauty and enjoyment of the islands. Eople actually I've here, it is not Disneyland ot some circus sideshow, it is our home and we shouldn't have to put up with noisy choppers hovering over us at home or at play. How would you like it if a chopper hovered over your house or your birthday party at the Beach?!? They are rude and unnecessary. STOP IT AND PRESERVE THE PEACE AND BEAUTY OF MAUI!!!

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Correspondence ID: 1583 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gianneschi, Thomas A

Received: Mar,13 2022 15:45:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha and thank you for accepting my comments on the ATMP Alternatives Proposal.

As a local resident who enjoys a lifetime senior National Park Pass helicopter intrusion is an important issue for me.

The short version is that I hope the final recommendation is Proposal 2 for a complete prohibition in the ATMP.

While I appreciate the intentions of Proposal 3 to limit the impact on the wilderness experience, I feel it will require an allocation of Park resources to oversee compliance that could be better directed to the basics of preserving the Park's natural gifts. For instance, who will populate and how will a Quiet Technology team operate? Why create a requirement for deploying Park resources to a technological issue that only benefits a commercial interest? Additionally, helicopter flights are both visually and audibly an extremely intrusive and unwelcome daily indicator of tourist numbers. Anywhere near tourist areas they are as common as stray cats. Having at least one refuge on the island would be a very welcome step forward in preserving the quiet enjoyment of what makes this place Hawaii.

Why I want a complete prohibition:

1. The IAO of 25,827 essentially places no limit on the number of flights in the current ATMP. Maui averages 12 hours of daylight annually so the arithmetic suggest 25,827 yields 70 flights per day or 6 per hour at the limit. While the data show the annual history at 4,824 that number will ebb and flow with visitor arrivals and pricing competition between the vendors. If the limit remains uncontrolled the average flight count should be expected to grow in the same uncontrolled manner as tourism economics have proven in other activities such as whale watching, Molokini snorkeling, driving the Hana highway, and many more.
2. Having had the pleasure of being in the Park during the pandemic I was genuinely amazed at how transformative an experience it is to enjoy the absolute silence inside the crater or the songs of birds and the background noise of insects while walking the trails. Before this I had always admired the park for its natural visual beauty but having the opportunity to enjoy a visit without any distracting mechanical noise brought me a new level of appreciation. Returning to the Park after the restrictions were lifted has been a stark lesson on how much enjoyment is lost when a beautiful moment is interrupted by the whine of a helicopter parked overhead.

3. The longer I live here the more I appreciate the extent to which we have unintentionally cleansed the Hawaiian culture from the island. It seems the more people want to be in Hawaii because its different the more we &quot;California&quot; it. I'm beginning to understand there is more to preserving a culture than putting up a signpost indicating where a cultural practice was known to have taken place. The 'Place' has to be preserved and protected in its totality - including intrusion from airborne outsiders.

4. While I understand the \$25 fee is not one of the criteria for making the final proposal its obvious individuals who access the park by car are subsidizing the helicopter tours to the extent the fee falls short of the amount that would be collected at the entrance gate.

5. I empathize with those who find helicopters a constant annoyance. If I'm enjoying a walk at Kapalua there is one over the bay, if I'm at Airport Beach or south Kaanapali beach there is one or more offshore, if I'm sitting in my backyard, I hear them coming and going over the West Maui Mountains. For locals helicopters are one of the most intrusive and inescapable annoyances of the tourist industry. But banning them from the ATMP would be more than simply stopping an annoyance. The Park is a unique environment where the most satisfaction comes from allowing all the senses to enjoy the truly one of a kind environments. Let the helicopters have the rest of the island, we should guard the Park as the special place it is.

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Correspondence ID:	1584	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Middleton, Kate S			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 16:12:05			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: The noise pollution in the Grand Canyon is horrendous and detrimental to wildlife. Our rare abs endemic species cannot handle any more threats. Please leave Haleakala alone. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID:	1585	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Redeker, Alex J			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 16:53:24			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha,

My name is Alex Redeker and I am born and raised on Maui. Over the years I have been blessed to follow the culture and practice hunting and gathering. Unfortunately their has been numerous times where tour operators flying have flown extremely low and posed a great risk to my self and others hiking and hunting. I respect that tour companies would like to make money however having pilots doing the wild west flying over the back side of maui trying to chase deer for pictures has caused great hard ship. There is plenty of tour activities too do on the island and honest if these companies want to fly in the crater and back side they should be required to charge a \$100 extra a flight per person and put it into conservation and habitat restoration. People have to make a reservation to see the sunrise why cant we hold tour operations to stricter standards.

Sincerely

Alex Redeker

Kahului resident

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Correspondence ID:	1586	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Rybak, Michael J			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 18:14:40			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,



I am adamantly opposed to the proposed Haleakala Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) that would start allowing helicopters to fly within the boundaries of this pristine National Park environment for the first time. In fact, I was TOTALLY APPALLED when I first heard of the idea -- as many of us are who call Maui our home.

I have lived on the island of Maui for 11+ years as a year around resident. I can see the summit from my house. I visit the park often, and have brought many visitors up there. Most visitors consider this the highlight of their trip and many have such a profound experience they wind up donating to the National Park system to help preserve this one-of-a-kind place.

One of the most unique aspects of this place is that it is known as the quietest places on earth. I have hiked every trail within the park inside the crater and stayed at the Paliku cabin. Everytime I go into the crater or visit the perimeter of it, I take a deep breath and listen for the silence. It is calming, peaceful, and truly profound. If helicopters are allowed -- IN ANY MANNER - to circle overhead, at any altitude, you will totally destroy this unique silence and peacefulness. To me, it's like clear cutting the Sequoia forests of northern California. Who in their right mind would do this? Why would you purposely destroy something so beautiful? What are you accomplishing by allowing helicopters overhead? The only ones that will really benefit are a few helicopter companies -- and maybe some tourists who are too lazy to make the magnificent drive up, and get out of their car and walk a few steps.

Don't get me wrong: I have nothing against helicopter tours! I have been on helicopter tours on Maui, Kauai, Oahu, and the Big Island. But there is a time and place for those types of tours. And the number one lesson is:&quot; leave no trace.&quot; Having helicopter circling overhead when you are visiting Haleakala will totally remove people from one of the most pristine experiences you can have in nature. Like the song of the humpback whales, the silence of Haleakala needs to be preserved for generations to come.

I urge you not to any of the three options 1) 25K helicopters per year flying as low as 500 ft. -- how awful!! 2) Helicopters flying no less that 5,000 feet -- you'd still see them, even if you can't hear them, which I doubt sincerely -- still very disruptive, and 3) &quot;Limited tours on limited flight paths&quot; -- c'mon, do you really think the pilots will comply with this? I'm sure you'll still see and hear them.

Please don't do this and destroy one of our national treasures here on Maui! It's not right and it's a horrible idea.

Thank you.

Micheal Rybak

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Correspondence ID:	1587	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	, Swapnil			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 18:15:52			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Living in Canada, I have visited Haleakala once. One of the most inspiring and beautiful aspects was the silence. Any noise created by helicopters would take away from the beauty of an already easy to access and beautifully quiet place.

Thanks

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Correspondence ID:	1588	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 18:59:35			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopter tours!!!

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Correspondence ID:	1589	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Colflesh, Melissa			

Received: Mar,13 2022 19:23:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: For almost 100 years my family has been spending nights or lately just walking through the crater. It is a long and arduous trip, but the rewards are the quiet spiritual experience of it all. There is no place on earth like it. It needs to be preserved for generations. Please discontinue all flights over the rim of the crater and do not allow any future flights.

I appreciate having the opportunity to respond to this park planning project.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Melissa Colflesh

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Correspondence ID: 1590 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Goss, Barbara

Received: Mar,13 2022 19:31:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I recommend Alternative 2. I love to hike in the park and enjoy the solitude. The noise of the helicopters distracts from the peaceful experience. (Please also consider eliminating or at least reducing the flights near Waihee Ridge. I counted at least 12 helicopters as I hiked up the trail!)

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Correspondence ID: 1591 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lum, Linda

Received: Mar,13 2022 19:49:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keep helicopters out and stop commercializing sacred spaces in national sanctuaries.

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Correspondence ID: 1592 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Orr, Erin

Received: Mar,13 2022 19:58:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

I grew up on Maui and have had the privilege to hike through Halekala Crater dozens of times. It is one of the most profound spaces that I have visited on this earth. Although I now live in New York and do not get home as often as I should I still feel a deep connection to the crater. I am writing to beg you not to allow any helicopters to fly through this sacred space. The profound quiet and vast space of the crater must be protected and cherished. Tourists who cannot hike through the crater on foot can enjoy it's vistas at sunrise from the summit or support the park by buying a beautiful photo book from the park gift shop. Thank you for all the work that you do to protect the Āina for future generations.

sincerely,  
Erin Orr

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Correspondence ID: 1593 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cotter, William F

Received: Mar,13 2022 19:59:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I request that the powers in charge of the Haleakala National Park DO NOT permit helicopter flights over the park.

We who live here on Maui already feel the Haleakala volcano has enough tourism and see no need for helicopters to disrupt the peace and quiet of such a beautiful natural setting. The air and noise pollution of helicopters would be contrary to what the park stands for, peacefulness, quiet and beauty. Can we please allow nature to just be as nature is?

As a longtime resident I have lived on Maui before the power of money crept in the 1970's with the building of many hotels, condominiums, and the selling Maui as a major world tourist destination. The feel of our beloved island home is that it's turning into a new sort of amusement park. Please DO NOT allow another attraction like helicopter rides over the crater become.

Please consider that now is the time to work in harmony with nature and stop forcing the human mind's contrary and profit motives upon it. People can walk into the crater and experience the silence of the crater like no other place on the world. Older folks and the handicapped can be driven to the crater rim and view the magnificence from different locations.

Haven't we noticed that only a few sacred places are still somewhat untouched by pollution and desecration and that that is good for all. Let's protect the Haleakala crater as if it is our dearest child.

Please no helicopter tours over mount Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	1594	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Cotter, William F			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 19:59:05			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Correspondence ID:	1595	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Loughran, Erin			
Received:	Mar,13 2022 20:49:26			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can

experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of east Maui.

Thank you

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Correspondence ID:	1596	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Esbitt, Sabrina A
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Received:	Mar,13 2022 21:15:24
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Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly over Heleakala Crater. As a tourist, we do not need to fly over and your everything. We can experience silence and wonder through the actual expletive of this park and crater. Please preserve it as a place to connect uninterrupted with the land.

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Correspondence ID:	1597	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	, Chris
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Received:	Mar,13 2022 21:20:37
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Correspondence: Aloha,

I am opposed to allowing helicopter tours to fly over Haleakalā, there are plenty of ways to enjoy the park. It is easily accessible to all who want to enjoy it either for a hike, sunrise/sunset, or stargazing. There is no need to allow helicopters to fly over and disturb the natural beauty and quietness that you get from being inside the crater. This does not benefit the locals it only benefits the helicopter companies that stand to make big money running Haleakalā tours. The helicopter tours already have a wide variety of tours they offer that aren't so easily accessible via car. If we allow helicopter tours over Haleakalā then what is next. I know tourism is a huge part of our Maui community but there needs to be a balance, and we need to protect the natural beauty of this island.

Thank you for your time

Chris

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Correspondence ID:	1598	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Correspondence: I urge with all my heart to keep helicopters away from the crater and Park lands. Allow the peace and silence to nourish all visitors..

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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Correspondence ID:	1599	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Porter, Joy
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Received:	Mar,13 2022 22:06:17
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I grew up in Hawaii. Since leaving in 1991 I have returned several times to visit, and have noted the many developments.

Maui has been through many changes, some positive, some not. Every time I return, many of the quiet places I used to roam as a child are completely overrun. Many of the secret places known only to the local population have been trampled, thanks to "secret" tour guides and articles for tourists. There is very little sacred

space left that doesn't have a dozen rental cars parked outside, that isn't filled with inexperienced visitors, that hasn't been opened to anyone with money and a bottle of sunscreen.

Haleakala is the only silent space left. It should be difficult to access. It should require a pilgrimage, a journey to be inside the crater. The silence is unique, deafening, and holy.

This space should be left clean of noise. The delicate ecosystems should be maintained. No one needs to see it from a helicopter. It's a cheap thrill with a hefty price tag on the environment and atmosphere that no wealthy tourist could ever pay.

PLEASE KEEP THIS ONE REMAINING SILENT SPACE FREE FROM THE INTRUSION OF HELICOPTERS!!!

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Correspondence ID:	1600	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Motan, Riyaz
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Received:	Mar,13 2022 22:48:46
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please please please do not allow helicopters to fly over and around Haleakala crater. I just visited there for the first time with my family in February, and it was a sacred experience for us all. The silence was a big part of it. And it hurts for me to imagine the sounds of helicopters buzzing around. It would completely change, and desecrate the experience for so many people that come there for a rare sacred experience of beauty and silence.

Thank you

I came back home and have been looking for a home on 0.5 acres or more in central to east Maui - i.e. Kula, Pukalani, Makawao, Haiku areas in the 3 Million range and now have found two wonderful properties that I would feel Blessed to live on/buy.

It is now with deep sadness and disappointment that I just learned that you are considering Helicopter Tours Over Haleakala State Park.

Even in the rain, I loved riding up to the Crater. The vast sky, the awe-some views that invited me to expand outward, the permeating stillness inviting me to just be present. Truly awe-some for me.

Please advise me if you do go ahead with any kind of helicopter tours of Haleakala! If so, I may very regrettably change my plans and not invest in magical Maui.

It is very unfortunate that you are considering betraying your heritage, your legacy, indeed a significant part of the spirit of the island, just to capture some extra tourist dollars. I understand that most of us could use more money, but not at sacrificing our heart and soul.

Please advise.

Steve Schechter

764 Corinia Ct.

Encinitas, Ca. 92024

schechter@naturalhealinginst.com

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Correspondence ID:	1604	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Kramer, Danielle
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Received:	Mar,14 2022 01:00:33
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Correspondence: I have been made aware that the national park service is looking to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala. Anyone that has been up to Haleakala knows that one of the beauty of the experience is the silence of nature and being able to hear native Hawaiian endangered birds chirp to each other as they play in one of the last safe places in Hawaii for them. Helicopters flying over Haleakala would disturb the wildlife and the sacred nature of the site. I do not think it is appropriate to allow these helicopter tours over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	1605	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Correspondence: I have been to Hawaii twice in my life and was urged to comment by a friend who was born and raised on Maui. Do not allow helicopters over the crater. First, it would ruin the experience of the crater for every visitor, second it would be profoundly disrespectful to the Indigenous people and the sacred nature of the site, third it could lead to unintended ecological effects. There are plenty of helicopter tours already in Hawaii. This is a terrible idea. Don't allow any over the crater.

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Correspondence ID:	1606	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Lansberry, Eva
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Received:	Mar,14 2022 06:49:17
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Correspondence: I love to travel to Hawaii often and enjoy going on Nature walks.. hiking and snorkeling, etc. I try not to offend the local native community, learn about how to best respect their sacred spaces and learn about their culture.

I love visiting all our national parks on the mainland as well.

There is nothing worse than being bombarded by Helicopter tours overhead. I would appreciate No Helicopter tours.

I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and parklands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walkways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.

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Correspondence ID:	1607	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Keller, Elizabeth F			
Received:	Mar,14 2022 10:23:02			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Haleakala used to be one of the quietest places on the planet. It should be kept free of helicopters. Many of us feel passionately about this. There have to be places that are free of commercial interest and tourist attractions. And there are so many other ways to enjoy Mt Haleakala that do not make noise, scare animals, cause wincing and effects from the mighty noisy rotors. You should go up there and sit and imagine helicopters 500 ft from your head. It is unspeakable.

I beg you to stop this spoiling of a perfect, rare, unique quiet spot

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Correspondence ID:	1608	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Allen, April D			
Received:	Mar,14 2022 10:28:12			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Haleaka is sacred. And there are so few sacred spaces left on this earth. Don't allow greed for tourist money to destroy Haleaka!

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Correspondence ID:	1609	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Wolfe, Bre			
Received:	Mar,14 2022 11:07:20			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I hike down into the crater about once every 3 to 6 months and I revel in the fact that I can go back in time to a place that escapes modern technology and the harmful effects of noise pollution and electronic emissions. Let us preserve a few places in our world for nature in its purest form. Let us walk the earth and enjoy it in its purest and richest form unencumbered with machinery and money making ideas. Let us just be in the land and protect its ability to protect us. I don't know to helicopters flying over Haleakala crater. Please do not let this happen the preservation of our land is in your hands please think wisely God bless you

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Correspondence ID:	1610	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Lovell, Robert F			
Received:	Mar,14 2022 11:44:30			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha, Please restrict helicopter tour flights over/above Haleakala. National Parks were established as a place to experience nature and quiet is part of the that experience. The almost constant drone of helicopter flights reverberates from the Crater/Valley walls, there is rarely a break. If they can't be totally banned, then some form of restriction needs to be implemented, Maybe, every other week, or every other day (odd/even would be easy to enforce/implement) .... something!?

Haleakala is a special place and sacred to Hawaiian culture, seems like the quiet and peace should be part of the

park experience and be able to be preserved ... and not be exploited by the helicopter tour companies for profit.  
Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 1611 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Schmitt, Kenneth J

Received: Mar,14 2022 13:26:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala Crater is one of the few places where we can get away from the noise of civilization. It's bad enough that helicopters are allowed to skirt the rim of the crater. Their noise reverberates for many miles. The only ones to benefit from allowing them to fly over the crater would be the helicopter clients, who are very few compared to the numbers of us on the ground who are deafened by their overwhelming noise. The park is supposed to enhance the natural environment and its enjoyment for all of us, not just for the enjoyment of a few, who would ruin it for the majority of us. Haleakala is a place of absolute silence. It deserves our respect.

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Correspondence ID: 1612 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Endy, Alexander

Received: Mar,14 2022 13:47:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do NOT allow helicopter tours at all! Preserve Haleakala Crater as a quiet and sacred space that people must respect to enter. Thank you!

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Correspondence ID: 1613 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Harden, Mary J

Received: Mar,14 2022 13:59:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Absolutely NO helicopters above Haleakala Crater. We need the silence there. 99% of helicopter trips benefit visitors, not locals. People who live here and genuinely love the Crater need to be considered first. And Nature deserves silence herself.

aloha . . . mj harden

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Correspondence ID: 1614 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Blazina, Christopher

Received: Mar,14 2022 14:15:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep all aircraft out of Haleakala , this is a very special place. We need places to escape the noise and disturbance of our busy world.  
thank you, Chris

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Correspondence ID: 1615 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Runkel, Jon

Received: Mar,14 2022 15:44:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to discontinue or aggressively minimize the number of flights allowed in Haleakala. It is disturbing to the wildlife and greatly disrupts the peace of my journeys into the crater. It is a sacred place and should be respected as such. Parks are no place for loud machinery. It is a place to go and be with nature.



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Correspondence ID: 1616 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Keenan, Robert  
Received: Mar,14 2022 17:11:53  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I would like for no helicopters to be able to fly over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 1617 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Dussé, Elana  
Received: Mar,14 2022 17:17:53  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please, please PLEASE do NOT let helicopters start running trips up in Haleakala crater national park! This is one of the true sacred sites left yet to be exploited by tourism. Yes, many tourists go - I understand that and it's fantastic, but many tourists never get on the trails and this is where the sacred silence and space awaits us all...helicopters would mar that beyond belief, just like they have on the Napali Coast of Kauai. Please leave something for silence for silence is golden.

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Correspondence ID: 1618 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Leschyn, Wade  
Received: Mar,14 2022 18:12:47  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I have taken a helicopter ride on Kaua'i. It was fun. But to my knowledge our trip did not affect others. To my knowledge that waterfall was inaccessible by automobile, and no one was disturbed as far as I could tell by our visit.  
  
Haleakala crater is accessible by automobile. People go there to experience the vast space, the infinite stillness, the sky. All are a huge part of the experience of this vast incredible space. Helicopters are loud and dominate vast spaces, their presence would revoke any sense of nature, space and vastness which are core experiences of Hawaii. As a Hawaiian tourist, I urge you to limit helicopter access to a few places inaccessible by other means, and acknowledge the large impact the sound of a helicopter can have, especially in a basin like a crater. If helicopters could be quiet, that would be one thing. But current helicopters are not. Not even close.

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Correspondence ID: 1619 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Kaufman, Debra Y  
Received: Mar,14 2022 18:36:35  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Regarding plans to allow helicopter tours over the park:  
I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.  
Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 1620 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Novina, Julia

Received: Mar,14 2022 18:45:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have friends who lived on Maui and I had the privilege to visit this majestic place.

When I learned of this action, I was moved to join the call to ask that helicopter tours not be allowed to fly over the Haleakala crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth. One of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a little ways into the crater to enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to the heart of east Maui.

Aloha and thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 1621 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Nehl, Madelynne

Received: Mar,14 2022 19:12:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

I previously submitted a comment but did not fully understand the proposal. I simply stated I didn't support helicopters flying into the park at all, which I now understand to be Alternative 2. I support alternative 2, keeping commercial air tours out of our park and at high enough altitudes to not have the noise carry so far. Haleakala is an incredible place, especially for the silence that can be experienced there. Already the crater basin is polluted with the noise of aircraft. This park houses some of the most endangered birds on the planet, and I can't imagine helicopter noise is good for them. The park system needs to move away from exploitation by commercial companies.

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Correspondence ID: 1622 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Nehl, Madelynne

Received: Mar,14 2022 19:34:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Making a comment one last time due to the fact that this proposals are confusing.

Alternative 2 seems like the best option. I do not want any flights directly over Haleakala national park nor within any of it's boundaries. Though it sounds like with this option flights over 5000' would be allowed? It's hard to understand exactly what is being proposed.

Alternative 3 also seems like a great option, limiting tour numbers would be a great way to mitigate noise issues from commercial air tours. I also appreciated the no fly days and the thoughtfulness for the native birds with the adaptive management. My main concern with all of this is for the birds, that they are not disturbed in any way. Alternative 3 does seem like the probable best option moving forward, as it seems to account for practical management that is flexible in case the birds move or a special cultural event is planned.

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Correspondence ID: 1623 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Reed, Colleen

Received: Mar,14 2022 19:49:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I've visited Maui recently, and cannot for the life of me see what great gains to humanity or even to the local economy would be gained by adding helicopter tours to this amazing parkland. Chopper tours

are dangerous, environmentally unsound, and add noise pollution on top. That kind of "tour" is a rich person's bragging point, not a nature-lover's moment.

Please do not allow any chopper tours over the crater. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	1624	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,14 2022 21:18:29
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Correspondence: Asking residents of Maui to withstand the intrusion of NOISY aircraft around Haleakala punctuating many moments of the day ad infinitum is wrong. Stop these aviation profiteers who create havoc for full-time residents. This touring style is does nothing for the aina, except create noise, deprive us of solitude that folks come to Hawaii for and adds pollution. It's reckless to trounce the peaceful serenity all so a dozen stakeholders can profit. This is shockingly shameful to force this upon us. Please don't!

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Correspondence ID:	1625	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Nilsen, Ainsley
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Received:	Mar,15 2022 01:18:23
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Helicopter tours should absolutely NOT be allowed. Haleakala is a magical place where I go to be in nature and experience peace and quiet. Please do not allow helicopter tours.

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Correspondence ID:	1626	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Plummer, Kristina
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Received:	Mar,15 2022 16:15:21
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Allowing helicopters at Haleakala would absolutely destroy the tranquil, peaceful, and calm nature one can experience while visiting theses sacred grounds. If people want to see the crater they can take a bus or a car and admire it from the ground. Why on Earth are we even considering having unsafe and environmentally damaging helicopters circle such an eco-conscious place?

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Correspondence ID:	1627	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Krause, Kathi
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Received:	Mar,15 2022 16:33:45
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I am totally against allowing helicopter tours over Haleakala. i come to Maui in the winters and love the peace and solitude that is Haleakala. There are very few places on earth that have what Haleakala offers and it would be a travesty and huge loss to allow helicopter traffic over this sacred ground. I live in NJ most of the year and even though I am in the country, we are inundated daily with airplanes and helicopters flying over our small town. I come to Maui to get away from that. Please do not allow this to happen. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	1628	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Carter, Vincent E
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Received:	Mar,15 2022 17:59:52
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: The views from the east side of the crater are absolutely stunning and include Hawaii, Kaho Olawe, Molokini, Molokai, Lanai, and on the best of days Oahu. Visitors are always stunned. This is a beautiful way to see our islands. No other vantage point comes close. Helicopter tours are ways for people who cannot reach the far reaches of these islands to be able to see them. Restricting these operations is denying the objects to be seen and enjoyed by more visitors and residents alike.

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Correspondence ID:	1629	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Henn, LeeAnn			
Received:	Mar,15 2022 19:24:42			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala's crater or park lands. The beauty of the park is easily accessed via car ride, and the quiet solitude is what makes the alien landscape so truly profound and unique. So much of Hawaii's natural park lands is a bastion of peace in an otherwise over-touristed land. Please please please keep Haleakala one of the untouched pieces of perfection.

Thank you,  
LeeAnn Henn

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Correspondence ID:	1630	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Morales, Alex			
Received:	Mar,15 2022 19:36:58			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to Maui, please consider this a vote for having the least possible helicopter tours over Haleakala park lands. The unique landscape and land, the cultural significance, and the beauty are all negatively impacted by these tours. Please maintain the sanctity and beauty of the land.

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Correspondence ID:	1631	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bowman-DeMent, Mary C			
Received:	Mar,15 2022 23:09:45			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Ban flights over the crater! I have been hiking and backpacking into the crater since the late 70's and I would appreciate the lack of choppers or planes buzzing around over the most pristine and quiet wilderness areas on Maui. The people that want to experience it's glorious beauty could go do a "sunrise" gig or watch a YouTube video, I'm sure there are some! We live in a very unique and beautiful place, let's keep it that way and minimize the encroachment of noise and unnecessary activities.

Mahalo,  
Mary

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Correspondence ID:	1632	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	genello, charles			
Received:	Mar,15 2022 23:58:25			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha,

I own and operate a farm in Haiku, we have 27 acres. Helicopters fly over our property several times a week. They scare the dogs and annoy the people. They disturb the peace regularly. I would like it to stop completely and people around here agree. There are better ways to see the island than from the air. And if you really need to see it from the air do something quiet like hang gliding.

Correspondence ID:	1633	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Marshall, Jonathan D		
Received:	Mar,16 2022		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	If this is truly a wilderness then the NPS needs to outright ban flights over the park. Overflights are not compatible with wilderness values, period.		
Correspondence ID:	1634	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	McDaniel, Robert		
Received:	Mar,16 2022		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Soon, very soon, within 5 years, eVTOL electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing vehicles (flying cars) are going to be in the air around the world. It's conceivable that many people in Hawaii will buy them when they are available and that they will fly them wherever and whenever they can. The Park Service (and everyone) should prepare for this inevitability.		
Correspondence ID:	1635	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kuamoo, Pattie		
Received:	Mar,16 2022		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I feel Helicopters should be banned from inside the parks boundaries and kept at above 5000 feet. Haleakala is a beautiful serene peaceful place to visit, allows for scientific research and cultural value. We must honor this sacred mountain and spiritual heritage. Let's keep it precious, peaceful and a treasure of Hawaii.		
Correspondence ID:	1636	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Dancer, Sun		
Received:	Mar,16 2022		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Just don't do it.		
Correspondence ID:	1637	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Perry, Sara		
Received:	Mar,16 2022 01:46:32		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Ban helicopter traffic over all national parks, with the exception of emergency rescue operations. The noise and potential crash damage is detrimental to the park and wildlife. Hawaii has a fair amount of recent tour helicopter crashes, and we do not need more, especially if they can destroy a pristine park or kill endangered wildlife and plants.		
Correspondence ID:	1638	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Cochran, Jessica		
Received:	Mar,16 2022 02:09:16		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: Please do not increase the number of helicopter flights in/around Haleakala National Park! The park is a place of tranquility for visitors and preservation of the natural environment. Additional flights would only disturb and endanger the tranquility and natural environment due to additional noise pollution caused by helicopters. Extending the flight path further from the park would only inconvenience local residents. Allowing the same number of flights that are currently offered, is a solid compromise for helicopter tour operators. The NPS has always been a refuge for the natural environment, please continue this stewardship in perpetuity both for visitors and residents.

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Correspondence ID: 1639 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Jones, Yvonne D  
Received: Mar,16 2022 02:24:52  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please ban all helicopter use above or in the Haleakala region. It is a sacred place, also the most quiet place on earth - helicopter activity is not wanted. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID: 1640 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Vaughn, Michael  
Received: Mar,16 2022 02:47:02  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think helicopters should be banned from the park.

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Correspondence ID: 1641 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Calimag, Karl Jason D  
Received: Mar,16 2022 03:16:08  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello members of the National Park Service and other agencies of the federal government, I write here today in full and unwavering support for a complete ban on all chopper traffic on or near the Haleakala National Park. I am a resident of Maui and have seen through my lifetime how the extreme noise has put animals in compromising positions and that it poses a serious threat to the sovereignty of ancestral domain over the land by its indigenous caretakers of the land the Kanaka Maoli.

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Correspondence ID: 1642 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: motiff, mike d  
Received: Mar,16 2022 04:50:45  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haven't we taken enough from the Hawaiian people. The helicopter tours are too much over the park. stop all tours.

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Correspondence ID: 1643 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Rolph, Barbara  
Received: Mar,16 2022 09:20:22  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is a sacred place for Native Hawaiians. Helicopters disturb the peace up there. Please stop air traffic over Haleakala.

Barbara Rolph.

Correspondence ID:	1644	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Sanders, keith		
Received:	Mar,16 2022 09:20:57		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Ban all helicopter flights into haleakala national park, dont allow them to destroy our sacred religious areas. You wouldnt want helicopters flying over your church when you are attending right? Why do you allow it to happen to us for?		
Correspondence ID:	1645	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Masslon, Josh		
Received:	Mar,16 2022 10:23:24		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please keep the park free from helicopters. They can still provide wonderful tours without going inside park boundaries. After a long and grueling hike, the natural beauty free from the sounds of civilization is the reward visitors to this sacred site crave. Please don't allow the helicopters in, it will cheapen the experience for those that hiked in.		
Correspondence ID:	1646	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Masslon, Josh		
Received:	Mar,16 2022 10:23:31		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please keep the park free from helicopters. They can still provide wonderful tours without going inside park boundaries. After a long and grueling hike, the natural beauty free from the sounds of civilization is the reward visitors to this sacred site crave. Please don't allow the helicopters in, it will cheapen the experience for those that hiked in.		
Correspondence ID:	1647	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,16 2022 10:56:23		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	There should never be a question on keeping the aina the way it was intended to be. The land is to be nurtured, loved ad respected. And time after time the government allows companies and mainland ideologies to desecrate a place home to many kanaka maoli and residents on Maui. While I understand we want to give all people on Maui and opportunity to see Haleakala. There are other means besides flying over in a helicopter. There are ways to view the park via car where you can park and see the crater. I think we live in a money hungry time where people are concerned more about profit that preservation. The more we take and take from the aina and disrespect what once was the more we will lose the beauty it once held. Hawai'i politicians are more concerned on filling their pockets with mainland investors than actually listening to residents. The beauty should be left untouched and helicopter flights have flown over different parts on Maui. There's no need to endanger people by flying helicopters over a volcano. How many helicopter crashes have we seen over the islands? How many people need to suffer for that "perfect photo"? Stop exploiting Hawai'i natural resources for a good video or perfect photo. We need to do better for the upcoming hawaiian generations. There's no reason to continue helicopter flights.		
Correspondence ID:	1648	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Garcia, William		

Received: Mar,16 2022 11:06:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Now that tourism is back more flights are coming over our house and not all pilots observe height limits fly overs are constant.

The helicopter flights should be banned regardless of the monetary impact on the companies. There fly overs cause stress to the native animals.

We already have the high exteion rate in the world, so there should be no reason to allow a company or a few companies to be allowed to continue for money

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Correspondence ID: 1649 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: kelly, deborah

Received: Mar,16 2022 11:24:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There really is no place on these islands where it is completely silent. Please leave this place alone, after everything we the people have been through, we deserve somewhere to go and sit in peace. Put the people first instead of your greed.

Thank you,

Deborah Kelly

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Correspondence ID: 1650 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Brissette, Sandra

Received: Mar,16 2022 11:29:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please reduce and Set a single flight plan and reduce the number of tours.

At Haleakala. It would be wise to allow a controlled amount into the airspace above the park to allow visitors that could not drive or hike there. But also perserve the natural beauty and allow the native geese areas of protection.

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Correspondence ID: 1651 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Brissette, Sandra

Received: Mar,16 2022 11:29:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please reduce and Set a single flight plan and reduce the number of tours.

At Haleakala. It would be wise to allow a controlled amount into the airspace above the park to allow visitors that could not drive or hike there. But also perserve the natural beauty and allow the native geese areas of protection.

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Correspondence ID: 1652 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Brissette, Sandra

Received: Mar,16 2022 11:29:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please reduce and Set a single flight plan and reduce the number of tours.

At Haleakala. It would be wise to allow a controlled amount into the airspace above the park to allow visitors that could not drive or hike there. But also perserve the natural beauty and allow the native geese areas of protection.

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Correspondence ID: 1653 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Brissette, Sandra



Received: Mar,16 2022 11:29:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please reduce and Set a single flight plan and reduce the number of tours. At Haleakala. It would be wise to allow a controlled amount into the airspace above the park to allow visitors that could not drive or hike there. But also perserve the natural beauty and allow the native geese areas of protection.

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Correspondence ID: 1654 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,16 2022 11:32:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly over the wahi pana of Haleakala. I am surprised the National Park is even considering these options. As the caretaker of this unique area, is your responsibility to be mindful of the area. Please keep the airspace quiet and in its natural elements.  
Thank you!

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Correspondence ID: 1655 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: T, Kvn

Received: Mar,16 2022 11:56:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Absolutely not. Just no. No helicopters x 1000000. It's dangerous, people won't appreciate the experience if they don't make the journey up the scared volcano themselves. The mana is not for sale! Do not add flies to pele's home! It would be terrible noise pollution and increases the use of limited fossil fuels. It allows those with money to spend to take even more advantage of the island, disrespect it and abuse their power.

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Correspondence ID: 1656 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,16 2022 12:03:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: 1) Please consider either modifying Alternative 3 or creating a new Alternative 4 that would require use of quiet technology (QT) at all times for operations covered by the proposed ATMP. Setting QT as a requirement should create the need for additional analysis of economic impact for air tour operators utilizing a mixed fleet or who have not yet made the transition.

2) Under Alternative 3 (or if other alternatives are added during scoping) please consider setting time of day (TOD) and/or seasonal alterations to proposed route (see the map included with Alternative 3) dependent upon sensitive receptors and to mitigate concentration of flight activities both spatially and temporal. While still somewhat concentrated, the complexity of helicopter noise (even with QT) changes depending on flight profile and weather. To operationalize this proposal, consider setting the flight path to run clockwise from OGG before 1200 and then counterclockwise after 1200.

3) Under Alternative 3, consider setting multiple ingress points rather than just 2000' AGL over Kahikinui Forest Preserve. This could also be done under #2 above.

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Correspondence ID: 1657 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,16 2022 14:40:10

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Correspondence: I believe Air Tour Operators allowable overflights should be dialed down tremendously. The preservation of Haleakala Crater is important to our culture and the people of Maui. The noise pollution the helicopter aircraft brings to this peaceful place is a nuisance. The public is allowed to drive to and visit Haleakala Crater in person.

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Correspondence: All Flights over Haleakala should be banned.

The park should be a wild place, a place where people can go to witness nature in peace.

The noise is very disturbing and the use of helicopters is very resource intensive and environmentally damaging.

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Correspondence ID:	1659	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Maguire, Courtney
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Received:	Mar,16 2022 15:33:25
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Correspondence: No helicopter flights over sacred Haleakala

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Received:	Mar,16 2022 15:37:05
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Correspondence: I believe a complete ban should be put on helicopters in or near Haleakala, the noise is offensive, low flying is dangerous, and there are plenty of hiking trails for all levels of participation that tourist and locals can enjoy. Hiking is better! Why not exercise? If a complete ban is not possible, than option #3 where there are severe limitations on # of flights, flight paths, and minimum elevations.

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Correspondence ID:	1661	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Colby, Jennifer
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Received:	Mar,16 2022 15:52:04
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Correspondence: I think we should have a no fly zone over Haleakala and keep the helicopters at 5,000 feet.

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Correspondence ID:	1662	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Kudray, Gregory M
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Received:	Mar,16 2022 15:56:49
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Correspondence: Thanks you so much for updating this plan! An update is sorely needed, the noise from helicopter tours is nearly constant within the park during good weather and significantly diminishes the visitor experience. The benefits to a small group of companies and clients is not worth the extreme degradation of the visitor experience. I strongly support alternative 2 with the maximum restrictions on air flights.

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Correspondence ID:	1663	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: N., A.  
Received: Mar,16 2022 15:58:50  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As my e mail implies. I am a son of maui. Though I reside on Oahu. These flights should be regulated and with the strictest adherence to policies. Including rigid maintenance procedures. Flights should be lessened to no more than a third of the flights now issued and relegated to the perimeter of our beloved crater. A time schedule separation must be made for each flight and severe penalties be issued for non-compliance. Haleakala must be left pristine and without blemish. Not pot marked with debris nor "ACCIDENTS" that I fear will occur. What is enforced to tours and visitors on the grounds of Haleakala. Should do well for those in the air. The park service does a great service, but limited in what happens in the air.

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Correspondence ID: 1664 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: dunker, regina  
Received: Mar,16 2022 16:12:43  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not allow this proposal to pass. There are so few places on Earth that match Haleakala Crater. I hike the crater at least once a month to be one with the silence and pure nature, to experience the energy of creation. Just the idea to have a helicopter fly above me during this walking meditation is beyond ridiculous.  
Please re-consider. Don't sell out everything that is sacred.  
No helicopter flights over Haleakala!!!

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Correspondence ID: 1665 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,16 2022 18:04:12  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think its fine for helicopters to fly over national parks.

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Correspondence ID: 1666 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Caldwell, James  
Received: Mar,16 2022 20:44:20  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We live at 2000 ft elevation and in a direct flight pattern between the Kahului Heliport and the telescopes on top of Haleakala. We are subject to what seems like daily early-mid morning and late afternoon helicopter flights, frequently low enough that the pilot is visible. When they are low like that the noise can be uncomfortable as I am usually working out on my property during those hours. We don't have livestock, but I can imagine how it would affect them.

There are no simple solutions. Moving the flight pattern either north or south of us just moves the problem. Banning flights would increase the ground traffic to the summit and that is already a problem.

A partial solution would be to require tour operators to reach the altitude that they are required to have at the summit within a short distance of liftoff from the heliport and maintain this elevation on their approach. That would a least reduce the noise for those of us in the flight path.

Based on the numbers provided in the FAQ's, there are an average of 13 flights a day every day over Haleakala. It would seem reasonable to reduce the number of flights allowed. The tour operators could compensate by using larger helicopters or better scheduling so that there are few empty seats on a flight or maybe even consolidating flights among themselves, so there were fewer partial load flights. I am sure there are other options.

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Correspondence ID:	1667	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Lassek, Lawrence R			
Received:	Mar,16 2022 21:50:19			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I hike Haleakala crater once a week. I've been doing it consistently for 8 years. I find the time away from noise to be one of the most valuable experiences of my 72 years on this planet. I could not conceive of a noisy helicopter flying overhead. I can not even believe that I need to write this protest against helicopters. You'd think that the National Parks would be sacred and totally preserved for future generations to experience the solitude of nature in one place. To benefit a few people wealthy enough to afford a ride on a helicopter over the majority of visitors to the park is insane. It shows that the real concern of the management of the park is not in the welfare of the greater population, only a few unique people who can pay. This situation violates us as well as highly unethical putting forth the profiting from nature ahead of happiness of the people. I implore those people making this decision to really think about what they are damaging. I demand that these responsible people look deep into their soul and hearts to find the place where sacred space is the most valuable asset we have in this country. One wise Hawaiian told me that Haleakala is the last remaining place on Maui where you can feel, sense the old Hawaii, the place that has been mostly destroyed. As yourself: do you want to be responsible for eliminating the last vestiges of our sacred heritage on the island? I don't think so. Please, please do not go forward with one more thought about helicopters being allowed over Haleakala Crater. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	1668	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Watson, JC			
Received:	Mar,17 2022 01:30:12			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to comment.

As a I am sure you will receive many comments on this issue, I will keep this short and to the point. There should be no air tours over Haleakala. The crater has been called the quietest place on the entire planet and is one of most storied and scared places in Hawaii. Simply put, air tours ruin this. I understand the desire of the tour operators and that this is their livelihood, but noise pollution in a sacred wilderness area known to be the quietest place on earth should not be permitted.

Thank you for time and consideration.

JC Watson

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Correspondence ID:	1669	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Stahl, Peter			
Received:	Mar,17 2022 02:06:19			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Haleakala is a sacred place.  
Allowing  
any helicopters in the park will be travesty.  
Save the "Quietest Place on Earth";  
The visitor industry has already claimed too much of my home.  
Ban all flight over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID:	1670	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	, Rachel			
Received:	Mar,17 2022 10:21:26			

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a tourist to your beautiful land, I implore you to reduce or completely cease air traffic over Haleakalā. There are already plenty of helicopter tour options across the islands. What makes Hawaii special is it's untouched beauty. Haleakalā embodies this, and by allowing more air traffic you would pollute (visually and otherwise) the pure air, beautiful skies, and eerie silence of this culturally significant land. It would be foolish to risk Haleakalā's status as the quietest place on earth for extra cash in the pockets of specialized industries. Please protect this sacred spot.

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Correspondence ID: 1671 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,17 2022 12:24:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As someone who has backpacked into Haleakalā crater from Sliding Sands all the way to Paikū, aircraft noises throughout the crater are very loud and disturbing. While an aircraft or helicopter may be visibly far away from where you are in the crater, the way noise travels in the volcano makes it seem like the aircraft is right on top of you. I've visited many National Parks over the years. I've taken many backpacking trips for the purpose of getting away from the large crowds and enjoying the pristine areas of these National Parks - and the quiet that comes with long treks. I understand that some people cannot access all areas of a National Park, but that is what makes access for those of us who can so special. You truly "earn your views." Along with that, you should earn your peace and quiet - to enjoy the beauty you trekked so long to see, without the noises of aircrafts and helicopters interfering. Part of the beauty is the quiet.

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Correspondence ID: 1672 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Tester, John

Received: Mar,17 2022 14:46:16

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Correspondence ID: 1673 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: User, Park

Received: Mar,17 2022 16:18:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Air traffic over Haleakala should remain at current levels. Increased air traffic would detract from the visitor experience of being above the clouds and the noise would detract from the peaceful setting. The character defining feature of the summit is its natural beauty and scenic vistas. Helicopter traffic would detract from both and negatively impact the experience of the park user. If air traffic is permitted it should be limited to areas where visitors do not generally go.

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Correspondence ID: 1674 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Reisinger, Dan

Received: Mar,17 2022 19:35:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours of Haleakala. It is one of the few accessible scenic places that can be enjoyed with near perfect serenity, and seeing and hearing helicopter tours would ruin that experience.

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Correspondence ID: 1675 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gawel, Michael  
Received: Mar,17 2022 19:45:10  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Will a separate Haleakala National Park Air Tour Management Plan be created to address future use of unmanned drones for virtual air tours?

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Correspondence ID: 1676 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Davidson, Dylan  
Received: Mar,17 2022 20:24:59  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Cost/benefit: Helicopter company will make money , it'll bring in some tax revenue .. but its likely I imagine, the helicopter companies that are pushing this scenario of allowing tours so they can profit. Hikers don't pay so money is nice for people who only care about money . But the only public benefit \$ wise are the taxes , pilots already have a job and new pilots would probably come from out of state. Does it add a new vibrant dynamic to maui? Well anyone who's taken a helicopter tour has to admit it's a super cool experience the cost is incalculable however. The preservation of silence is a rarity. For those who take the extraordinary measure and hike into the craters vast detailed nature in this far more rigorous and intimate manner, it is an impossible compromise to allow such airborne lolligagers to invade the skies . It would be like having a punk rock blast out for a minute in the middle of the New York symphony playing sweet classical; it is would be as if a tourist were honking their horn at the beach while gabby and Atta played music around a fire near the waves. The disruption of helicopters create an irreconcilable rift in the moment which taints the entire experience. At the end of the day a pilot feels cool, a lazy fat person has stolen a view of something their to out of shape to see for real , a desk guy gets a few more bucks on his budget without realizing where it came from and the craters peace is stained like a white shirt with spaghetti sauce ..

solution prioritize gratitude for the beauty of nature and pick one day when the birds are not nesting the rare flowers aren't blooming and give the lazy people their tour. One day a year as many copters as can fit in the sky ! Make an event of it ...Charge a ton of money for it, pass the cost on to those who want to pay ,and take the earning to create educational hiking days for local kids and otherwise who have never had the chance or resources to hike the crater, so they can experience their heritage in a meaningful way. And remind them to be grateful, that is was the tourist that brought them this opportunity. In fact it could be a marketing pitch to get people to pay more for their flights, people alway want to support a " help the youth " cause. Make it exclusive, rare and meaningful and the clients will pay more still.

Aloha.  
Dylan

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Correspondence ID: 1677 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Stahl, Liz  
Received: Mar,18 2022 01:13:19  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello and thank you for allowing me to comment.

I believe that allowing helicopters to fly over Haleakala will change the entire feel of being in this park. This place has many trails and areas to experience this unique ecosystem. Hearing a helicopter overhead while hiking is not pleasant and definitely detracts from the feeling of being one with nature.

This ecosystem hosts birds and animals not found anywhere else and it will be a shame if they are constantly disturbed by helicopters.

If people want to experience Haleakala, they need to drive up the mountain and get out of the car and be on the mountain and in the park.

No helicopters please, at any time.

Sincerely,  
Liz Stahl

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Correspondence ID:	1678	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Paresa Neizman, Karen j			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 02:20:27			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours in and over Haleakala. We live on the slopes of Haleakala and often times these helicopters are flying over our home early in the morning. UpCountry is a quiet community one of the reasons we all chose to live here. A lot of residence like to hike or camp in the crater. The silence of being in the crater is non to compare. These helicopter tours will take that away. If the visitors want to see the crater they can easily take the scenic drive to the top of the mountain to view from above or if they choose they too can hike in. Save the helicopter tours for areas inaccessible by car.

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Correspondence ID:	1679	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Tester, John			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 07:10:22			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Test message body

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Correspondence ID:	1680	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	, Charlene			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 10:30:37			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopter tours of Haleakala national park; it is a peaceful, calm, reflective, scenic park with cultural importance. To allow helicopters to circle the area would go against these ideals that the national parks were created for--preservation of natural beauty. I am strongly against the noise, air pollution, and interruptions helicopters would bring to Haleakala, not only for visitors and residents, but also because of the disregard it would show to Hawaiian culture and the importance of experiencing natural parks as they were meant to be experienced--naturally.

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Correspondence ID:	1681	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Stanberry, Shanon			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 12:55:45			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, losing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID:	1682	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Carver, Tyler			
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Name:	Simpkins, TJ			
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Correspondence ID:	1685	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	LONDO, ROBERT			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 13:09:46			
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The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, loosing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

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By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID: 1696 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Horton, Charles

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:00:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

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Correspondence ID: 1697 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Shorey, Jonathan

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:05:51

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Correspondence ID: 1698 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

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Received: Mar,18 2022 16:43:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 1699 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gumprecht, Michael E

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:43:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. I want my children to eventually see what I have already enjoyed.

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Correspondence ID: 1700 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

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Received: Mar,18 2022 16:45:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 1701 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Jensen, Paul

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:46:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 1702 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Weigl, Shirley

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:46:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please continue to allow air travel over our national parks. It provides a unique view of the parks, and allows those who cannot hike to these areas an opportunity to view our natural wonders. I did a helicopter tour over VNP in Hawaii and it was the highlight of my trip. Please keep the skies open!

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Correspondence ID: 1703 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Geary, Greg

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:46:37



Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We really enjoyed our helicopter experience and were able to experience views no other way possible except by helicopter. We are definitely interested in keeping this open to future park visitors

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Correspondence ID: 1704 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: De Jesus, Norman

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:46:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Responsible flying and viewing of the Mauis natural wonders via helicopter is one of the most magical experiences one can experience. Please don't take that away.

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Correspondence ID: 1705 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Colligan, Patrick W

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:47:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 1706 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:47:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations. Don't close the sky above our National Parks.

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Correspondence ID: 1707 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Domingues, Erik

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:48:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The opportunity and wonder of seeing our national parks by air is the only way many of the beautiful treasures in Hawaii can be seen by residents and visitors from around the world. I respectfully ask you to please keep the sky open for this and future generations. It would be sad to not allow future generations to experience the beauty that can only be seen by air.

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Correspondence ID: 1708 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Akhtar, Mohammad T

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:48:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 1709 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Deiderich, Christian  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:48:29  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing Hawaii from the air was the highlight of our honeymoon and one of the most amazing experiences of my entire life. It is the only way to properly see the islands and I feel this opportunity should be available for generations of island visitors to come.

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Correspondence ID: 1710 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: , Travis  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:48:38  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keeping the airspace open to tourists above national parks is of the utmost importance to the enjoyment of these natural resources. Many areas of HAWAII are not easily accessible by land for enjoyment and having a helicopter tour of the area was one of the richest and most rewarding experiences of our trip to HAWAII. It would be a huge mistake to close this land off to air based tourism.

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Correspondence ID: 1711 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:49:38  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: A please leave the airspace over the parks open.

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Correspondence ID: 1712 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Koch, Quentin S  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:50:04  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please leave the air space open for future generations. I can't imagine never being able to see the lava or national park again from the sky.

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Correspondence ID: 1713 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Manwaring, Adam  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:50:12  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the skies open for our future generations!

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Correspondence ID: 1714 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Mullins, Ladonna  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:50:15  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures, including Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park. My husband Paul and I loved seeing both of these from the air. The pilots were very careful during our helicopter rides. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open over Hawaii for future generations.

Correspondence ID:	1715	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Tobe, Gail A		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:50:23		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Flying over the islands was definitely the high light of our trip. My son even said the whole trip was worth it , just seeing it from the helicopter. I hope to go back to another island and fly over it to see all the wonders.		
Correspondence ID:	1716	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Ziegler, Becky A		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:50:47		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air was amazing. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"		
Correspondence ID:	1717	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:51:18		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"		
Correspondence ID:	1718	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	, Ram		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:51:31		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"		
Correspondence ID:	1719	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Beason, Katie		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:51:31		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"		
Correspondence ID:	1720	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Stewart, Niki		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:51:34		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. This past November we were able to see an actual erupting volcano from the above - something we tried to see on foot, but couldn't. It was an amazing learning experience for our child. We kindly ask you keep the sky open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID:	1722	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Correspondence ID:	1724	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Miheaslick, Oliver
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Correspondence ID:	1725	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Thompson, S
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:53:26
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is such an amazing way for residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the parks. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID:	1726	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	DAHL, TERRY
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:53:32
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not close any air restrictions to the national parks. It is such a joy to tour them from above. It enhances the experience 100 times over!

Thank you!

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Correspondence ID: 1727 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Peters, Rebecca G

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:53:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Our flight on 3/11/22 was absolutely incredible! The ground crew was very professional and informative. Safety was obviously first in their job performances. I felt comfortable even before the helicopter took off! Our pilot was so knowledgeable and was very very passionate about narrating the tour. We were so thankful to have him! Thank you Blue Hawaiian.

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Correspondence ID: 1728 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Boogren, Sharon

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:53:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I could not imagine coming to Hawaii and not being able to fly over the volcano. It is amazing adventure and truly a great memory of our vacation!

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Correspondence ID: 1729 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:54:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would very much like the opportunity to view our national parks from the air, it is something special to see the parks that way. Please reconsider closing the air space down above the parks.

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Correspondence ID: 1730 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Dazzo, Richard A

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:54:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not close the airspace there. It was an amazing opportunity to see..

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Correspondence ID: 1731 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Deahl, David

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:55:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: One of the first things I do when visiting a new vacation spot or landmark is to book a helicopter ride. Seeing National Parks and land formations, by air, is the best way to appreciate their natural beauty. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

Correspondence ID:	1732	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Ladd, Karen P		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:55:00		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	On a recent trip to Hawaii I had the opportunity to view the island from a Blue Hawaii helicopter. It was an amazing experience! Please continue to afford others this opportunity to see the incredible beauty of the islands from above.		
Correspondence ID:	1733	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Jordan, Mia		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:56:34		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I am in favor of existing airspace over national parks remaining open. I am disabled and therefore cannot access remote areas by hiking. Taking air tours allow me to experience the majestic beauty of these special places. Keeping it affordable would be a big plus. I understand that safe operations are key, but really hope that air tours will continue to be an option.		
Correspondence ID:	1734	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:56:37		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please keep the airspace available as an option for viewing our beautiful national parks in Hawaii . This opportunity is a treasure for viewing the volcanoes.		
Correspondence ID:	1735	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	, Edward		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:56:45		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please do not close the airspace over those beautiful National Parks. My first helicopter tour was the highlight of our trip! Others should enjoy the scenery also.		
Correspondence ID:	1736	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Clement, Erin		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:57:09		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I am a big island resident and I hope to one day see the lava flowing in Volcanoes National Park from the air one day. I hope that helicopters are not banned from the airspace as it is a fascinating and beautiful way to see the lava flow.		
Correspondence ID:	1737	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Green, Madeleine		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 16:57:10		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: The air space should not be regulated, seeing g the volcanoes from the sky was an experience of a lifetime as well as a history lesson.

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Correspondence ID: 1738 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:57:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Viewing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. Most people cannot handle the strenuous and long hikes that lead to these treasures. Therefore, we kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 1739 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Reid, Chris

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:57:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep our skies open so that our kids may see it's beauty and this state can continue to thrive on the tourism it needs.

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Correspondence ID: 1740 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Specter, Bruce

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:57:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I highly recommend not closing the airspace over the national parks for air tours. This is one of the only ways to see just how spectacularly untamed and raw nature is. It not only provides a unique perspective, it also provides a safe way to see much of the geography that is unreachable, especially with those with physical limitations.

I implore you to keep the skies open for these tour operators and continue allow the enjoyment for those now and in the future.

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Correspondence ID: 1741 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lay, Jacy M

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:57:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 1742 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Melanie

Received: Mar,18 2022 16:57:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We recently took a helicopter tour over the volcano National park. My husband has health issues which keep him from seeing the park via walking. Please keep air tours available so others can enjoy them in the future, it might be their only option.

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Correspondence ID: 1743 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: staiert, dale j  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:57:43  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The whole point in taking the helicopter tour is to see the island. The experience, and tour guide, were one of a kind. It was incredible. the thought of NOT seeing ALL we did is so very sad. • Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park & Haleakalā National Park were the high light of a wonderful experience.

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Correspondence ID: 1744 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: cooper, curtis K  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:58:18  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I've been a resident for 30 years plus in the island of Kauai my recent helicopter ride gave me the first opportunity to actually experience the Haleakala View cuz I'm not a hiker and it's spectacular I think it should remain open for future residents and visitors

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Correspondence ID: 1745 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Shafran, Darlene  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:58:21  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It's been brought to my attention that there's consideration being given to eliminating flying tours over the Hawaii volcanoes national Park. My family took a extensive tour January 2022. Not only did it provide an experience which could only be obtained from the airspace, it was done in an incredibly professional and safe manner by Blue Hawaiian helicopters. Please seriously reconsider any thoughts of eliminating these tours. Organizations like blue Hawaiian helicopters are not only incredibly professional and knowledgeable but do everything to keep their customers safe and comfortable.

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Correspondence ID: 1746 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:58:23  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 1747 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Ro, Ki Nam K  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:58:43  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having the ability to see our National Parks by air was an amazing option for families with young children and grandparents. Driving a long distance to see the volcanos with a 6 year old was not an option for us in addition to the additional walking/hiking that would be required once we arrived. The ability to see the center of the volcano from the air was an amazing experience that should not be taken away. It should be available as an option for those who wish to view the the National Park and surround area from the air. Please keep the skys open for everyone. The charter we used was very safe and was a very good learning experience of not just the National Park but the surround area and other areas of the island.



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Correspondence ID: 1748 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:58:52  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 1749 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Koppert, Payton I  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:58:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not do that. Its the only way to see.

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Correspondence ID: 1750 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: OConnell, David  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:58:57  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

In response to congress mandating the FAA & National Park Service come up with an Air Tour Management Plan that would possibly eliminate the ability for air tour companies to fly over the National Parks in Hawaii and elsewhere, I think that would be a great disservice to the tax payers of the country. As someone who has flown over the parks in Hawaii, there is no better way to see the natural beauty and overall majesty of these national treasures than from the air. I have hiked in them and flown over them, and if you have never done so, trust me, flying over them is simply awe inspiring. Eliminating this option from the air tour companies would be very hurtful to their businesses, but it would really hurt us, the tax payer, who funds these parks, from being able experience all they have to offer. I would request that this service not be taken away from us.

Sincerely,

David O'Connell

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Correspondence ID: 1751 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:59:22  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 1752 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:59:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 1753 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,  
Received: Mar,18 2022 16:59:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 1754 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Nakao, Steven  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:00:18  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think that this would be beneficial to the visitors on the ground. It would reduce the noise pollution from the aircrafts. I would prefer to visit both parks without the aircraft noise.

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Correspondence ID: 1755 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:00:26  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There is so much of the park system that is only available from the air. Please keep the air space open for future visitors to experience the park system in such an unique way.

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Correspondence ID: 1756 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:00:31  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The heli gave our family an incredible opportunity to see the park in a way that can't be experienced any other way (we spent days on foot in the park as well and never noticed the heli flights). Don't take the heli away!

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Correspondence ID: 1757 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Beakhouse, Vaughn  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:01:13  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I understand that the National Park Service is considering closing the airspace over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park.

Having participated in flights over the Parks, I recommend keeping these routes open to responsible operators. The helicopter tour operators, for example, provide an environmentally responsible, safe and accessible method for residents and visitors to appreciate these special areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 1758 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: E Helminski, Michael  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:01:16  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please close the airspace over:

- Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
- Haleakalā National Park

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Correspondence ID: 1759 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Roland, Michelle

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:01:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

The exposure to the public is priceless and helps bring much needed attention to our environment and National Parks.

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Correspondence ID: 1760 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Taylor, George E

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:01:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My comment is regarding restricting helicopter flights in National Parks on the island of Hawaii. I fully support rigorous safety requirements for flights in these and other parks, as well as restrictions on the number and frequency of flights. I do not support banning helicopter flights in these areas entirely. We, and many others in our 70s or those with mobility impairment, have very limited prospects for seeing up close these incredible natural areas as we on e might have in our younger days. People will support and protect what they can actually see. Also, many families inspire the next generation of park protectors by introducing them by flights before they are ready for arduous hikes. Strive for balance, not for exclusion. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 1761 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wolf, George

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:01:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the skies open over our National Parks.

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Correspondence ID: 1762 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ocando, Alheaniss A

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:02:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha!!

We went last year to Hawaii, tried twice to see the volcano lava n the air but the weather conditions were not as good as we expected. However, we are already planing to go to Hawaii and our firs though was taking this helicopter to experience the Volcano this year.

It is an amazing experience and you can learn too many things

So please keep doing so

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Correspondence ID: 1763 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bratkovics, David  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:02:42  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, losing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID: 1764 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: eilemberg, gabriel

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:04:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: fire the (let me guess, democ-rat) bureaucrats who want to impose new restrictions and laws. lets cut their salaries.

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Correspondence ID: 1765 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hazel, Michael R

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:04:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why would Congress ever consider closing airspace over any of the national parks in Hawaii? On the big island the only way to see the true natural beauty is from the air. Having been on the flight , it is truly an educational experience you cannot get from a drive through. This legislation should be put to a stop.

Michael R. Hazel  
Amston CT.

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Correspondence ID: 1766 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hulse, Mark

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:04:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I just returned from a 2.5 week trip to Maui and Hawaii. The only way you can see a majority of the Islands, especially The Big Island, is by air. It is amazing to see the volcanoes and rugged coast line from the air.

We had an amazing experience, and well worth the expensive price tag. Please do not close the air space over our national parks.

This is another over reach by the government, that will have a huge impact on the tourism industry in HI

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Correspondence ID: 1767 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hazel, Michael R

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:04:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why would Congress ever consider closing airspace over any of the national parks in Hawaii? On the big island the only way to see the true natural beauty is from the air. Having been on the flight , it is truly an educational experience you cannot get from a drive through. This legislation should be put to a stop.

Michael R. Hazel  
Amston CT.

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Correspondence ID: 1768 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:04:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing Hawaii Volcanoes National Park from the air was absolutely fantastic. From this vantage point is the only way to truly grasp the sheer scope and scale of the environment. Blue Hawaiian Helicopters was beyond professional. As a regular national park visitor, I implore you to keep this option open for visitors

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Correspondence ID: 1769 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Vilk, Igor  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:05:04  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 1770 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Baker, Todd C  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:05:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Blue Hawaiian provided a safe - high quality helitour experience - to see the Hawaiian Islands. We are grateful to have shared the wonders of the Hawaiian Islands from the air and we thank the cooperative local families for sharing the Blue Hawaiian experience!

Chatting with the Blue Hawaiian employees - we know they are treated well, work hard, and provide a safe and wonderful experience.

Sincerely

The Baker Family

Todd, Janelle, Justin and Lauren

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Correspondence ID: 1771 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Kaiser, Ian and Sharon  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:06:57  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE HAWAII AIRSPACE. This was the most helpful way we could tour the land as I am not able to hike easily.

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Correspondence ID: 1772 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Liu, Kenneth  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:07:11  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I want to comment on the proposal to close the airspace over Hawaii National Volcanoes Park.

I flew over the park in one of the helicopter tours with my wife and two daughters (12 and 9). This was their first time flying in a helicopter and first time seeing the volcanoes. The sight was unforgettable. My daughters till talk about the experience months later, and they have become huge fans of the National Parks.

Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most Americans and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures and the least damaging way. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 1773 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Panos, Mike  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:07:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keep the skies open. It's a big part of the local economy and when done responsibly, helps PRESERVE the ecosystem.

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Correspondence ID: 1774 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

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Received:

Mar,18 2022 17:07:20

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 1775 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

Davidson, James

Received:

Mar,18 2022 17:07:36

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, loosing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and

strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID:	1776	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Stanton, James H			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:07:53			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: First, you are welcome to include my name and contact information. I'd be happy to talk with anyone about my personal helicopter experience.

My wife and I visited Maui in April, 2022 during the height of regulation and restriction. My flight on Blue Hawaiian was so safe. Took it upon themselves to do a temp check before entering the lobby, masks 100% of the time. Refreshments served with appropriate caution. Sanitation was very well done. So, this is a company who understands both local customs and respects the laws.

More important to me, we saw Maui by air. Such a different and unique experience that we recall to this day and have sent others to Hawaii recommending that helicopter tour as well. It is always important for Hawaii to balance nature and tourism. Personally, I don't believe that helicopter tourism is disturbing anyone or anything on the island. We flew over the beautiful water and saw whales, even a calf. We flew over lush uninhabited jungle, so cool and reminiscent of Jurassic Park. We saw waterfalls that are not accessible any other way and of course, so special, Haleakala. So few people can realistically hike it and the aerial views are nothing short of spectacular.

Please, if you'd like to speak to me, just call or contact me. These pilots and companies are special people taking great care to preserve the natural beauty of the island while providing your visitors an amazing appreciation of the history, culture, and raw beauty of the islands.

Jim Stanton. 713-449-8041. Jim.Stanton@Hotmail.com

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Correspondence ID:	1777	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Crank, William R			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:08:16			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: It was truly breath-taking to see the beauty of Kaua from the skies. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID:	1778	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Brady, Michael C			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:08:20			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Touring by air is the only way I could share my experience with my grandchildren. It is the only way to enjoy the huge expanse and beauty of our National Parks for older Americans. Not just older Americans but many of us who battle serious and debilitating diseases like cancer, MS, even diabetes may not have the stamina and wherewithal to experience the parks any other way. For me, it was so beautiful to see the look in my granddaughter's eyes when she saw live volcanoes and lava. I think as a result she has a deeper appreciation of



nature and our National Parks. I believe that requirements and restrictions are necessary when safety is at stake. I believe that those able to explore the parks by foot should also be able to enjoy the serenity of the scene as a reward for their efforts. I would urge a light hand in developing policy or regulations that would deny any group and seek a compromise that benefits the diversity of people seeking to experience the splendor of our National Parks.

Respectfully,  
Michael Brady, PhD

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Correspondence ID:	1779	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Chaffee, Cassandra G			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:08:38			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: As a frequent Hawaii visitor, I would like to advocate for Alternative 3. Preservation of these national treasures must be maintained. One of the best methods to ensure conservation is to expose people to those resources, to help them care about what is irreplaceable in nature and culture. So, control access, but ensure people have the opportunity to enjoy the resource in a safe, respectful, and non-damaging way. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	1780	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Stranathan, Leslie			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:09:22			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID:	1781	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Desrosiers, Carol H			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:09:31			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: We planned one visit to Hawaii for our lifetime and seeing Kauai by air is the only way to gain a full appreciation for its beauty, with so much of the island being inaccessible otherwise.

Seeing the associated National Parks by air is the only way visitors from around the world can see the beauty and the treasures.

The helicopter tours are minimally invasive and create a passion for stewardship of these areas. Please keep these skies open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID:	1782	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Laurance, Kenneth W			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:11:14			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: The Blue Hawaii helicopter tour over the Kona volcano and water falls on the North side were the high point of our vacation to Kona. Please don't restrict these flights as it would degrade the holiday experience so many of us visitors to Hawaii have enjoyed.

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Correspondence ID:	1783	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: Sharma, Saurabh  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:12:16  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing the volcano and the national park from the air is the best part of the helicopter ride. I disagree to bring this change.

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Correspondence ID: 1784 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Reavis, Shannon  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:14:41  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 1785 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:15:53  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't close the airspace above Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park. Seeing these parks, and other National Parks, by air is such an amazing experience -- and the only way that many people can see it all (think about elderly and handicapped folks). Please keep the airspace open to expose more people to these phenomenal US treasures.

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Correspondence ID: 1786 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Kubala, James A  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:15:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The helicopter tour of the volcano was the highlight of our Hawaii vacation. I think it is important for the general traveler to have access to this magnificent natural attraction. We (my family) believe this airspace should stay open for helicopter tours for the generations to come...

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Correspondence ID: 1787 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Baker, Todd C  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:16:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Blue Hawaiian provided a safe - high quality helitour experience - to see the Hawaiian Islands. We are grateful to have shared the wonders of the Hawaiian Islands from the air and we thank the cooperative local families for sharing the Blue Hawaiian experience!

Chatting with the Blue Hawaiian employees - we know they are treated well, work hard, and provide a safe and wonderful experience.

Sincerely

The Baker Family  
Todd, Janelle, Justin and Lauren

Correspondence ID:	1788	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:17:06		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please keep the skies open over our National Parks, especially Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. There is no safer way to get &quot;up close and personal&quot; with this and many other national treasures. You ask us not to walk out directly into the lava fields, yet by suspending air tours you would leave many with no other alternative. KEEP THE SKIES OPEN!		

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Correspondence ID:	1789	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Jaklic, Olivia M		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:17:15		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Limiting the airspace to these natural wonders is an infringement on the rights of all people of the world. Helicopter tours are a way to view these locations at a safe distance for people and without disturbing their features with physical contact. There is no way to describe the grandeur of these national treasures with pictures alone. How are you going to inspire future generations to protect these resources without first hand experience?		

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Correspondence ID:	1790	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Swearengen, Thomas F		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:17:59		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Sirs: Closing the airspace above our National Parks is a travesty. The reason for having the parks is for our visitors to enjoy our great country. Some of the best of the parks can only be seen by air, and that eliminates the need for the parks. Having flown with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters on 3 occasions, I can tell you first hand the safety of the pilots and equipment to protect not only those flying with them, but our beautiful natural resources.		
While I agree that unauthorized flights over the parks can create certain security issues, the FAA can have positive control over such flights and work with established tour companies, like Blue Hawaiian Helicopters to create an approved tour route. I believe this has already been established.			
Tom Swearengen			

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Correspondence ID:	1791	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Accetta, Nancy		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:20:23		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	We experienced the Blue Hawaii Helicopters from the air and from the ground. Our flight was magical with our knowledgeable guide sharing so much fascinating detail about the geology, vulcanology, history and culture of the Big Island. It was clear that respect for the island was an important value of the company. From below we noticed the helicopters, but they were unobtrusive and, again, expertly piloted with consideration. The opportunity to view the natural wonders of the island from above is unique and unforgettable. I hope that the privilege will be available to generations to come.		

Correspondence ID:	1792	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:20:47		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
<p>Correspondence: We had a wonderful time using Blue Hawaiian Helicopters it was a great and educational experience being able for fly over Hawaii the views were beautiful and breathtaking. I think It would be a great unjust to not allow visitors to take in Hawaii natural beauty via a helicopter tour. I would say for the government to continue to allow helicopter tours through Out the entire island of Hawaii including flying over the volcanoes as long as it's a safe distance away. And the money collected from the Tours could be used to help the land water and air environment so Hawaii can always stay beautiful.</p>			
Correspondence ID:	1793	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:20:48		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
<p>Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way I was able to take in the beauty of the parks while not disturbing any of the delicate flora or fauna. I strongly ask you keep the skies open for future generations &amp; continue to allow air tourism of our National Parks. Thank you.</p>			
Correspondence ID:	1794	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Chu-Thielbar, Lisa		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:22:06		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
<p>Correspondence: I live on the Big Island of Hawaii and have for 10 years. I love Volcanoes National Park, have a golden Pass, go often and have hiked many of the trails in the Park. I prize all of our precious national parks, both Hawaiian and mainland and have visited many of them, some many times. I have flown over Volcano National Park in both a small plane and more than one helicopter. These have been thrilling experiences for me and help me understand and love even more my adopted island home. This breathtaking opportunity should not be denied others. Please do not prohibit helicopters (or small planes) from flying either residents or tourists over the Park. These experiences help everyone understand, love and desire to protect our precious islands.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Lisa Chu-Thielbar</p>			
Correspondence ID:	1795	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Oler, Ralph C		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:23:06		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
<p>Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"</p>			
Correspondence ID:	1796	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Shinnick, Lane		

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:24:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I can't imagine closing the airspace over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park or Haleakala National Park. As a resident of Maui some years ago and a visitor now I know there is no other way to truly see the natural beauty of these two parks other than by air. I can't understand any reason to take away this from future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 1797 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Burnside, Dean & Terri

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:24:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to express our desire that you keep the airspace over our National Parks open to controlled, helicopter tours. There are many people, like us, who are only able to enjoy some of these amenities from the air.

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Correspondence ID: 1798 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Galbraith, T A

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:24:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way many visitors can see the beauty of such treasures. I ask you to keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 1799 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:25:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 1800 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Duffy, Shawn

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:25:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am aware of the ATMP requirements ahead for Hawaii. I have 30 years each as both a U.S. Navy pilot and Americans Airlines pilot. I have flown with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters and am familiar with their operations on multiple islands. They offer the premier helicopter experience in the the islands for people visiting from around the world. As a lifelong aviation professional with graduate level safety experience, I can say that Blue Hawaiian certainly incorporates safety and professionalism in every aspect of their operations-without exception. Truly the premier helicopter operation in Hawaii.

The current sightseeing helicopter access to Hawai'i and Haleakala National Parks are gems to be experienced via air for current and future generations. Nothing like them anywhere else in the world. To restrict air access to these parks would serve no practical purpose. It would only stop the incredible exposure now afforded and therefore reduce the positive global impact of environmental awareness these helicopters bring. These areas are vast and terrain makes ground exploration practically impossible.

I urge you to keep these areas open for all to experience and enjoy long into the future. If a mistake is made now to reduce air access, the damage caused will be monumental to turn around. I urge you to collectively not make this mistake and continue to allow all people to continue enjoying these national treasures forever.

Shawn Duffy

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Correspondence ID:	1801	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	S., Panu
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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID:	1802	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Breaux, John
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:26:44
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: The beauty accessible only by helicopter is part of Hawaii's attraction. There is no better way to leave no trace that to be in the air over the natural beauty. We would go somewhere else if this were not available. Costa Rica for example. So, if you would like less travel to your tourist economy, destroy a large part of it by limiting flights over parks and other scenic areas now currently being serviced.

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Correspondence ID:	1803	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	B, Jeanne
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:26:54
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID:	1804	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Goetz, Raymond H
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:27:20
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you to keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID:	1805	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Mills, Andrew
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:27:47
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

Correspondence ID:	1806	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Simonett, Suzanne		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:30:30		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	We should not lose the ability to fly over the volcanoes in Hawaii. I took a helicopter tour in 2016 and then brought back friends and did it again in 2021 and it was the experience of a lifetime.		
Correspondence ID:	1807	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:30:56		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please let air transport tourism continue over National Parks.		
Correspondence ID:	1808	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:30:58		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please let air transport tourism continue over National Parks.		
Correspondence ID:	1809	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:30:59		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please let air transport tourism continue over National Parks.		
Correspondence ID:	1810	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:31:49		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	In January we had the good fortune of traveling to Hawaii. We were able to explore the Volcanoes National Park by Helicopter. This was a highlight of our trip. Seeing the volcanoes, lava, craters , and steam vents from the air gave us a much better perspective of how extensive the volcanoes are. We hiked alson side a lava flow and did not get near the perspective as we did from the helicopter. we considered this a very special oppportunity and were thankful that we had it.		
Correspondence ID:	1811	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Frisbie, Jr., Gerald D		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:32:37		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations		
Correspondence ID:	1812	Project: 103365	Document: 118738

Name: ,  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:33:44  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the sky open over the national wonders of Hawaii. The beautiful views and memories will inspire younger generations to preserve the environment. People will fight to protect something they truly have experienced, not something just a concept.

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Correspondence ID: 1813 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Devitt, Terry  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:36:33  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for receiving my comment about potential changes to touring Haleakala National Park and Haleakala volcano, especially by way of helicopter.

I am a frequent visitor to the island of Maui. One of my favorite activities is the helicopter tour of the national park. Certainly, there are countless numbers of people who would share my sentiment: that to be able to see the beauty of our country and its features is a treasure.

As a citizen of the United States, with the privilege of being a part of a government that is "of the people, by the people and for the people" I am writing to urge that the skies above Haleakala National Park and volcano remain open for touring as is now being conducted. Please do not take this privilege away from the people.

Respectfully,  
Terry Devitt

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Correspondence ID: 1814 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Meades, Laura  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:36:37  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I can't understand how closing the airspace over the national parks to helicopters benefits the park in any way. Please allow tours to continue so generations to come can enjoy the splendour only these tours can offer.

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Correspondence ID: 1815 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Mesiwala, Ali H  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:37:18  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Given that many national parks are so vast, and many things can only be seen from the perspective of air, it makes sense to keep the airspace over many national parks open for tourist flights such as helicopters and planes. Without such access, many areas of the parks would be inaccessible to most people.

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Correspondence ID: 1816 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Bennett, John M  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:38:21  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The air space about nation parks should be kept open for tours and private flights.



Correspondence ID:	1817	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:38:34		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: We experienced the trip of a lifetime and saw the beauty and awe of our national parks and the Hawaiian landscape thanks to our helicopter tour. Closing the airspace would be a huge loss for people to experience what we did this summer. Please consider keeping the airspace open to tours.			
Correspondence ID:	1818	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:39:23		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: I would love future generations to have the opportunity to see all the beautiful sites that are available to see via flight. Please consider our future generations when make such decisions. For some of these sites, the only access is via flight.			
Correspondence ID:	1819	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	, Frederique		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:39:54		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: Hi, We have flown over several national parks on the Hawai'ian island during our first trip to HI, last year. Although it was visually stunning, it also made us realize what impact it has on the parks' ecosystems as well as other visitors. With helicopters coming and going, the tranquility and magic of the parks was somewhat broken (even during the flight - looking out of the window and seeing the next helicopter approaching). As visitor on the ground later on, we realized the annoyance helicopters and planes can be both in terms of views and sounds. We endorse these changes!			
Correspondence ID:	1820	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:40:01		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations			
Correspondence ID:	1821	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Sparger, Dennis		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:41:00		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: Being able to enjoy the Blue Hawaii Helicopter rider across the volcanos while visiting Hawaii this past January was one of the all-time highlights of all our vacations. The National Park Service should be encouraged to continue to allow trips such as these. We felt safe at all times and believe our trip was never a threat to the environment, community or people. Yes, it was pricey, but I've worked all my life to be able to experience a journey as amazing as this and would do it again should we ever return.			
Correspondence ID:	1822	Project: 103365	Document: 118738

Name: McDermott, John P  
Received: Mar,18 2022 17:41:08  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It would be a national travesty to close the well controlled airspace over any National Park, but especially in Hawaii. So much of the islands is unreachable by any other means and many are not able to hike and walk; my wife included who is handicapped due to a recent surgery. If it had not been for the accessible helicopters and their professional services, Kauai and other islands would be relegated to seeing one beach or two near the resorts of the islands.

"Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

Candidly a few seconds of volcanic activity would likely be equivalent to 1,000 helicopter rides in terms of pollution and enviromental impact.

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Correspondence ID: 1823 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Sorensen, Mark

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:42:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing with the hope of influencing decision-makers to make their decisions with the will of the people in mind. I don't know if you've ever seen the Hawaiian Islands by air. I have been fortunate enough to fly over the volcano on the big island of Hawaii and over the mountains on the island of Kauai. The experience in both cases was amazing, the scenery breathtaking. I don't know how a person could ever see it for themselves without riding in a helicopter or small plane. There is a joy in flight that can be obtained no other way. These are the treasures of the people of the United States of America. Please, please don't give in to pressure from special interest groups who do not represent the majority of the people of the United States. Please listen to the people themselves. Please keep the skies over these treasures open to the public to access through helicopter and plane tours. Of all my memories, the memory of flying over the island of Kauai was my favorite. It will forever live in my mind as one of the most amazing experiences I have ever had.

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Correspondence ID: 1824 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: D, Mikey

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:42:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, especially those of Hawaii, is one of the primary ways for many visitors from around the world to see the natural beauty and treasures of the Parks. I kindly ask that you keep the skies open for future generations of visitors.

Best Regards,

Mikey D.

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Correspondence ID: 1825 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kasten, Ted

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:44:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I recently visited Hawaii and taking a helicopter tour over the islands was y far the most memorable and enjoyable experience we had. The sights of the islands, cliffs, water falls and natural green beauty was incredible to see but we also learned a lot about the history of the islands, their native inhabitants and their

culture that we would not have learned without the helicopter tour. I strongly urge you to keep the sky's open for my kids and their kids to experience some day.

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Correspondence ID: 1826 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:45:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As we are passionate about protecting all of the natural wonders of our precious world, we completely understand that keeping these places as natural as we can. That being said, seeing there natural wonders by air is also an amazing experience for those who can afford it. Flying with companies who will protect these places and know the importance of keeping our natural environments protected. Closing the airspace above them is not the answer. Asking for donations like you do from those who can travel to these places may be the answer.

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Correspondence ID: 1827 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Robertson, Brandon

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:45:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't close the airspace over national parks! It is truly an amazing way to see the treasures out land has to offer without disturbing it and many people are not capable of hiking in to see them up close. Regulate it sure but don't close it that would be a tragedy.

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Correspondence ID: 1828 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: schwartz, eric

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:46:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sir,  
I recently had a two trips around the Hawaiian Islands of Maui and Ohau on Blue Hawaii Helicopters. I have a physical disability and cannot walk for any extended period of time so walking to, or through national parks or monuments would be impossible for me. If not for the trip by air I would have had no way to experience landmarks such as volcanos and Pearl Harbor. Please reconsider and do not close the airspace around these national treasures to tour helicopter services like Blue Hawaiian.

Thank you

Eric Schwartz

Ripon, CA

March 18, 2022

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Correspondence ID: 1829 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:48:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is a great alternative for folks to experience them that don't have time or resources to explore on the ground so please keep the air space open so people can experience this unique and awe inspiring Jew of our National parks

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Correspondence ID: 1830 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:49:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. These types so activities generate great appreciation for our precious resources and only enhance support and concern for the National Parks.

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Correspondence ID: 1831 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: McConnell, Erin

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:49:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: If you close this airspace, people will no longer have any way to access this beautiful place. When people see places like this, they have an appreciation for the need to protect our national parks and don't just assume that they are large tracts of unnecessary undeveloped land.

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Correspondence ID: 1832 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:49:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. These types so activities generate great appreciation for our precious resources and only enhance support and concern for the National Parks.

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Correspondence ID: 1833 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Linabury, Mark

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:49:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom it may concern:

It is absolutely inconceivable that one of the options would include closing the air space for helicopter tours on the Big Island. Recently my wife and I visited the Big island. To appreciate the history and geological phenomenon of the island we went on a helicopter tour. The pilot was professional and provided a thorough history and detail of the island. We flew over Mauna Loa which last erupted in 1984 and continues to smolder. The extent of the volcanic eruption was stultifying from the point of view that Hilo was a mere five miles from devastation. We also toured the beauty of the island including aerial views and views of whales in their natural habitat. To deprive people of the sacred right of knowledge and understanding of the history and beauty of this island from an aerial perspective makes no sense. Future generations must know the background and history of this beautiful place and the need to preserve and protect our natural resources now and forever. Please reconsider this proposal which will serve no purpose.

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Correspondence ID: 1834 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Sears, Victor W

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:50:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. I would not be able to hike to the caldera to see the active

volcano or lava. The way to see the beauty of the volcano/caldera is to see it from a helicopter. Also the appreciation of what the volcano and it lava flows to the surrounding area can only be seen by air. Finally, watching the lava flows into the ocean which is an awesome event can only be appreciated and safely seen by a helicopter. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. Thank you Victor Sears

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Correspondence ID:	1835	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Shapella, Brian
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:52:01
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID:	1836	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Job, Stephanie
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:54:02
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I loved seeing our National Parks by air and it is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures.  
By seeing the parks we can appreciate their unique beauty.  
We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID:	1837	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	VIGIL, VICTOR
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:54:43
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Seeing our Volcanic National Parks by air is a way to preserve our land by lessoning the foot print that one leaves from vehicle and foot traffic! in addition seeing them by air allows the handicap patrons a chance to see something that is"IMPOSSIBLE" to see any other way.

Also it would severely hurt businesses that fly us to explore these wonders of the world, haven't we had enough hardships with Covid19 shutdowns and restrictions?

I hope & pray that this air space remains open to tourism !

Sincerely,  
Victor Vigil

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Correspondence ID:	1838	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Sayana, Raj
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:54:44
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Keeping open skies over national parks could inspire future generation as explorers, adventurers

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Correspondence ID:	1839	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Pflum, Gregory P
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 17:56:36
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We were able to take a flight over the volcano and it was a great experience. It only seems fair that our children and grand children have the same opportunity to see this beauty please keep this Air space open

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Correspondence ID: 1840 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Brian

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:56:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My family has experienced amazing flights and experiences by taking flights over the volcanoes. It was very instructional and we were able to see things that wouldn't be possible without the ability to see it from the air. Please do not restrict this. It will cost jobs and tourism loss to locals.

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Correspondence ID: 1841 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Barrett, Mildred

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:58:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Blue Hawaii Air has taken my family to see the beautiful volcano and waterfalls that can only be seen from the sky. We have been up every year for several years, and the view is always breathtaking!! It would be terrible to restrict airspace in Hawaii!!

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Correspondence ID: 1842 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Silder, Stephen H

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:59:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aircraft were meticulous  
The pilot aware of FAA height and distance regulations  
Safety briefing given by ground personnel  
Pilot briefed on water and ground emergency landing and evacuation  
Would recommend this helicopter charter to friends and family

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Correspondence ID: 1843 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: KILMER, LISA A

Received: Mar,18 2022 17:59:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would encourage the Parks Service to keep airspace open in Hawaii. Our favorite memory of our trip to Hawaii was our helicopter ride. The view from above is like nothing you can see on the ground. Some of the areas are not even accessible on land.

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Correspondence ID: 1844 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:00:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I had the joy of view natural wonders of Hawaii volcano from the air. I feel that this option should always be a choice available to all.

Correspondence ID:	1845	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	McBride, Daniel G		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:00:39		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	We've been to Hawaii twice. Each time the highlight of our visit has been the helicopter trips. Each experience, one in Maui and one in the island of Hawaii has been spectacular. From our perspective, there's no better way to experience the beauty, majesty, and diversity of all that Hawaii affords its visitors. It would be a shame to deny such a unique opportunity to those who visit Hawaii.		
Correspondence ID:	1846	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Lindstrom, Carol		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:01:32		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I have done the helicopter tour in Kona several times with my family and friends who are visiting the island. I understand the concerns about having the helicopters on the volcano and waterfalls but it's truly the only way for people to see these spectacular sights. I care very much about the environment and don't understand how these could have a negative impact. Please keep the helicopters in the sky. Thank you		
Correspondence ID:	1847	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Munio, Coneie		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:01:35		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing the Hawaiian National Parks by air was the only way we were able to capture many of our most scenic photographs and the only way we could see the beauty of the treasures. Views inside the active volcanoes, the peaks of both Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa, and the diverse landscape from air are sights we treasure and would include again if we were to visit the state again. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations		
Correspondence ID:	1848	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Cartwright, Christine		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:02:32		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	As a tourist who loves visiting the beautiful islands of Hawaii, I understand the best way to keep the islands beautiful is to preserve the quality of nature by limiting human contact with it. As for the Haleakalā National Park, I believe the airspace should be limited to specific hours of the day and even specific days of the week. If tourists want to fly different routes, those should also be priced accordingly.		
Correspondence ID:	1849	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Cartwright, Christine		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:03:04		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	As a tourist who loves visiting the beautiful islands of Hawaii, I understand the best way to keep the islands beautiful is to preserve the quality of nature by limiting human contact with it. As for the Haleakalā National Park, I believe the airspace should be limited to specific hours of the day and even specific days of the week. If tourists want to fly different routes, those should also be priced accordingly.		

Correspondence ID:	1850	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Cartwright, Christine		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:03:04		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	As a tourist who loves visiting the beautiful islands of Hawaii, I understand the best way to keep the islands beautiful is to preserve the quality of nature by limiting human contact with it. As for the Haleakalā Nation Park, I believe the airspace should be limited to specific hours of the day and even specific days of the week. If tourist want to fly different routes, those should also be priced accordingly.		
Correspondence ID:	1851	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	RUSTON, Mark		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:04:42		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I think that seeing these NP's from the air offers a unique and enchanting perspective of the parks. I would not like to see anything that diminishes the opportunity for others to experience that.		
Correspondence ID:	1852	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Boblak, Oswald		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:05:36		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>I would like the FAA and the National Park to not make any adjustments to the current status quo with respect to allowing commercial helicopters to fly over Haleakala National Park and Volcanoes National Park. I live in Maui most of the year and have taken friends and relatives on helicopter tours over Mt. Haleakala and over Volcanoes National Park. It's an amazing and beautiful experience to see these parks flying in a helicopter.</p> <p>More importantly, I have done considerable hiking in both these parks. In addition, I ride my mountain bike within the park borders of Haleakala National Park. In my opinion, I don't believe that having helicopters flying over these parks ruins the experience of hikers and visitors who visit these parks on the ground. The number of flights over these parks seems nominal and intermittent. I have never once looked up into the sky while hiking these parks and thought to myself that these helicopters are ruining my hiking experience. I am sure that both these parks are habitats to some kind of native wildlife, but I have never seen any significant native wildlife hiking into the crater of Haleakala or along the volcanic rock Volcanoes National Park. If someone is making the argument that the helicopters are having a detrimental effect on the native wildlife, I would like to see studies to support this claim. I also can't imagine that these helicopters are having a negative impact on cultural resources, sacred landscapes and traditional cultural properties given that the helicopters don't come into physical contact with any of these landscapes and properties. And as far as disturbing the wilderness, the National Park Service should spend more resources eradicating the feral pigs and goats on the side of Mt. Haleakala than curtailing the rights of helicopters to fly over these parks. The feral pigs have caused immense damage to the wilderness of these national parks, more than the helicopter rides. While I am sure that there are many folks in and around these parks who feel that the noise from the helicopters ruins their peace of mind, there are many folks who really don't care or don't feel that the helicopters ruin their outdoor experience. I would ask the FAA and the National Park Service to act in a reasonable manner and resolve this issue that allows helicopters to fly over these parks even though such a resolution will not make all people happy, especially those members of HICoP.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1853	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Pitts, Gretchen		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:05:51		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		



Correspondence: I believe the air space over Hawai Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park should remain open. As a senior citizen it was our pro large to share these two parts with our children and grandchildren. It was the high light of their trip to the Hawaiianisland. Viewing the parts thru the air gives you an understanding o how the islands were formed. The parks are in no danger of being destroyed by on ground visits. The point of a national park is to allow the citizens of our great country to experience the treasures nature has given us.

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Correspondence ID:	1854	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Fisher, Paul			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:06:06			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID:	1855	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Pitts, Gretchen			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:06:13			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Correspondence ID:	1856	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Fisher, Paul			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:06:14			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Correspondence ID:	1857	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Pitts, Gretchen			
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Correspondence ID:	1858	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Pitts, Gretchen			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:06:14			

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 1859 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pitts, Gretchen

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:06:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe the air space over Hawai Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park should remain open. As a senior citizen it was our pro large to share these two parts with our children and grandchildren. It was the high light of their trip to the Hawaiianisland. Viewing the parts thru the air gives you an understanding o how the islands were formed. The parks are in no danger of being destroyed by on ground visits. The point of a national park is to allow the citizens of our great country to experience the treasures nature has given us.

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Correspondence ID: 1860 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pitts, Gretchen

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:06:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe the air space over Hawai Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park should remain open. As a senior citizen it was our pro large to share these two parts with our children and grandchildren. It was the high light of their trip to the Hawaiianisland. Viewing the parts thru the air gives you an understanding o how the islands were formed. The parks are in no danger of being destroyed by on ground visits. The point of a national park is to allow the citizens of our great country to experience the treasures nature has given us.

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Correspondence ID: 1861 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pitts, Gretchen

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:06:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe the air space over Hawai Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park should remain open. As a senior citizen it was our pro large to share these two parts with our children and grandchildren. It was the high light of their trip to the Hawaiianisland. Viewing the parts thru the air gives you an understanding o how the islands were formed. The parks are in no danger of being destroyed by on ground visits. The point of a national park is to allow the citizens of our great country to experience the treasures nature has given us.

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Correspondence ID: 1862 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pitts, Gretchen

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:06:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe the air space over Hawai Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park should remain open. As a senior citizen it was our pro large to share these two parts with our children and

grandchildren. It was the high light of their trip to the Hawaiianisland. Viewing the parts thru the air gives you an understanding o how the islands were formed. The parks are in no danger of being destroyed by on ground visits. The point of a national park is to allow the citizens of our great country to experience the treasures nature has given us.

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Correspondence ID:	1863	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Pitts, Gretchen
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Correspondence ID:	1864	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Evers, Andy
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:06:51
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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID:	1865	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:07:48
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Correspondence ID:	1866	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Correspondence ID:	1867	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Rattanaphasouk, Emily
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:09:52
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Seeing Hawaii and its National Parks from the sky is an unforgettable experience that people should be able to witness at some point in their lives. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations!

Correspondence ID:	1868	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Houff, David M		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:10:01		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Having visited Volcano NP and Haleakala on numerous occasions as well as having taken several helicopter tours on various Hawaiian islands, I think the ability to see the natural beauty from the air is unique and powerful. I also believe--particularly as a military veteran--that the noise issue is greatly overstated. Please keep the air tours as an option!		
Correspondence ID:	1869	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Haas, Al		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:10:11		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations. The helicopter tour that we took made us more aware than ever of the importance of our national park system.		
Correspondence ID:	1870	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Braxton, Sam		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:10:44		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I loved my helicopter tour of Hawaii but I think the airspace over the national parks should be closed. I think the noise of the helicopters detracts from the beauty and serenity of the national parks		
Correspondence ID:	1871	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kilcoyne, Jerry		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:12:12		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. Thank you.		
	Jerry Kilcoyne		
Correspondence ID:	1872	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	HOLZER, GHILAD DAVIDE		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:12:28		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations		
Correspondence ID:	1873	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	St. John Starbird, Valerie		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:14:43		

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The opportunity to take in the beauty of our National Parks by air has opened the door to some of the greatest and most patriotic experiences of my life. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. Please don't deny them this invaluable pleasure.

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Correspondence ID: 1874 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Garza, Austin

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:15:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Last summer I flew over Volcanoes National Park in a helicopter. It was awe-inspiring and incredible-truly a bucket list trip, and a memory that will stick with me. I kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations, thanks Austin Garza, Colorado

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Correspondence ID: 1875 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bartley, Barbara C

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:15:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please leave the airspace open to helicopter tours , it allows visitors to see the volcanoes and parks without any damage to the land. The helicopter pilots were extremely professional and skilled. Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generation

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Correspondence ID: 1876 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Conant, Howell

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:16:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My disabled Army verteran son and his wife recently took their honeymoon in Maui. They said the Blue Hawaiian helicopter tour, especially the waterfalls, volcano and other remote areas that they never would have been able to see were by FAR the highlight of their entire visit. Pleese continue to allow these fantastic areal tours. Perhaps if deemed necessary, additional regulations such as qualifications and permits for the operators, times of day, number of flights, etceteras, could be considered in lieu of total closure to overhead aerial flight tours.

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Correspondence ID: 1877 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: McMurtry, Donald R

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:19:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. I kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. The ability to fly over these national treasures are an asset to individuals with disabilities that way otherwise never get the opportunity to see these areas first hand.

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Correspondence ID: 1878 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lyle, Sharon

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:19:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Our helicopter tour over Volcanoes Nat Park with Blue Hawaiian was excellent. We felt very safe and were informed of all safety procedures and allowed movements. It was a unique opportunity to see the park and Kiluea in action.

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Correspondence ID: 1879 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Allen, Bryant

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:19:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I took my wife for a birthday surprise, and we both enjoyed it. The view was spectacular and our pilot was (Benjamin) was very informative and somewhat funny. But, seriously it is a must do.

The Allen's

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Correspondence ID: 1880 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Allen, Bryant

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:19:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I took my wife for a birthday surprise, and we both enjoyed it. The view was spectacular and our pilot was (Benjamin) was very informative and somewhat funny. But, seriously it is a must do.

The Allen's

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Correspondence ID: 1881 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Luft, Thomas P

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:22:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keep the airspace over Hawaii national parks open. It's an important treasure and seeing it from the air is important for connecting with the peoples parks. It is an important part of the economy. It's less impactful than roads.

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Correspondence ID: 1882 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lemle, Laura

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:23:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We have experienced 5 magical trips on the Blue Hawaiian helicopters. My daughters first time ever in a helicopter when she was a child and again for her sweet 16 birthday, which inspired her to learn to fly a helicopter. We most recently flew again last July to celebrate my mom's 80th birthday. Every time is memorable, unique and life changing. To see an erupting volcano, dramatic waterfalls, rainforests and the ocean from the air inspires one to take care of our beautiful planet earth. Blue Hawaiian pilots have the upmost respect for the environment and are a wealth of information about the land and culture. The safety is also top notch. I can't imagine why you would take away this magical experience from the enjoyment and knowledge for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 1883 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ramadan, Jibril

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:24:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 1884 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:27:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Great experience! So wonderful to see waterfalls that were not accessible by land.

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Correspondence ID: 1885 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Crooks, Kim

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:27:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Taking a helicopter ride with Blue Hawaiian in June 2021 was one of the most memorable experiences I have ever had. I am a Girl Scout leader from Ohio and I took 4 of my Scouts to Hawaii for their last year in Scouts. It was a never ending "ahhhh" for an hour. Without being able to take to the skies, we never would have been able to see all the beauty Hawaii has to offer. Not only the landscapes were beyond fabulous, but to see waterfalls and rainforests up close and above was beyond our wildest dreams. You must keep the Hawaii air space open for all generations to be able to experience Hawaii in its entirety.

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Correspondence ID: 1886 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Flory, Michael

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:28:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been involved with tourism to Hawaii for over 20 years and cherish the destination above any other place in the world. The blend of traditional Hawaiian values and culture with the most magical landscape on the planet are truly cherished by entire tourism industry.

Seeing our National Parks by air, is the best way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. I am concerned if this option is removed, that incremental and more destructive motorized ground transportation will occur. I kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

Mike Flory

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Correspondence ID: 1887 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Baker, Scott

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:28:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 1888 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Weber, David L

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:29:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I understand the need to protect precious resources such as the hidden areas of Kauai. However, if it's possible to maintain that resource and still allow helicopter flights into them it would be wonderful. My wife and I could not have seen by hiking what we saw from the air.

Thank you  
David Weber

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Correspondence ID:	1889	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	DeVries, Scott			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:29:09			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I have taken multiple Helicopter tours over the National Parks in Hawaii. As a Disabled person this is important for me  
To have this opportunity to see the natural beauty of the parks. I cannot hike a mile or two around Volcanoes park, the Helicopters are my "legs". I have also taken Helicopter tours over and into the Grand Canyon for the reasons stated above. It would be a huge disservice to the disabled community to restrict access from the air to the National Parks that I so love and enjoy to experience.  
Please keep the disabled in mind when making your decisions.

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Correspondence ID:	1890	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Gomez, Juan			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:30:02			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the preferred way many of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations to enjoy.

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Correspondence ID:	1891	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Epstein, Richard			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:33:15			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I heard that you are considering closing the airspace over Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park. As an American that is so proud of his country, the ability to see firsthand the absolute beauty of our country is truly empowering.

We flew with Blue Hawaiian Air on our most recent trip to Hawaii. It's a vision my family will never forget. It is also so compelling as to instill a desire to do anything to save our environment. If we can't see it, how do you expect us to appreciate our world.

Thanks for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID:	1892	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Mitchell, Sheena			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:33:16			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.



I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, losing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

Correspondence ID:	1893	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:34:46			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
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Correspondence ID:	1894	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Kaddouri, Melissa F			

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:34:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. My children enjoyed seeing the Hawaiian Volcanos by air, the only way to see them up close. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 1895 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Brown, Austin

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:38:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 1896 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Barger, John W

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:39:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 1897 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Johnson, Deborah G

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:40:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I took my daughter and grandson on a Blue Hawaiian helicopter tour last July over Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and then the next day we rented a car and drove through as much of the park as we could. We took several short walks and I look forward to returning to do longer hikes. Both experiences were wonderful and each showed us so much more of the park than just one alone. I would hate not to have both options open to travelers to the Big Island. I have done much camping and hiking in both the United States and New Zealand and do understand that helicopters can be a noisy intrusion on a wilderness experience for people on the ground, but to the extent that these are done safely and not terribly frequently and with due respect to cultural feelings, I feel that option should remain open. When I'm on the ground and see one go overhead I think of the role these machines play in Search and Rescue operations and Flights for Life and that makes me smile. The three trips now I've made to sightsee an area I might not otherwise have gotten to experience (twice in Hawaii and once in New Zealand when I was working there) were amazing. So, I'm not annoyed by their presence. Were I to see one pass by every 15 minutes, at all hours of the day, that would be another thing! So yes, there should be regulation. but not to the extent that all flights would be banned. Nor would I want to see so much curtailment of their activity that they would not be able to operate a profitable business. There is so much you can learn from seeing the park from the air that this option should be kept open. I'm 77, with advancing arthritis, and would like to come back and still be able to take a ride on them when I'm 87!

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Correspondence ID: 1898 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rees, Heidi

Received: Mar,18 2022 18:40:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. This was the absolute highlight of our trip to Hawaii!

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Correspondence ID:	1899	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Puddicombe, Steven D			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:41:01			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I have been an avid visitor and hiker in Haleakala Nat'l Park for 40 years and have camped in the crater more than a dozen times while also visiting the coastal parts of the park as well. I've been down the Kaupo 3 times.

I feel the wilderness nature of the actual crater must be protected from heli tours in absolute terms--no helicopters over the crater!

But even the trails coming out of the crater should be protected from day-long tours, and the rim as well. I would suggest that tours only be allowed for 3 hours per day, say from 1-3 PM on the flanks of the mountain.

When you consider that one helicopter and its occupants' experience demeans that of perhaps hundreds of others from a quiet, nearly mystical experience, and when these same folks can drive to the rim or otherwise hike or travel to many of the beautiful locations, I just can't see the argument in favor of the helicopters.

The last time I was on the Kaupo the helicopters really diminished my experience. They are noisy and disruptive to anyone hiking. I don't think the business of National Parks should be in guaranteeing a few helicopter pilots a living. They can and do go out to other locations where their presence is less obnoxious. Haleakala should preserve the park for nature first, and then the ability of folks to interact in a respectful way. Helicopters, really, should just be banned altogether.

Short of that, please limit their use. 99% of all visitors enjoy the park by hiking or going to the visitor center.

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Correspondence ID:	1900	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Freeman, Randy J			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:44:26			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I visited the Big Island in November of 2021. I have made the trip at least twenty times. Despite so many visits, I had never taken a helicopter tour of any part of the the island. On this last trip, a friend and I booked a tour on Blue Hawaiian Helicopter to tour Hawaii National Park. I cannot convey in words how wonderful was the experience. The staff and crew were excellent but even more important was the sudden new understanding of the island, its ecosystems and incredible volcanic features made possible. The volcanoes on the island are not single entities with solitary impacts on the rest of the island. We learned and saw they are all part of an interconnected system that tells an important tale of north, growth, passage, and legacies that go on impacting the island well even after going dormant for a long time. Due to he grand scale and distances represented by the features, there is no other way to get any true sense of the how big and how connected theses systems are across both time and distance. I thought I knew the island well because I had visited so many times. I know now my understanding of Hawaii was limited but now I have such a keener better understanding and love for Hawaii. My last visit was in 2018 when major portions of the eastern shore of the island was impacted by new fissures and skyrocketing lava as Pele woke from her slumber. We were scheduled to go Volcano House for a multi-day stay but the Park shutdown and the lodge had to cancel reservations for safety reasons. Instead, we sat glued to the television for the rest of the trip watching the unfolding tragedy of neighborhoods lost, lives turned upside down all in contrast to the sheer enormity and incredible force and fantastic beauty that was on display. The entire episode left me feeling I didn't understand the volcano at all. The flight of the volcano and later neighborhoods that were impacted in 2021 was an epiphany. From on high, all the pieces suddenly fit together and, the influences each feature had on the others and the rest of the island and island cultures could be both seen and felt. I walked

away with a sense of awe over how truly unique, special and beautiful was the Big Island and Pele's home. I have been to the park several times going all the way back to 1980. Not once was I ever disturbed by overhead aircraft. In recent years, one could not even get near the caldera due to safety concerns. I can't stress enough if the Park Service really wants people to have a better understanding of the volcanic activity and the island and how these are inseparable and intertwined, people MUST be allowed take this incredible adventure. Of all the silly things we spent money to do on the island in past trips, I would give them all up just to have one single experience of flying over and seeing from above. Awesome, spectacular, humbling, and inspiring of reverence for the island are just some of the emotions I felt. I have had the good fortune to visit many national parks with Yosemite, Death Valley, Zion, and Hawaii Volcanoes Park being my favorite. Each time I visit it is like a visit to the place where God dwells. This flight set Hawaii apart as the experience went even further and was like not just visit but also an introduction and a conversation with the Creator of all this wonder. IN each of those Parks, public education is a foundation stone for the Park Service. I beg please do not take away this experience for others. I am almost seventy and in all these years I have had a few amazing experiences that transcend words and will be with me in my heart and soul until my passing . This being among the top. It would be very sad if these flights were no longer possible for others. In the name of stewardship and education, please do not take this away for future visitors.

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Correspondence ID:	1901	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:45:16
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Correspondence: Aloha!

It was brought to my attention that the National Park Service is considering closing the airspace over

- Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
- Haleakalā National Park

My family and I had the opportunity to see these sights from the air and hear about the Hawaiian history. There was nothing like it!

Please keep the airspace open so future generations can experience this culture!

Thank you for your consideration !

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Correspondence ID:	1902	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Janelle, Greg
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:45:19
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Understanding the air traffic has potential risks, areas of our National Parks are not all accessible, and yet viewing some of the spectacular natural beauty by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the amazing geology of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID:	1903	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	aramburu, rick
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:49:02
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to the Big Island, I support restrictions on flights over the Volcanos Park. The calm and quiet is disrupted by the noise from aircraft. I suggest that, similar to restrictions in the Hells Canyon NRA, certain days of the week be designated as "no motor" days, allowing limited aerial access on other days. Aerial access should be limited to three days a week. Thank you.

Correspondence ID:	1904	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Valente, Jean-Luc G		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:50:10		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	"Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"		
Correspondence ID:	1905	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	CHESNEY, MARY C		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:50:28		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	<p>I understand that the National Park (NP) Service and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have been instructed to develop an air tour management plan to regulate helicopters and fixed wing aircraft flying over national parks. Like many others, I have sought out the NPs for the beauty and wonder of our natural environment. Having the sound of a helicopter or airplane above can be disturbing to those who also seek silence. But for many, seeing the interiors of the parks is only possible if helicopters or fixed wing aircraft are able to fly over the parks. We recently visited again for probably the fourth time, Volcano's National Park on the island of Hawaii. We walked many of the trails, including the Devastation Trail. The trail is about a mile long and for the most part, paved. I observed people in wheelchairs navigating down the trail. However, the last 130 feet, taking the viewer to an area where the lava was easily observable, was impossible for anyone who was unsteady on their feet let alone a wheelchair. For those who can't make the walk and have the financial means, air travel is the only option to see the wonders of this park. The same can be said for many of our incredible NPs.</p> <p>By no means do I want to infer those who want absolute peace from machines and phones should be dismissed but a compromise should be found. The mission of the NP service is "...preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations." The statement implies in the wording "preserves unimpaired. ...for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration ..." that accessibility is a key aspect of the mission of the NP service. The parks are for all. The NP service has made good efforts to make the parks accessible to those with disabilities and this should not be ignored in considering the air tour management plan.</p> <p>I suggest that if the noise of helicopters and planes is irritating for some visitors that there be a range of times during the day for flights (10 AM to 3 PM as an example) and perhaps height restrictions as compromises. Banning flights eliminates the chance for some to ever be able to fully enjoy the parks.</p>		
Correspondence ID:	1906	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Hansen, Jill		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:51:53		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	As a citizen of this country, I feel blessed that I have the opportunity to visit our national parks. One of the ways I've enjoyed the parks is by air. As a matter of fact, the best way to see Volcanoes National Park is by helicopter. I visited last year and was able to fly over the volcano. It was spectacular!! We also drove through the park, but the view from the air was unparalleled. Please don't revoke that method of enjoying the park. It truly was a once in a lifetime experience! Thank you for your consideration, Jill Hansen		
Correspondence ID:	1907	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Siu, Kelly a		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:52:38		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. Namely the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park that are difficult to access by foot and see beautiful views of lava.

Thank you, Kelly

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Correspondence ID:	1908	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:53:58
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations. Let's be honest, there not exactly anyone complaining about noise living next to a volcano!

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Correspondence ID:	1909	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Smith, Justin
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:54:45
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Correspondence: I read recently that NPS is debating shutting down helicopter flights over national parks. I believe this to be a bad idea for multiple reasons:

- some areas of national parks are difficult to get to or see from the ground
- some people are unable to get to parts of parks due to disabilities
- some area of parks are just inaccessible by ground
- some parks are too large to try and see everything in the amount of time a visitor may have
- some things in parks need to be seen from the air in order to fully understand what it is you are seeing
- some areas in parks are not safe to see from the ground (volcanoes for example)

As long as helicopter tours are operated by licensed companies, who follow regulations regarding maintenance & flight safety, there is no reason to ban helicopters from national parks' air space.

Respectfully,  
Justin Smith

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Correspondence ID:	1910	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Deasy, Mark c
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:55:44
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID:	1911	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Tippin, Mark D
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:56:04
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these parks. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open so the people can continue to be able to see these monumental parks.

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Correspondence ID:	1912	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Runkle, Valerie			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 18:59:58			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I was very disappointed to read that there's a possibility that the airspace would close and hinder the future helicopter tours I was looking forward to. One of the most important ones to me and my family is the Haleakala Crater. My husband passed away last year and my sister and I made a trip to the crater in his memory per his request. We talked about going back next year and taking a helicopter tour over the crater, as well as going to the big island and doing the tour over the volcanoes.

It would be so disappointing for me and so many others if this opportunity was no longer available. Seeing Hawaii from helicopter leave you speechless. You get to see so much that you would not be able to see from the ground. Amazing amazing scenery! Please do not close the air space. We have wonderful memories from our tour.

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Correspondence ID:	1913	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Shields, Gayle			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:00:39			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I had the opportunity to fly over the National park in Kauai by helicopter last year in September. I have to tell you it was one of the most moving experiences of my life. I am not as young as I once was and now am unable to hike to see these beautiful treasures. It would be devastating to the people of America if we were not able experience a tour by helicopter over these parks. I strongly ask you NOT to consider closing these parks to air travel. We need to preserve our national parks and the ability to see them by air for generations to come. It would be a huge loss for people not to be able to see this beauty. These parks are being so well preserved for the future, it seems silly to not be able to see them by air as many of these places are only visible and reachable by air.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gayle Shields

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Correspondence ID:	1914	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Shields, Gayle			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:00:39			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Gayle Shields

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Correspondence ID:	1915	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Gavin, Jeremy			

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:01:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please continue to allow helicopters over the national park land. It was so wonderful to experience it and I hope others have the chance.

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Correspondence ID: 1916 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Mon, Manuel J

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:04:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 1917 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Healy, Peggy

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:05:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please know that this trip helicopter trip in Maui was the most healing experience for myself and my daughter.

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Correspondence ID: 1918 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Osborne, Krista

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:05:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The opportunities to view Hawaii through the gifted lens of Blue Hawaiian helicopters and pilots is one that I hope will continue with the pilot awareness and respect of park space and whale space for so many years. I could not imagine losing that opportunity!

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Correspondence ID: 1919 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Osborne, Krista

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:05:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The opportunities to view Hawaii through the gifted lens of Blue Hawaiian helicopters and pilots is one that I hope will continue with the pilot awareness and respect of park space and whale space for so many years. I could not imagine losing that opportunity!

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Correspondence ID: 1920 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Smith, Graham

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:07:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that closing this airspace would be a big step backwards as the significance and vastness as well as the impact of the volcanoes not only on Hawaii, but also the planet cannot be observed and appreciated except from the advantage of an aircraft.



I can not think of anyway except by aircraft that there can be less impact on this amazing geographical phenomena by human observers.

There is nothing like flying over these sights.

Further I cannot see what the purpose or objective would be to close this airspace to general aviation.

Graham Smith

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Correspondence ID:	1921	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Perdue, Erin J			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:09:19			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Keep the sky's open. A true appreciation for the beauty and power of both Haleakala and Hawaii Volcanoes National Parks comes from seeing it from the sky. What a missed opportunity for all of it is closed down and for what reason?

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Correspondence ID:	1922	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Williams, Heather			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:10:44			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: These islands are so gorgeous, but much of its beauty can only be appreciated from the air as much of the National Parks are inaccessible by foot. Also some of our residents and visitors from around the world are mobility impaired and unable to traverse the terrain of the areas that are accessible by foot. Where land vehicles tread and disrupt the land on areas that are drivable, the air tours do not disrupt the land. I kindly ask you to keep the sky's open for future generations and all residents and visitors regardless of their mobility levels.

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Correspondence ID:	1923	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Horton, Kristi			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:11:12			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Due to toxic emissions from the volcano, the only way we got to see many parts of Volcanoes National Park during our last visit was from the air.

For my parents who have disabilities the only way to see Haleakalā was by air. If the airspace over these parks are closed, they would not have been able to see it.

Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID:	1924	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Harley, Tom			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:11:34			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: While staying on the Big Island during our family vacation last summer, we enjoyed a trip aboard Blue Hawaiian Helicopters. This was a high point of our stay in Hawaii, and the experience only heightened our excitement at witnessing from the air - some of the most beautiful sights we could ever imagine! It actually prompted us to plan a drive to see the Volcanoes National Park more closely. This road trip wasn't part of our original plan, but we were so glad we did it, and we learned so much about the things we saw from the air.

Because we just couldn't get enough, we also enjoyed a trip in a Cessna 182 around the island. This was a different experience that I would encourage everyone to try!

I would urge you to please keep the skies open to Air Tour operations in Hawaii. Experiencing the thrills of seeing our National Parks from the air is as much fun (and as valuable) as seeing them from the ground.

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Correspondence ID:	1925	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Longon, Mick			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:13:00			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: The absolute best part, hands down, of our trip to Hawaii was our helicopter ride over the mts. And cliffs and coastline of the big island. Limiting future flights would be a travesty and hurt Hawaii by decreasing tourism dollars. I see no downside to these flights. The volcano "gods" are not being inconvenienced. We need to allow continued flights both for the guests and for our Hawaiian hosts.

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Correspondence ID:	1926	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:17:26			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing the unspoiled and wild spaces from the air gave me an appreciation that I have shared with others. I feel a stronger obligation to preserve these landscapes so that future generations may experience them as I and countless others have without setting foot in and on them. This is the only way to do so and not cut roads into the untouched wonder that is Hawaii at it's wildest.

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Correspondence ID:	1927	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Ott, Heather			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:20:01			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. This unique perspective is a treasured opportunity and may be the only one that those with mobility issues are able to utilize

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Correspondence ID:	1928	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:20:02			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: We love Hawaii and especially love seeing it in its best parts from the sky. We have been twice in the last two years to Maui and Kauai. We did helicopter rides both times with Blue Hawaiian. We would be really upset if we couldn't continue to see Haleakala or Volcanos National Park. We have so many more family members we want to show that to. As well as our kids in the future.

Please continue to allow the public to explore and enjoy all of Hawaii from the sky in helicopters.

Thank you!

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Correspondence ID:	1929	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Monroe, Van S			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:20:27			

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not close the airspace to commercial tours over Volcano's National Park Hawaii or Haleakala National Park, these are some of my best memories in Hawaii. It would be a loss to our citizenship.

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Correspondence ID: 1930 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:20:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

I can't even begin to explain the magnitude of flying over the volcano with my teenage girls. The once in a lifetime opportunity to see the active volcano as well as the lava flow from previous eruptions was once in a lifetime experience for us as a family. You can read about it and see videos about it, but until you can experience it it's not the same. I highly encourage for the parks to keep the air space open at the volcano!

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Correspondence ID: 1931 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: West, Richard

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:21:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 1932 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Chevalier, David J

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:21:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I served on the initial National Parks Overflight Working Group, upon whose recommendation this law is based. The noise abatement plan developed and implemented by the helicopter tour companies, over Haleakala National Park, was the very model upon which the working group had reached consensus and was specifically cited in the initial recommendation to Congress as a model for any ATMP. This noise abatement plan had been accepted by the NPS, signed by then Haleakala park superintendent, Donald Reeser. Operators, for the most part, abide by these noise abatement procedures to this day. This is an excellent compromise between those who don't have the ability or inclination to hike Haleakala park and those healthy individuals who hike to its rugged interior for a wilderness experience.

Similar to the noise abatement plan that'd been developed and implemented for Haleakala, noise abatement procedures were also established for Hawaii Volcanoes National Park with the active involvement of the NPS staff members. Feedback from Volcanoes NPS staff has been ongoing for more than twenty five years to cooperate with enforcement of that agreement, even though the Park superintendents there have declined to sign the mutually agreed Noise abatement plan.

The major noise issues expressed by the public do not come from the parks themselves but rather from noise sensitive areas that are transited enroute to the parks. While the operators must do their utmost to minimize noise impacts over these areas as well, it must be noted that any ATMP is limited to the parks themselves and has no authority to control airspace beyond the parks.

Other than enforcement of any ATMP there is also the issue of overflight fee payment requirements. The NPS takes no responsibility for collection of these fees, nor does the FAA. Payment of overflight fees have been left to the air tour companies themselves for any enforcement. This has obviously led to unfair business practices where

law abiding companies pay the correct amount while many competitors under-report overflights to save themselves millions of dollars, with impunity. Any ATMP should require air tour aircraft to equip with a satellite tracking system which would be coupled with an NPS base to automatically charge and bill the overflight fees to each company. It could also record any infraction of the ATMP airspace restrictions.

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Correspondence ID:	1933	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Takeuchi, Lydia A
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:21:36
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Correspondence: Aloha,

I have been a tour coordinator here on the islands for the past 37yrs.I believe that if you close the air space over these area you are taking away from the residents and visitors of our islands. They will no longer be able to hear the history and see the natural true beauty of these national parks from the sky. I love when my clients come back to my desk to thank me for giving them to ability to see such beauty. I kindly ask you to please keep the skies open so we the Hawaiian people came share this beauty with generations to come,

Mahalo,  
Lydia

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Correspondence ID:	1934	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:21:43
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. This unique perspective is a treasured opportunity and may be the only one that those with mobility issues are able to utiliz

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Correspondence ID:	1935	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Parzych, Jeff
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:22:28
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please continue to allow access to our National Parks by air. One of the most unique features to Haleakala National Park is the ability to see the crater from a birdseye view. We must preserve this option for future generations!

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Correspondence ID:	1936	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Chesler, Angy
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:25:59
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Correspondence: Aloha,

In the last years I have witnessed that the state of Hawaii has restricted tourism in many places at the same time other industries that would have provided our community with well paying jobs have been restricted. We as a community have to make a decision if we ant to promote tourism or other industries. We can't just become an island were wealthy Californian's move to retire and our local community can't afford to live anymore.

Blue Hawaiian Helicopter's has provided great service for many years to thousands of satisfied customer's. The Volcano is the number 1 attraction on the Big Island. Most people come here to see the volcano, It is the biggest

feature we can use to set us apart and compete for tourists with the other islands. Kauai has the beautiful mountains, Maui has beautiful beaches, and we have the volcano. Looking at the age of our visitors, seeing the volcano by Helicopter is a perfect solution for many people. They can see safely the spectacular landscape.

By restricting Helicopter Tours to the Volcano, we not only hurt that part of the tourism industry we hurt all other parts of tourism.

Sincerely Angy Chesler

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Correspondence ID:	1937	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Acebal, Pablo J
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:26:39
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Pease do not limit the airspace over the Hawaii volcanos  
the helicopter experience is a unique and eco friendly way to reach places you can only see this way  
no way of hiking to these amazing destinations  
Pablo Acebal Neurosurgeon Biology Major, scuba diver ocean lover climate conscious american

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Correspondence ID:	1938	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:28:39
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Correspondence: I have vacationed in Hawaii 4 times in the last 8 years. The highlight of my visits have been to Volcanoes National Park both on the ground and through arial tours. My visits on the ground have been eye opening and unforgettable, but the arial tours have given perspective and aw inspiring views that could never be seen from the ground. The continued support of arial tours of Volcanoes and Haleahala National Parks is essential for the full appreciation of these natural wonders.

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Correspondence ID:	1939	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID:	1940	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Lewis, Julie
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Correspondence: My husband and I have enjoyed the helicopter ride over Volcanoes National Park in a Blue Hawaiian helicopter. We are looking forward to another such ride next month and hope to see lava this time. The vantage point from the air is particularly educational and valuable to someone such as myself who has taught earth science to K-12 public school students. I believe in the value of these educational helicopter rides and would urge you to continue to permit the helicopter tour company to continue to operate tours above both Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala on Maui. Thank you

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Correspondence ID:	1941	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My thought on helicopter tour management:

The opportunity to see these unique places by helicopter is priceless. I would not want them stopped. However peace and quiet are also of great value. My recommendation is a time schedule during which they may fly, and quiet times during which they do not.

Some people may never understand these unique places if they cannot fly over them and I believe that is important.

for example, fly on certain days only, or on certain hours only.

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Correspondence ID: 1942 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Coulter, Gary

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:32:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter excursions over Volcano National Park, Grand Canyon, and others is the most inspiring and exiting ways to experience our national treasures. Therefore, I oppose any action to restrict citizens and visitors this opportunity.

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Correspondence ID: 1943 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kahawai, Kelly C

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:33:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in support of people being able to fly over the National Parks and have access to aerial views of the landscapes. I've flown over volcano National park and it was an amazing experience and may be a once in a life time experience for some individuals. I hope you will consider keeping the airspace open and available for aerial helicopter tours.

Mahalo.,

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Correspondence ID: 1944 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rasmussen, Rachel

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:34:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Our time spent with Blue Hawaiian air, flying over the magnificent volcanos, waterfalls, and lush landscape cemented our love for Hawaii. Without the ability to fly in the air space, so much of those otherworldly views would be lost. We can't wait to come back to visit Hawaii and see the sights again. Please do not close the airspace.

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Correspondence ID: 1945 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Mayle, Carolyn

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:35:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, loosing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID:	1946	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Carpenter, John M			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 19:36:29			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: After having taken helicopter on several occasions in the Hawaiian islands, I think it would be a horrible idea to eliminate or severely restrict the airspace over national parks. I personally don't understand the point of limiting flights over NPS parks, including drone flights if those flights are operated in a responsible manner and are not disturbing animals or guests. Actually, a helicopter or other aircraft is less invasive than many

ground-based methods of visiting the parks and allows for a much broader view and better overall experience than hiking or traveling by car alone.

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Correspondence ID: 1947 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Campbell, Kevin S  
Received: Mar,18 2022 19:39:41  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: It would be a terrible mistake to close the airspace over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park. These are national treasures that should be seen from all vantage points, including the skies. Please do not close the airspace.

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Correspondence ID: 1948 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Nitta, David T  
Received: Mar,18 2022 19:42:23  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Aloha,  
National Parks are our greatest treasures. Seeing it by air is an experience that everyone should have. It is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures.  
We kindly ask you to keep the skies open for future generations.  
Mahalo,  
David Nitta

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Correspondence ID: 1949 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Moening, Kelly  
Received: Mar,18 2022 19:43:44  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 1950 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lubbers, Lawrence  
Received: Mar,18 2022 19:45:26  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: We are shocked that you would even think about not letting the helicopters fly over the volcanos. They gave my wife a chance to see this wonderful sight other wise we wouldn't have seen one of Gods miracles. My wife along with a lot of other people cannot walk long enough to make it to a lot of sights. I hope that you keep thing the way they are for other people to enjoy your islands!!

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Correspondence ID: 1951 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lubbers, Lawrence  
Received: Mar,18 2022 19:45:43  
Correspondence Type: Web Form



Correspondence: We are shocked that you would even think about not letting the helicopters fly over the volcanos. They gave my wife a chance to see this wonderful sight other wise we wouldn't have seen one of Gods miracles. My wife along with a lot of other people cannot walk long enough to make it to a lot of sights. I hope that you keep thing the way they are for other people to enjoy your islands!!

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Correspondence ID: 1952 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lubbers, Lawrence  
Received: Mar,18 2022 19:45:44  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We are shocked that you would even think about not letting the helicopters fly over the volcanos. They gave my wife a chance to see this wonderful sight other wise we wouldn't have seen one of Gods miracles. My wife along with a lot of other people cannot walk long enough to make it to a lot of sights. I hope that you keep thing the way they are for other people to enjoy your islands!!

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Correspondence ID: 1953 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,18 2022 19:46:32  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopters tours are the most amazing way to see everything. Most amazing experience

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Correspondence ID: 1954 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Pressel, David  
Received: Mar,18 2022 19:47:53  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Myself and my fiancé toured with blue Hawaiian in April of 2021. Our experience was incredible. It was wildly scenic and immersive, while still being educational and culturally enriching.

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Correspondence ID: 1955 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Ross, Brian S  
Received: Mar,18 2022 19:50:26  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park Should not allow helicopters to fly in the crater. It is intrusive & has a negative impact on the natural character of this sacred space.

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Correspondence ID: 1956 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Ross, Brian S  
Received: Mar,18 2022 19:50:41  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park Should not allow helicopters to fly in the crater. It is intrusive & has a negative impact on the natural character of this sacred space.

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Correspondence ID: 1957 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Held, Ronald L  
Received: Mar,18 2022 19:51:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Viewing active volcano by helicopter was so amazing. National Parks are public places for the people to view and enjoy. How else can you view active lava flows.

Don't take this freedom away. Experiencing this magisty is priceless

Keep air space open for public viewing of the volcano.

Ronald & Cindy Held. (Viewed Sept 2021)

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Correspondence ID: 1958 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rose, Judith A

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:52:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have had the distinct privilege of flying with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters over both Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park. Because of Parkinson's Disease and severe arthritis I can not hike through these areas. The helicopter trip is not invasive and not harmful to the park environment. As a disabled person the loss of these valuable helicopter tours would be devastating.

Please do not discontinue these air space privileges for appropriate companies such as Blue Hawaiian Helicopters.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Judith Rose  
Spokane, WA

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Correspondence ID: 1959 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wilson, Neil B

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:52:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed our 30th Anniversary to Hawaii, and the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park views from a helicopter put the icing on the cake. I can't imagine what our trip would have been without seeing these.

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Correspondence ID: 1960 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:54:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations"

Thank you for your time and support! I have also shared with you the message below that went to all of our guest in the past 12 months.

With Aloha,

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Correspondence ID: 1961 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Clark, Cheryl

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:54:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My husband and I totally enjoyed seeing Kuau from the air. I'm wondering why the government wants to stop views of Hawaii from the air

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Correspondence ID: 1962 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Dalkranian, Nathalie M

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:54:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way to see some of the parks areas that cannot be visited on foot. Some who are unable to walk some of the various terrains have an alternate to see the beauty of national parks. Going on 2 differnt Blue Hawaiian tours was legitimately was 2 of the coolest most amazing experiences of my entire life. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 1963 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: kamalii, boyd

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:55:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: please keep it open for the Hawaiian's

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Correspondence ID: 1964 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kaufmann, Paul T

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:57:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not prevent the wonderful experience on overseeing the topography of Hawaii by helicopter.  
They are non destructive and provide historical memories not possible anyway else to experience the wonders of our volcanoes and coasts of Hawaii. Our grandchildren were amazed!!  
Thank you  
Paul Kaufmann

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Correspondence ID: 1965 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kaufmann, Paul T

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:57:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not prevent the wonderful experience on overseeing the topography of Hawaii by helicopter.  
They are non destructive and provide historical memories not possible anyway else to experience the wonders of our volcanoes and coasts of Hawaii. Our grandchildren were amazed!!  
Thank you  
Paul Kaufmann

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Correspondence ID: 1966 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Mulyck, Jennifer

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:58:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the sky open for tourism. We recently visited Hawaii and there was no other way for me and my family to get to many of the park areas, so we took a helicopter to at least see them, since we couldn't visit them because of covid restrictions. This option for touring seems to be a low impact to environment, and offers another option for those who may have handicaps and special mobility needs.

Please keep the sky open over national parks. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 1967 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bandy, Justin V

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:59:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter tours are one of the best ways to see these national treasures. I think they have the power to inspire visitors to have a deeper appreciation of geology and other science, as well as make them understand the importance of protecting these amazing places.

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Correspondence ID: 1968 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: jozwik, jeremy e

Received: Mar,18 2022 19:59:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

Over the years of touring various countries I have been fortunate enough to see Tokyo, Rio de Janeiro, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, and the big island of Hawaii all from the sky. It is truly the best way to enjoy nature's magistracy. Allowing citizens to take part in commercial aerial tourism enterprises exposes them to the wonders of our national parks while being in a safe and well regulated vehicle.

Please keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 1969 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: LaFiura, Maria

Received: Mar,18 2022 20:01:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keep the air open over Hawaii volcano national park and wherever else you wish to restrict air traffic. The helicopter is a great way to see the Volcano. The ride won't be very good with your proposed restrictions. Don't break it!

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Correspondence ID: 1970 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 20:04:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generation

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Correspondence ID: 1971 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: K, L

Received: Mar,18 2022 20:05:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please allow the skies to be open for future generations!

Allowing aerial tours over our National Parks gives the Public another way of seeing these beautiful locations.

Without an aerial tour option, people would now have to go there on there own.

More people crowding these locations = More people disturbing the AINA.

On a DAILY basis!

Can you say Parking nightmare? Not enough parking at Haleakala already so guess what..... parking illegally on the side of the road leading up to Haleakala Crater! Cars parked haphazardly and left unattended. You can read how much of a nightmare this is on Oahu for residents and visitors wanting to go to the beach....How do you think it'll be for thousands for sunrise, for sunset or even mid-day on beautiful Haleakala everyday? I imagine a traffic nightmare with tourists, locals, small cars, large cars, tour vans, bikes, motorcycles, tour buses, etc.

Imagining the scenario above..... how much worse can an aerial tour be? No passenger is trampling over Silverswords. People on these tours have their cars parking at the Heliport and not adding to the parking/traffic/crowding nightmare. No one trying to sneak outside of viewing areas at Volcano because they want to see the orange glow of lava.

As a local, I myself would splurge on a Helicopter tour for my family if it meant not having to deal with or contribute to the mess on the ground.

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Correspondence ID: 1972 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hopkins, Stacey

Received: Mar,18 2022 20:07:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 1973 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Adoradio, Richard J

Received: Mar,18 2022 20:09:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Blue Hawaiian operates with tremendous respect towards Hawaii - both its natural treasures and rich culture - while also offering both locals and visitors alike a view of the region and an experience of Hawaii's natural beauty unequalled. As areas . I believe that responsible tourism, like the use of high quality helicopters, meticulously maintained, operated and arranged by organizations such as Blue Hawaiian, offers the kind of experience worthy of protecting.

Losing access to the views of Hawaii offered by helicopter tour would have a negative impact on locals who make their living around this and the overall quality of tourism her in Hawaii.

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Correspondence ID: 1974 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 20:14:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

Correspondence ID:	1975	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Mortenson, Pat		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:15:35		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I do not understand why the National Park Service should even consider restricting helicopter trips over Hawaii. Our trip on a Blue Hawaii helicopter was one of the highlights of our vacation (3/5/2022). The pilot spent most of his on-air time describing the history, geography, and volcanic origins of the island. It was truly an educational and emotional experience. What in the world would made the US government shut down helicopter tours? They do no harm to the land. So far as I can see, this investigation is mis-directed (and probably mis-managed).		

Correspondence ID:	1976	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Cohen, Michael B		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:15:46		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.		

Correspondence ID:	1977	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Bailey, Courtney		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:15:53		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way I could see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. Its an amazing experience and would be a shame to prohibit future generations from experiencing it!		

Correspondence ID:	1978	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Belote, Django		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:17:43		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please keep the airspace over the Hawaiian National parks open. Helicopter tours are one of the draws that brought us to Hawaii to visit the parks.		

Correspondence ID:	1979	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	steigelman, alyssa d		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:19:18		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.		

Correspondence ID:	1980	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Toppe, Ardee D		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:21:48		

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I highly object to the idea of not allowing helicopters to fly over and show people the beauties of the National Parks in Hawaii. Although I have hiked through these areas I do not believe we should deny aerial flights for people to enjoy the natural environment.

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Correspondence ID: 1981 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Howard, John J

Received: Mar,18 2022 20:21:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We were privileged to participate in a Helicopter Tour of Hawaii's Big Island recently and would be among Americans that would say "keep it going!" A most educational tool for anyone's children or grandchildren. Makes history come alive and we learned much ourselves that we didn't know. Terrific tour from the "Blue Hawaiian" Company and great/informative guide name "Tashee", he was amazing. Please don't rob future generations of the beautiful experience of Heli-Touring the Hawaiian Islands and other similar properties.

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Correspondence ID: 1982 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 20:25:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 1983 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 20:28:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This was one of the most memorable highlights from our family trip to Hawaii! The educational opportunities of this experience are numerous, and closing the air space above these parks would be a huge loss!

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Correspondence ID: 1984 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 20:31:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NPS has every right to preserve those park. I support NPS plan to close those aerial space. The same protocol should be observed across all national park.

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Correspondence ID: 1985 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,18 2022 20:33:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

Hawaii has so many beautiful sights and wonders that are really inaccessible by land or water. For people who try to access these remote places to see, they are often hurt or worse. To protect sacred areas and still allow both kamaaina and visitors to view and witness the amazing beauty of Hawaii, the air is truly the best way to do this. Viewing the islands from the air leaves no land touched preserving the areas for generations to come. I hope you strongly consider this in your determination.

I've personally met several residents who are physically limited and cannot experience much really of the outside. To give them this opportunity to see the same things I can see from the air, their wonder is really inspiring. I couldn't imagine taking that opportunity away. To limit opportunities seems the very opposite of anything we strive for.

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Correspondence ID:	1986	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Nishi-Bantolina, Erica N			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:37:26			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Being able to fly over the national parks is a once in a life time opportunity. Most locals don't even get this opportunity. Restricting tours from flying will ruin opportunities for a lot of people.

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Correspondence ID:	1987	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:38:20			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I think it would be a travesty to education and understanding of our world to stop any of these flights. They provide such amazing insight and understanding. The pilot that we had was more like a teacher. He had a total love of the island, its flora and fauna and a total respect of it all.

Like most things, management is a much better solution than outright prohibition. With management comes understanding for both parties.

Please think carefully.

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Correspondence ID:	1988	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Robinson, Stan			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:38:43			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha - Thanks for allowing me to comment on tours operating over Haleakala National Park. Haleakala is a sacred place and should be kept as so. Many of us here on Maui recognize it as a sacred place that should be honored. Those who visit by ground should be able to see and experience Haleakala as it is, and not see it as a place for commercialism and exploitation. The loud helicopters interfere with the peoples experience and create noise and visual pollution as a result of them flying so often and so low. This "pollution" pertains to their ascent, descent, and the time spent flying over and through Haleakala National Park. National Parks are for the people, not for the few who can capitalize on it and make lots of money.

Mahalo - Stan Robinson

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Correspondence ID:	1989	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Thommes, Phillip			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:40:21			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			



Correspondence: For many of our residents and visitors there is no better way to see Hawaii's national parks than by air. Closing the airspace above national parks would rob future generations of the opportunity to fully experience them. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for all.

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Correspondence ID:	1990	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:44:52
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Seeing the National Parks by air is the only way for us as visitors to see these sights, and this is the main reason we came as tourists to the island. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID:	1991	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Lundberg, Terri
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:46:51
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Correspondence: This is just awful! I have taken helicopter tours over both Haleakala and Volcanos National Park, and I can resoundingly say I learned far more, and gained much greater appreciation for these Parks through these tours than I ever have visiting these parks on the ground, which I've done numerous times. I categorically would vote for Alternative 1- NO ACTION. Your statements indicate as it stands now, greater than 25,000 flights are allowed per year, but your own data shows flights are under 5,000 in a year. I reject your notion that "natural quiet" is the main reason people visit these locations. That is absolutely false. People visit because they want to see the view and the lands, not because it is quiet. I can understand if there are ceremonies going on at sacred sites, native Hawaiians would like it quiet. The 6 days you outline in Alternative 3 seem reasonable. But please remember, there are sacred sites all over the United States, including churches. No disrespect intended, but everyone else contends with airplane noise during their church services, why are Native Hawaiians exempt? I'm sure accommodations can be made that still allow helicopters but respect days of religious our cultural observances. Regarding the plants and birds, what I read in your literature is that there is speculation that plants and birds are effected, but no studies have been conducted. Perhaps studies should be done, and degree of intrusion/damage determined, before trying to ban flights over these Parks. Please do not close the skies over these parks!!! You would be denying a learning experience that is unparalleled and cannot be duplicated on the ground. You just cannot appreciate or even comprehend the beauty and ruggedness, or even how Native Hawaiians lived on this land without seeing it by air.

Sincerely,

Terri Lundberg

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Correspondence ID:	1992	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Sparks, Jessica
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Correspondence: We hope that you will consider keeping open air space open. Amazing views and the ability to see the volcanoes from above was such an experience I will never forget. Beautiful!

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Correspondence ID:	1993	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Blankers, Tony
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:55:28
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Correspondence: Please allow helicopter tours to continue.

Thanks,

Tony

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Correspondence ID:	1994	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Taylor, Josh L
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 20:57:00
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Correspondence: Don't do away with this !!! My dream was to go to Hawaii and do a helicopter ride to see the beautiful land , and last month I did just that and was the most wonderful experience ever!!!

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Correspondence ID:	1995	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Obrien, Thomas K
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 21:03:35
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Correspondence: I recently had the pleasure of seeing the state parks of hawaii, specifically in kauai, from the air via helicopter. This was the best, and in many ways the only way, for me and the rest of the public to see these wonders. It would be a mistake, and a severe loss, to prevent the public from doing in the future what i had the pleasure to do this recently.

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Correspondence ID:	1996	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	GrIbens, Bruce
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: One of the better ways to visit volcano national Park is by the air. Please allow air tours over the national Park.

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Correspondence ID:	1997	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	GrIbens, Bruce
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 21:06:44
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: One of the better ways to visit volcano national Park is by the air. Please allow air tours over the national Park.

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Correspondence ID:	1998	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	GrIbens, Bruce
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 21:06:45
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: One of the better ways to visit volcano national Park is by the air. Please allow air tours over the national Park.

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Correspondence ID:	1999	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	, Todd
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 21:06:54
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is probably the only way most visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2000 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ellis, Nancy A

Received: Mar,18 2022 21:14:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations" This quote is one that I entirely agree with! I had an amazing experience flying over Kaua'i and our pilot was impressive, not only as an excellent pilot, but her wealth of knowledge, coupled with her genuine love and enthusiasm for Kaua'i. Yes, future generations should not be cheated out an experience like this, on any island in Hawaii that offers this amazing way to view the beauty of the islands.

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Correspondence ID: 2001 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Thorman, Chris

Received: Mar,18 2022 21:16:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hi folks,

Helicopter trips over majestic park areas that are either inaccessible or inaccessible to most people, are an important resource to help people enjoy these magnificent resources. I had the good fortune to bring my elderly parents on an air trip over Volanoes National Park a few years ago. Please don't close the airspace and deny people like my parents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Thanks for being open to public comments!

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Correspondence ID: 2002 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Torres, Alan R

Received: Mar,18 2022 21:21:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I was informed that the National Park Service is considering closing the airspace over some of the most beautiful and difficult to reach national parks.

- Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
- Haleakalā National Park

Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations and not close the airspace over them.

Thank you,  
Alan Torres

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Correspondence ID: 2003 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Baiz, Tammy

Received: Mar,18 2022 21:21:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Flying over the volcano on Hawaii was one of the best and most memorable parts of the trip. It is very important that visitors retain this option for viewing the volcanos. The spewing forth of lava is a relatively rare occurrence so the view from the air is a important way to create understanding and appreciation for this significant geological event. Please keep the skies over the volcano parks open.

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Correspondence ID: 2004 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Spelts, Gayle M  
Received: Mar,18 2022 21:21:54  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing these beautfiul volcanoes and other scenic sites in Hawaii is best done by Helicopter!  
DO NOT CLOSE THIS WOINDERFUL OPTION DOWN!!!

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Correspondence ID: 2005 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: KELLY, JAMES  
Received: Mar,18 2022 21:23:01  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I know that seeing National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. It provides a unique and Majestic perspective even for those who are also able to travel through parks on the ground. I would kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2006 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Cromis, Megan A  
Received: Mar,18 2022 21:30:15  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My experience flying over Hawaii's National Parks was something you only see in movies. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to view something that beautiful. Flying over Hawaii's National Parks gives people a different perspective on the vast natural surroundings Hawaii has to offer which only ends up strengthening our appreciation for the state as a whole. I implore you to keep the skies over Hawaii open for future generations to come.

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Correspondence ID: 2007 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Loro, Anthony  
Received: Mar,18 2022 21:33:01  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to

flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, losing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the national parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID:	2008	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Burke, Beth			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 21:44:23			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please continue to allow helicopter flights over these National parks. It's really the only way some of these most beautiful places in the world can be viewed. Tears came to my eyes witnessing the beauty of the Hawaiian landscape from the air, it touched my soul and was such a beautiful spiritual experience for me and gave me deep gratitude in my heart for God's creations. Please allow people to continue to have the experience I was able to have and will cherish.  
Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	2009	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Gornick, Mike			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 21:44:58			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I would like to share my thoughts on limiting helicopter travel over our National Parks.last November my wife and I hired A helicopter company in Maui to show us the island. It truly was one of the most amazing things we have ever done in our life. The view of the different sections of the island allowed us to really see and better understand the island. Without access to this flight we would have returned home less educated and less thrilled. I feel in my heart that not allowing helicopters to show us the wonders of our national parks limits our ability to enjoy the land our tax dollars fund. Automobiles, snowmobiles, even bicycles have more impact on the parks than a helicopter flying overhead. Helicopter tours provide an experience like none other and allow people who are unable to hike or bike or swim the ability to experience the wonders of our National Parks.

Best regards  
Mike Gornick

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Correspondence ID:	2010	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hannah, Amy G			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 21:46:32			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: My family and I have flown with Blue Hawaiian helicopters over and around Hawai'i island many times. Blue Hawaiian's pilots have always been most conscious of safety on these flights. We have always trusted them to give us a great experience.

Seeing Kilauea volcano and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park from above has always been the highlight of our tours. To experience the majesty of nature at her most powerful is breathtaking. Three generations of the Donald Hannah family have these memories, and I know we all are so grateful for the opportunity to experience these sites. It would be a shame to deprive others of the opportunity.

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Correspondence ID:	2011	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Goff-Williams, Patricia A			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 22:11:56			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha,

Haleakala holds a very special place in my heart and the heart of my family. I have been walking through the Crater for the last 60 years and introduced our family members when they became of age. Kind of a right of passage. Over the years I have seen many changes the Crater, from the impact of animals and the weather to man made intrusions.

Haleakala is a special place of silence in this noisy world. Hikers, like myself would prepare for days long hikes into the wilderness. It required planning food, clothing and all other necessities and take several days of planning. We made a real effort to imbue ourselves in the nature of the Crater.

There was a time in the 70's when helicopter tours would fly in. We would be walking on the trails and every 15-20 minutes a copter would swoop in. The noise reverberating off the Crater walls. This went on all day long. There was no silence, no communing with the environment, no time in nature alone with your thoughts. It was so out of context and so annoying. Finally, someone contacted Patsy Mink, Hawaii's U.S. Senator. Patsy came and observed the situation and went to the helicopter tour companies and said, "either you respect the Crater and all it's cultural significance or we will enact legislation". The noise and the tours stopped thanks to the good sense of the tour companies. From then on we enjoyed our time in nature without commercial businesses capitalizing on a scared place.

Please do not allow any tours to fly over the Crater. This is the one last place on the planet with silence, as it should be. Why should private companies be allowed make money off our last special place on Maui? It takes a lot of effort for people to prepare for this wonderful experience. Please do not let it be ruined. Please ban all air tours over the Crater.

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Correspondence ID:	2012	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Rogers, Larry			
Received:	Mar,18 2022 22:27:21			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, loosing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

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Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID:	2013	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: ,  
Received: Mar,18 2022 22:28:41  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way many residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. Many people have a limited amount of time to visit and would not have the opportunity to even see our National Parks if it weren't for the air tours. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations!

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Correspondence ID: 2014 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Gack, Claudia  
Received: Mar,18 2022 22:28:47  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It would be such a shame if visitors could not get to see the beautiful islands from above anymore. We do enjoyed our flight and really hope other can get to enjoy it after us.

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Correspondence ID: 2015 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Freeman, Joe  
Received: Mar,18 2022 22:30:40  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hawaii is the most beautiful land I have ever experienced, to restrict this work of art would be absolutely disappointing. And a massive blow to Hawaii's tourist based economy. Please allow Hawaiians to further prosper by keeping their tourist industry alive.

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Correspondence ID: 2016 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hamstra, Joe W  
Received: Mar,18 2022 22:31:57  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing the volcano in s non intrusive way like a helicopter is what brought my wife and i to Hawaii. Dont let that go.

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Correspondence ID: 2017 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Kiefer, Steve P  
Received: Mar,18 2022 22:32:48  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. Due to time constraints, limited or no access otherwise it seems to me that the best way to to view these places is by air. No one on the ground to disturb the sites, no one able to go "off" course and get lost or injured. The vantage point from the air and the minimal impact, in my humble opinion, is the best way to do this. It also supports the local economies and promotes employment. I took a flight to tour the Big Island and that was the only reason we stopped there, stayed in a hotel for 2 nights, visited local shops and restaurants. If that tour had not been available we were not making a stop at that island. The infringement upon freedoms of we the people will not be tolerated. We do not live in a zoo, we live on a free planet in the USA. Why this is even being considered is mind boggling and I am 100% against any form of limitation. Please make my comments public, at any time and as many times as you would like. I also carry a national park pass and have been doing so in one form or another for years. Again, the purpose of this and the time and money being spent on the endeavor escape reason.



Correspondence ID:	2018	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Burch, Michael L		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 22:34:47		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I have enjoyed helicopter tours of Haleakala and Hawaii Volcanoes National Parks. Many of the features are inaccessible for us by ground. We marveled at the majesty and scale of the features which were only apparent by air. I kindly ask you to keep the skies open for current and future generations.		

Correspondence ID:	2019	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Holscher, Daniel L		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 22:36:14		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Any plan to limit remote areas of national landmarks, land, and parks by air should not be taken unilaterally. The plan should have suggestions and plans for flight patterns over areas that can not safely or feasibly reached by ground. Removing helicopter tours as an option would further limit peoples with disabilities access to these sites.		

Correspondence ID:	2020	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Wordeman, Matt		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 22:39:21		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	The Friends of Haleakala National Park feel that the most important elements of an Air Tour Management plan are those that limit the visual and audible disturbance caused by Air Tours on all areas of Haleakala National Park and especially on biologically sensitive areas and areas visited by visitors to the Park. It is believed that elements that prohibit any flight within the management area on selected days of each weak, on dates that are culturally sensitive and during time periods each day are important elements to consider for an ATMP. If any flights are allowed, they should have restricted routes that minimize the visual and audible impact in the wilderness areas of the Park. If any flights are allowed, the number of flights on any day should be restricted. .		
We feel that these restrictions are important in order to protect the wilderness and cultural experience that is unique and important to visitors of the Park.			
To better understand the trade-offs, evaluation of ATMP options should include options that completely forbid air tours in the management area and plans that allow some limited overflights in selected routes and times.			

Correspondence ID:	2021	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,Joe		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 22:41:09		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I want to make sure that helicopters are allowed to fly over the volcano so that we can actually see them this is very important for our national parks to allow please make sure you do not stop this from happening in the future		

Correspondence ID:	2022	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Lemieux, Michael C C		
Received:	Mar,18 2022 22:55:46		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		

Correspondence: Helicopter tours should continue as currently scheduled. The excursions are very safe and well Conducted.

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Correspondence ID: 2023 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lemieux, Michael C C

Received: Mar,18 2022 22:55:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter tours should continue as currently scheduled. The excursions are very safe and well Conducted.

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Correspondence ID: 2024 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Laws, Jerry

Received: Mar,18 2022 22:57:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2025 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Daniels, Steven

Received: Mar,18 2022 22:57:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The National Park Service should be focusing on expanding our access to the most beautiful parts of our country rather than limiting it for poorly thought out reasons. This is clearly a push by people who would like to see us all driving electric vehicles while sipping from paper straws. Yet they are the same people who would ruin our horizons with huge ugly wind turbines. Next stop...the moon where they will probably demand that we return every rock to its original resting place, except for those who believe we were never there. Do they sit around and actually try to come up with the most stupid ideas that their pea-sized brains can fart out? What a waste of oxygen...perfectly good oxygen!

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Correspondence ID: 2026 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Morgan III,

Received: Mar,18 2022 22:59:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: One of the most amazing experiences I've had in my life. After wondering, for years, about the opportunity to fly over Hawaii--specifically an active volcano--the decision to do so was a gift. My wife and I were so impressed with the wonderful experience including the views, perspectives, and narration from our careful and respectful pilot. We could not have asked for anything more to inspire us to better understand the history and geography of this very special island.

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Correspondence ID: 2027 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kelly, Phillip W

Received: Mar,18 2022 23:03:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having been on tours by helicopter flying over both Volcano Nat Park and Haleakala Park, I feel that only by flying over these natural wonders can a person truly appreciate their awe-inspiring beauty. Future generations will not have this ability if air traffic over these national parks is limited. Nothing is affected in the park beauty or landscape by flying over it, so I see no reason to restrict it. Allow Hawaii to continue to show off its natural wonders without restricting the air space over the parks

Thank you for your time

Phil Kelly MD

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Correspondence ID:	2028	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	watkins, william t
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Helicopters should only be allowed to operate over national parks as needed to insure disabled people can see the park, if no other less disturbing way exist for them to see it. A rare exception would be when there is no safe way for the average visitor to see a park feature such as a volcano erupting. Otherwise helicopters and other aircraft should be completely banned over all national parks and wilderness areas!!!

Thanks William Watkins

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Correspondence ID:	2029	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Wursten, Sandra D
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 23:13:35
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Visiting Hawaii for the first time at 75, we were amazed at the diversity and beauty of these islands.

One of our treasured memories was a helicopter tour over Volcano National park. I had no idea of the immensity of the volcanos

This can only be appreciated fully from the air. It was definitely a once in a life time experience.

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Correspondence ID:	2030	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Bastow, Jameson T
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 23:21:21
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Close the skies above national parks would be a shame, especially in the Hawaiian islands. Not only would negatively impact the people of Hawaii economically, you eliminate an avenue of awareness for the public surrounding national park land and support.

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Correspondence ID:	2031	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Adams, Jack
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I injoyed very much the helo trip to see the wondering sights from the air. There no other battery way to see the amazing land from the air. It would be a very bad aãd wast to close this air seeing land

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Correspondence ID:	2032	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	, Danielle
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Received:	Mar,18 2022 23:36:11
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have enjoyed visiting these parks from above and recommend to anyone as the best way to experience these treasures. Please do not close the airspace over these parks - it would be a monumental loss in tourism and hinder the ability to truly appreciate the beauty of Hawaii.

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Correspondence ID: 2033 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Anthony

Received: Mar,18 2022 23:51:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2034 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: McPherson, Randolph L

Received: Mar,18 2022 23:52:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the Hawaii national park air space open for public viewing  
Possibly add a surcharge to tickets for funding parks or allow people to use their national park passes

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Correspondence ID: 2035 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: bhuiyan, Mohammad

Received: Mar,18 2022 23:53:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air..... We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2036 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Schmid, Mah

Received: Mar,19 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

We value you as a past customer and want to ensure customers like you have the opportunity to see our islands from above for generations to come! Blue Hawaiian has been focusing on safely sharing the beauty of Hawai'i for the past 37 years and will continue to do so.

Thank you for your time and support!

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Correspondence ID: 2037 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gasker, Paige M

Received: Mar,19 2022 01:09:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2038 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 01:28:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. I believe everyone, especially younger generations, deserves to share/see such beautiful scenery in their lifetime. We kindly ask you to keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2039 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Civelli, Patrizia

Received: Mar,19 2022 01:34:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2040 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Krewitt, Lea H

Received: Mar,19 2022 02:31:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It was an amazing adventure to fly with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters and I won't forget these feelings. So please don't close these airspace!! Otherwise people will never have this experience.

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Correspondence ID: 2041 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Krewitt, Lea H

Received: Mar,19 2022 02:31:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It was an amazing adventure to fly with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters and I won't forget these feelings. So please don't close these airspace!! Otherwise people will never have this experience.

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Correspondence ID: 2042 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hanmore, Julia M

Received: Mar,19 2022 02:45:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Im disabled and being able to see Hawaii by helicopter was incredible for me. By making certain things not accessible seems it is discrimination against us who are disabled.

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Correspondence ID: 2043 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Franco, Robert A

Received: Mar,19 2022 04:10:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please continue to let Blue Hawaiian fly tours over the volcano. My wife and I recently stayed at Volcano house. Our room over looked the crater. Boy did we have a bird's eye view of the volcano from our room. But nothing can compare to the view from above! Wow! Now that's a view! Let's not spoil the excitement for other's to also view the volcano from above. Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 2044 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Peterson, Eric A

Received: Mar,19 2022 04:14:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Being able to see these areas from the air gives you a better appreciation for their amazing natural beauty and how the eco system works. Please keep these areas open for future generations to enjoy

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Correspondence ID: 2045 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Grinstead, Darryl L

Received: Mar,19 2022 04:20:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to express my great concern over the possibility of restricting airspace for helicopter tours in Hawai'i. We just visited 3 islands in Hawai'i in Feb 2022 and the helicopter tour was the primary reason that we even visited Hawai'i. We had heard so much about it and were looking forward to that experience very much. It was a wonderful experience that exceeded our expectations! Blue Hawai'i did a wonderful job and made us all feel very safe. We have plans of returning to Hawai'i in 5 years however if the same helicopter tour is not available, then we will likely select a different location than Hawai'i. Please don't take the helicopter tour experience away from us as this will likely affect Hawai'i's tourism. . . .I know it will affect my decision to not return.

Thank you,  
Darryl Grinstead

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Correspondence ID: 2046 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 04:42:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wonderful experience to see Mother Nature at its best and show children values of preservation, prevention and environmental protection. Best means of exploration as no foot is out where it shouldn't.

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Correspondence ID: 2047 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Noah

Received: Mar,19 2022 04:44:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keep the air open to tours! It promotes healthy engagement in resource management. Don't follow radical environmental agendas that suppress our enjoyment of life.

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Correspondence ID: 2048 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: McDonald, Edwarf J

Received: Mar,19 2022 04:48:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2049 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rowden, Lonny D

Received: Mar,19 2022 04:56:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't restrict the airspace that would preclude helicopter operators from accessing federal land. Their services highlight beautiful locations that would otherwise be inaccessible and they promote the local Hawaiian economy. I haven't seen them do anything that damages the ecosystem under the current parameters and their services actually promote our parks.

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Correspondence ID: 2050 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: toustsik, dzmitriy

Received: Mar,19 2022 05:02:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep all the tours its so magnificent to see park and volcano from the air. Don't deplete children and people to experience such nature wonders! Best memories we had while being on this tour.

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Correspondence ID: 2051 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ward, Bradley

Received: Mar,19 2022 05:02:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We had an opportunity to tour the Hawaiian volcanos by helicopter last year and it was a once in a lifetime opportunity that am so glad we got to do. Allowing safe aircraft like Blue Hawaiian to explore these wonders of the world should be made available to those that want to explore our world. Please do not close this airspace to reputable companies such as Blue Hawaiian Helicopter.

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Correspondence ID: 2052 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Nichols,

Received: Mar,19 2022 05:02:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing the National Parks by air is the way many visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations to enjoy the beauty and magnificence of the islands.

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Correspondence ID: 2053 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 05:15:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing Hawaii from the air is awe inspiring. It is beautiful, peaceful and breathtaking. It is also, the only feasible way to experience parts of Hawaii. State Parks are there to showcase the beauty. If the airspace gets shut down, the beauty will be gone. If nobody can see it, is it beautiful?

Correspondence ID:	2054	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 05:31:27		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations.			
Correspondence ID:	2055	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Remington, Ken		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 05:53:31		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: The respectful and careful way our pilot navigated these ecological sensitive areas was extremely responsible. I can't imagine families not being able to experience this incredible beauty and learn about how they can't into existence.			
Correspondence ID:	2056	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Ratcliff, Talmadge L		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 05:56:41		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations			
Correspondence ID:	2057	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 06:01:14		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: Seeing volcanos national park from the air was an incredible experience, a unique and unparalleled way of experiencing natures beauty. Please preserve this opportunity for those who wish to do continue witness all that nature has to offer.			
Correspondence ID:	2058	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Clem, Kelly		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 06:13:00		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: Blending tourism and deep rooted cultural beliefs is always a difficult proposition. I have experienced both Maui and the Big Island volcanos by air and land for over 30 years now. While the land experience brings us closest to what our ancestors felt and saw the opportunity for seeing the parks by air provides an opportunity to truly understand the magnitude of what has occurred. Much of the parks are inaccessible for all but the few experienced enough to attempt the hikes necessary to reach them and noone can safely peer down into the active calderas of living volcanoes without the use of aircraft. As minimum altitudes have already been established for viewing I have never found the helicopters to be distracting during our visits to the parks. In conversation with the pilots they note that they always try to avoid area of population to minimize the sound complaints. The ability for them to circle and hover so that every view can be enjoyed is unique to the			



helicopter and should continue to be allowed. At very minimum I feel that current standards remain so that all may have the opportunity to continue to experience the majesty of parks in the future as I have.

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Correspondence ID:	2059	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Spross, Thomas N
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Received:	Mar,19 2022 06:21:41
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I support LESS flights until quiet, non-fossil fuel electric air tours are feasible.

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Correspondence ID:	2060	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,19 2022 06:23:30
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: The lot of Kauai is inaccessible by land. Seeing the national parks by air is one of the only ways to see the beauty of Kauai. Generally, seeing national parks by air gives it a whole new perspective that would be sad to lose out on in the future. Please keep the sky's open!

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Correspondence ID:	2061	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Robson, Donald
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Received:	Mar,19 2022 06:25:40
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, loosing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails

that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID:	2062	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Chelf, Winston			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 06:34:11			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Correspondence ID:	2063	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	McLaughlin, Kelly A			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 06:44:33			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: We had the most amazing experience flying in the helicopter over Hawaii. This was the most memorable and impressive opportunity we had of our lives. We will neve forget seeing the landscape from this vantage point . Please the the skies open to allow others this experience We felt extremely safe and comfortable with our pilot. This is a top notch company.

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Correspondence ID:	2064	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Grauer, Steve			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 06:48:38			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Correspondence ID:	2065	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	bodem, William L			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 06:51:51			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID:	2066	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Butkus, Sheila			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 06:55:22			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please be keep the skies of Hawaii open. "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID:	2067	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Garcia, Richard			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 06:58:03			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I richly enjoyed the view from the sky of Hawaii's natural beauty achieved solely by air travel. It would be a shame to deny future Americans of their birthright to see for themselves this National treasure of wonderous mountains, green valleys and sea landscapes that can only be achieved through this mode of observation. I implore you not to prohibit this method of appreciation of God's handiwork.

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Correspondence ID: 2068 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Foltz, David E  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:04:08  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I understand that one of the options being considered is to close the airspace over the National Parks in Hawaii. I know there is always a balance between figuring out what uses should be allowed in order to protect the pristine condition of the Parks while still allowing people to experience the Parks. In my opinion, a helicopter tour gives a wonderful perspective and is really the only way many citizens can experience much of the Parks. I'm opposed to the skies being closed over the Parks. Some control or regulation certainly makes sense but closing the skies is overkill in my opinion. Thank you for allowing feedback on the issue.

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Correspondence ID: 2069 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Corfey, Anna D  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:05:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Do not close the airspace above the Hawaii national parks!!! My son and I did the helicopter tour of the park and there would be no way for us to experience such an amazing view without having done the helicopter tour. Those parks deserve to be seen as much as possible and by closing the air space your limiting access to thousands and thousands of people who would otherwise not be able to see the parks in this manner. And I can only imagine how many people who don't have ability to hike to see these places that come to Hawaii and they can only do it via helicopter tour. You'd be doing a disservice to the public by closing down the airspace. I plan on going back to Hawaii to visit both parks again and when I do I absolutely plan on doing another helicopter tour because it was just that amazing! My 10-year-old son and I have now done 39 parks so we are very familiar with the National Park system. I think both of the Hawaiian parks deserve to be seen via air.

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Correspondence ID: 2070 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:08:03  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am a disabled senior veteran and the best way that I have been able to see the national parks in Hawai'i and the Grand canyon has been by air. These experiences greatly enriched my life. I sincerely hope that you will keep the airspace open to ensure that others can continue to appreciate our magnificent country.

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Correspondence ID: 2071 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Nibbana, Charlie  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:08:48  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2072 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Norris, Elise  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:11:40  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: You can't close the air space over Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park! Being able to fly over and see these magnificent parks from the air is absolutely breathtaking and was one of my favorite experiences when visiting the Big Island. Restricting this air space will hurt your tourism industry and will rob future guests of the ability to view your natural wonders from their most beautiful vantage point!

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Correspondence ID: 2073 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:12:13  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The experience of flying over these Hawaiian sites is something you could never duplicate on land! To learn the history, being educated while flying over Hawaii is something we will always treasure, to take that away from others would be a real shame. We learned so much about the Hawaii culture, which gave us a better understanding and we will always remember for all our Hawaiian visits, visits that we cherish every time. Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 2074 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Olsen, Jeff  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:13:22  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2075 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Volz, Carl W  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:15:22  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the sky's open all in Hawaii

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Correspondence ID: 2076 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Erdtmann, Mark  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:18:02  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been to Hawaii many times and helicopter flights over the National Parks have always been a highlight. It is difficult to fully comprehend the scale and beauty from the ground especially for older and less physically fit people who cannot hike. The flights help to show the need to preserve the environment. It would be a major loss if this was taken away.

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Correspondence ID: 2077 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Thomas, Elizabeth  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:23:26  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep Air space over national park open

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Correspondence ID: 2078 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Colson, Robert L  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:32:15  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing the National Parks by air, is the only way most visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2079 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Downing, Bryan A  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:33:19  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I don't want the airspace removed from these iconic locations in Hawaii. These are beautiful and should be allowed to be seen from the air. Please don't remove them.

Thank you,  
Bryan Downing

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Correspondence ID: 2080 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Bossert, Laura  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:41:38  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please leave the airspace over National Parks open. This is the only way to view a lot of these parks and their beauty! Having flown over Hawaii Volcanoes National Park twice, I can tell you that was an experience of a lifetime. Please don't take this away!!! This airspace is already regulated by the number of aircraft that can be in the air at a time, isn't that enough?

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Correspondence ID: 2081 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Stephenson, Dave  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:57:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My family and I strongly support continued access to the Hawaiian national parks via air. Planes and helicopters provide access to the park that could never occur otherwise. It is the only way many visitors could see the park. And it is the only way to truly experience the size, scale and details of the volcanos. Our day visiting the park via Blue Hawaiian helicopters is one my family will never forget. It is a unique perspective that can only be gained from the air. Please continue to enable access from the air.

Regards. Dave Stephenson. Seattle, WA

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Correspondence ID: 2082 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Sanders, Steven L  
Received: Mar,19 2022 07:58:59  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Congress mandate for the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Park Service to establish an Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) protecting national landmarks.

Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way many Americans and visitors, from around the world, can see the beauty and majestic expansiveness of these national treasures. I kindly ask you keep the air space open for future generations. If you must establish a lottery system to regulate sight-seeking tours provided by private sector companies, ensure that the process is well defined and not subject to political influence. The private sector should be able to compete on a level playing field.

If the National Parks air space must be closed, I expect the National Park Service to post competitive requests for proposals, so that the private sector tour operators can compete for a government contract to prove the sight seeing services.

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Correspondence ID: 2083 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,19 2022 08:07:10  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: It would be a travesty to close off airspace over some of the most beautiful aspects of Maui. People travel to your island to take in these sights and denying them that right is not fair and should not be allowed. We hope you adjust your position on this and continue to allow visitors to take in these beautiful views.

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Correspondence ID: 2084 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,19 2022 08:07:23  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Touring the island by helicopter was fun, informative, gave me tons of ideas where I wanted to go while I was on the island. This was one of my favorite experiences while I visited Oahu. I can't wait to come back and hopefully do it again!

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Correspondence ID: 2085 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,19 2022 08:07:23  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Touring the island by helicopter was fun, informative, gave me tons of ideas where I wanted to go while I was on the island. This was one of my favorite experiences while I visited Oahu. I can't wait to come back and hopefully do it again!

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Correspondence ID: 2086 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Foster, John  
Received: Mar,19 2022 08:13:25  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: One of the best parts of our trips to Hawaii is to be able to see the amazing scenes of the Big Island from the air. We have taken several helicopter flights in the past there, and would be very disappointed if the airspace over the national parks was closed to helicopter traffic. I understand regulating hours and flight paths, but please do not close the entire airspace. The area is a national treasure which we all get to experience through these flights. Thanks very much.

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Correspondence ID: 2087 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Peluso, Julie  
Received: Mar,19 2022 08:17:13



Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello. I am horrified to hear that the NPS is considering closing the airspace above Haleakala and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. My husband and I toured Volcanoes National Park with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters, and the experience greatly grew our appreciation of national parks and our commitment to the planet. By no longer allowing tourists to see these natural wonders, the NPS is going against their core value of enlightening the population of the world's natural beauty. The consequences of restricting access could severely limit conservation efforts and further damage our planet. Please reconsider this decision and allow others to gain a better appreciation for the planet and join in the effort to limit climate change.

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Correspondence ID: 2088 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Husted, Bob

Received: Mar,19 2022 08:26:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We had a wonderful helicopter trip over the Kauai Island. It allowed us to see parts of the island that are very difficult to access by foot or car. It seems to me a helicopter tour has much less impact on the beauty of the island when compared to hiking and driving. It would be a shame to see this opportunity lost.

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Correspondence ID: 2089 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Patterson, Joyce

Received: Mar,19 2022 08:27:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I thoroughly enjoyed my beautiful tour in the helicopter. I felt very safe. I did not feel the skies were crowded. That being said, I also have an airline background and if the air traffic controllers have a lot of air space to manage then I can see why the situation should be addressed but the solution is not to to inhibit the opportunity to see the beautiful scenery God made for us.

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Correspondence ID: 2090 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Snow, Matthew B

Received: Mar,19 2022 08:29:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is a great way for families to witness the full beauty of our country, and it's national parks. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2091 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pomeroy, George M

Received: Mar,19 2022 08:30:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing the National Park and volcano on the Big Island by air was one of the most memorable experiences for my wife and me. It is the only way most of the residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2092 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: katerberg, Jack

Received: Mar,19 2022 08:31:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: wonderful experience . do not close the tours

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Correspondence ID: 2093 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: katerberg, Jack

Received: Mar,19 2022 08:31:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: wonderful experience . do not close the tours

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Correspondence ID: 2094 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Job, Jack L

Received: Mar,19 2022 08:31:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Over the last few years my wife and I have discovered how fantastic it is to see the islands from the air. These islands are just to rugged to be appreciated from the ground level. Ceasing helicopter flights for tourism would deprive people of a truly awesome experience.

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Correspondence ID: 2095 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Job, Jack L

Received: Mar,19 2022 08:31:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Over the last few years my wife and I have discovered how fantastic it is to see the islands from the air. These islands are just to rugged to be appreciated from the ground level. Ceasing helicopter flights for tourism would deprive people of a truly awesome experience.

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Correspondence ID: 2096 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: DALEY, GARY D

Received: Mar,19 2022 08:33:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We were recently able to enjoy a phenomenal helicopter tour of a couple of our National Parks in Hawaii. As my wife and I are getting up in years, this would have been to only way for us to experience the beauty of these parks. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2097 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Darsch, Lisa A

Received: Mar,19 2022 08:34:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a teacher I am acutely aware of experiential learning and the use of the big picture. Air coverage of the volcanos is one way we can quickly and easily articulate the vast riches of this planet. Restriction to airspace is unnecessary and would detract from the learning experiences of the young and the adult populations. In a shrot and safe 50 min ride you gain days worth of knowledge and see the action for yourself. I do not support restriction of airspace over national parks.

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Correspondence ID: 2098 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Camey  
Received: Mar,19 2022 08:42:11  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel that the airspace over our national parks should be available to everyone. I do not believe that you should remove the ability of helicopters to fly in these spaces. While I do understand the air from the rotors may cause a slight wind erosion, it is nothing compared to the actual wind that flo's in these spaces this would significantly decrease the company's ability 2 earn a living by the main means of Tourism.

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Correspondence ID: 2099 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: McKenna, Jeanne  
Received: Mar,19 2022 08:43:24  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please reconsider your proposal of eliminating the helicopter tours to the Hawaiian Volcano's and Haleaka.

Viewing these locations was a highlight of my trips and based on my age and physical abilities it would not have been possible to see otherwise. This was a lifetime event for me!

All flights taken with Blue Hawaii were respectful of the land and discussed the preservation of the beautify islands of Hawaii. Blue Hawaii was always respectful with the weather conditions and cancelled and rescheduled one of my flights due to safety concerns. This is such a beautiful and memorable excursion to a spectacular view, please allow the tours to continue.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Jeanne Mckenna  
Maine

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Correspondence ID: 2100 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Slader, Doug H  
Received: Mar,19 2022 08:49:11  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My wife and I have seen the National Parks in Hawaii and elsewhere from the air and it is amazing! We love hiking but would never be able to consider covering the terrain that we were able to see from the air. We ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2101 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: CUPP, KIRK J  
Received: Mar,19 2022 08:53:03  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We visited Hawaii last year and took a helicopter ride over Kauai and Maui. Seeing our National Parks by air was perhaps the highlight of our trip. I appreciate unspoiled landscapes and am often disappointed to see them blighted by billboards, roadways, development, etc.. However, I can say at no time did the helicopter traffic we could see from the ground during our visit seem obtrusive. There also seemed to be a good balance between competition for aerial tours, keeping prices reasonable, and the number of aircraft visible to those below at any one time. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2102 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,19 2022 08:54:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the sky's open. Seeing the National Parks by air, is how visitors and residents can experience Hawaii in such a beautiful, fun and safe way. Being able to experience and seeing the parks by air is definitely an experience to remember and want to share with love ones and friends. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2103 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Neeb, Mark

Received: Mar,19 2022 08:54:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why would you terminate tourist flights over national parks? Take Volcano's National Park for example: There is little wild life and no homeowners to irritate with the noise. I've seen these sites from the air and they are spectacular. These experiences are exhilarating and educational. Generally speaking our govt is well-intentioned with their ideas IMO but often miss the mark. Please don't close the air space over these spectacular natural phenomena.

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Correspondence ID: 2104 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Green, Jenifer E

Received: Mar,19 2022 08:55:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The possibility of closing airspace is ridiculous! Having experienced the awe-inspiring scenery of Hawaii which would otherwise be inaccessible would severely impact tourism and the economy and livelihood of the providers of these stunning tours. It's an experience that doesn't impact the land and enhances appreciation of the natural world.

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Correspondence ID: 2105 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gilmurray, Susan G

Received: Mar,19 2022 08:56:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We have traveled to many main land national parks and entered via car or bus. However, in Hawaii, a helicopter is the best and sometimes only way for a senior citizen to get a glimpse of this natural beauty. Blue Hawaiian made our 50th anniversary so special. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2106 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Dexter, Tom

Received: Mar,19 2022 09:00:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The ability to visit these natural beauties from the sky's should never be banned...it is a honor and leaves these sites untouched by human hands to keep them in a natural state...

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Correspondence ID: 2107 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Broome, Sharon

Received: Mar,19 2022 09:00:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We took my 70+ year old parents to Hawaii last summer. They would have not been able to see inside a volcano without the wonderful helicopter ride that we took. It was a wonderful experience that we all had and seemed safer than trying to climb to the top of a volcano for us in our upper 40's. I hope that you will not eliminate the helicopter fly overs. Also, we went to Volcano National Park and if there were any flyover those days, I do not remember. Thus they didn't take away from our experience at the park.

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Correspondence ID:	2108	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Swaldo, Scott A
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Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:06:17
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: We had the most amazing seeing seeing our National Parks by air. You cannot fully appreciate the beauty and grandeur of the national treasures without being in the air. e kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID:	2109	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Blair, Kelvin
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Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:09:32
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I understand you are considering limiting the ability of people to see the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

and Haleakalā National Park by air. From 2 perspectives I can tell you why I think this is wrong.

1. In my younger days I did a lot of hiking, but hiking and climbing in an area never gave you the perspective you received by taking helicopter (or small plane) tour of the area. This was especially true if you were visiting the area and had limited time. If you are on a week vacation you may not have the time to devote 1 or more days to hiking in a specific area.

2. More importantly I am now older. My wife and I both have physical limitations that limit us to walking on relatively smooth surfaces for a limited distance. There is no way for us to explore or see any part of these areas which are not accessible by road. At this point in my life (and may others) the only way we can really see these areas is to take a helicopter tour. I and many others will be disappointed if you overly restrict this activity.

This said I do understand the need to control some aspects of a helicopters activities while on a tour. However to kill the ability of people to tour these areas by air does not seem reasonable.

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Correspondence ID:	2110	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Gadbois-Vail, Christy
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Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:09:56
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most visitors from around the world can see the beauty of our national treasures treasures. I kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID:	2111	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Rathod, Dinubhai N
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Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:12:00
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: National Park Service:

We find bit unsettling that NPS may be considering suspension of Helicopter Tour flights at Volcano National Park in Big Island. We recently visited Hawaii and fulfilled our life long desire to see Volcano activity.. We felt lucky that Blue Hawaiian Helicopter tour provided that as a safe option. Our pilot was knowledgeable and provided very useful information to all 6 passengers. Once in a life time experience.

Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

With proper safety regulations and oversight, this activity can continue and provide visitors an opportunity to observe volcano from a safe distance by helicopter.

Regards,

Dinubhai Rathod  
Cell tel: 202-420-0932

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Correspondence ID:	2112	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Baker, Malia C			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:16:37			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: My Husband and I have enjoyed the inspirational and Educational Helicopter Flight Tours provided by Blue Hawaiian. We've traveled across every Island with Blue Hawaiian and feel it would be a loss to Visitors and Locals to not be able to see these otherwise inaccessible vistas as only helicopter travel can provide. Please don't take this valuable opportunity away.

Respectfully,  
Malia Baker

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Correspondence ID:	2113	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Jones, Milena			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:18:05			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID:	2114	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Jones, Milena			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:18:05			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID:	2115	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Frazier, James			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:19:36			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: No helicopters in or near Haleakala National Park! We are frequent hikers in the crater over the last 10 years. The silence and tranquility of the crater are very unpleasantly interrupted by helicopters flying outside the crater rim. Please protect the unique peace and quiet of this wilderness. Thank you.

Correspondence ID:	2116	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Ghai, Navdip		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:29:16		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Please keep the airspace open above national treasures that Hawaii offers. The beauty of the area needs to be accessible for it to be enjoyed.		
Correspondence ID:	2117	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Crane, Michelle R		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:31:39		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Never close the sky. The air is the only way to see some of God's greatest creations. Those who cannot hike or have disabilities use the air to see what others enjoy by hiking and walking. This last trip to Hawaii, my boys got to see the Island of O'ahu from the air. It was a great experience because there were items we would not have seen because they are not accessible from the ground. Give you an example, waterfall's!! We got to see 2 waterfalls that you are not allowed to hike to anymore. Lighthouses! There are 2 that the most beautiful view is from the ocean looking back on to the land. Watching the water crash into the rocks from out there is so peaceful and the pictures I took from up there are AWSOME! Please, Please don't close the sky. Keep it open for people to see God's beautiful creations and change their lives forever.		
Correspondence ID:	2118	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Sanders, Donald		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:35:03		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Closing the skies over the volcanoes will increase illegal hiking into the area. I take a helicopter flight every time I come to Hawaii, it would deter my trips if the skies are closed. In fact, I plan a trip whenever there is significant activity. Closing the skies will hurt the economy and rob some people of a once in a lifetime chance to see such an amazing natural event. Please don't close the skies.		
Correspondence ID:	2119	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Usher, Sallie M		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:35:25		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Don't ruin a good thing with too much government oversight!		
Correspondence ID:	2120	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Usher, Sallie M		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:35:25		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Don't ruin a good thing with too much government oversight!		
Correspondence ID:	2121	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Elenbaas, Ron		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 09:43:43		

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank-you for the opportunity to comment...we are frequent users of helicopter tours to share the magic of the Big Island. Operations have always been respectful, safe and professional. I am not aware of any problem caused by this. Sometimes problems are exaggerated and amplified to serve some other agenda. These tours are a key element of the Hawaiian experience. Thank-you,

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Correspondence ID: 2122 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Schoess, Stephan

Received: Mar,19 2022 09:44:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2123 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Denton, Patrick I

Received: Mar,19 2022 09:48:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. Please don't limit those that are older or might have disabilities from seeing our national parks.

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Correspondence ID: 2124 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 09:53:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The Helicopter flight was a really great way to learn so much about Hawaii and it would be foolish to take that away from future visitors. It's one of the key reasons we would consider going back to the islands.

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Correspondence ID: 2125 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 09:54:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2126 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Butz, Loren O

Received: Mar,19 2022 09:55:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Our excursion over the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on the big island of Hawaii was so important for grasping the size and scope of the eruptions. Seeing into the caldron of the volcano with its varied colors and hot steamy sulfurous gases rising from the vents along the path to the ocean would be unavailable to us without the ability to view from the air.



We walked on several paths and trails within the park, but my wife's back problems would preclude strenuous hikes of several miles to view the animals, plants, and volcano. The helicopter ride on a different day supplemented our 2-day on the ground visit to the park.  
Please continue the awe-inspiring flights within the national parks.

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Correspondence ID: 2127 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 10:01:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2128 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Stater, Catherine

Received: Mar,19 2022 10:09:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, please do not allow helicopter tours over Haleakala Crater! I visit Maui often and love to come to the Crater and enjoy the serene silence and the Crater's awesome presence. There is no place like it! It is a joy to hike into the crater, even a relatively short distance and experience the other-worldly presence of peace and beauty and stillness.

I live in Sedona, Arizona and I have seen how low flying planes and helicopters change the wilderness hiking experience. Even the Grand Canyon is desecrated by noise from helicopters. Please keep the sacred space of Haleakala free from helicopters!

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Correspondence ID: 2129 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Montague, Robert D

Received: Mar,19 2022 10:11:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

thank you

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Correspondence ID: 2130 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Townsend, Daniel W

Received: Mar,19 2022 10:11:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I've been fortunate enough in the last few years to have taken two helicopter flights in the Hawaiian Islands. The first one was with MAGNUM that took us around the island of Oahu. More recently, we flew with BLUE HAWAIIAN out of Kona, allowing us to view the Kilauea caldera from 2500' and the stunning Hamakua northern coastline on the Big Island of Hawaii. To this day, my friends and I are STILL talking about what we were able to see from the vantage point afforded by the tour flights. Our pilots were informative and the views unforgettable. I highly recommend, while considering the options as to legislation, that each and everyone one of you take a tour before you cast a vote.

Thank you for your time,  
Dan Townsend  
San Dimas, CA.

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Correspondence ID: 2131 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 10:13:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having taken a helicopter tour over two Hawaiian Islands, which was the experience of a lifetime, I was saddened to learn that the National Park Service is considering closing airspace over at least two Hawaiian National Parks. I don't understand why because the helicopters already weren't allowed to get that close. Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. My family and I respectfully ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2132 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Strous, Stephen

Received: Mar,19 2022 10:18:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hi have been informed that congress is trying to mandate a no fly zone over National Parks . I find that totally ridiculous. I am older person that could never enjoy the beautiful parks in some of these areas without doing it by Helicopter tours . I have done several of these type tours all over they are safe and fun and show u all the beauty of our country. Please rethink this . Thanks Steve and Joyce .

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Correspondence ID: 2133 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Milam, Joel S

Received: Mar,19 2022 10:25:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why would you even consider closing the air space above any national park? This is public property and as such we the PEOPLE should be able to view these wonders in the safest and easiest way we can !!!! As a person of some age the beauty of many of the National parks is off limits to me. I am not able to see these wonders as a hiker, back packer, horse rider or other less mobile methods. Please do not close this opportunity off to so many others.

Sincerely,

Joel Scott Milam  
304 727 5209  
1335 Vorpe Road  
Saint Albans, WV 25177

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Correspondence ID: 2134 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Backes, Leon J

Received: Mar,19 2022 10:30:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We have visited Hawaii several times and one of our favorite things is to take a helicopter tour of the islands. I have recently learned that there is consideration of closing the airspace above national parks. I am opposed to this as it is a great way to experience the natural beauty of the islands. It would be a shame to not allow the public to experience this.

Correspondence ID:	2135	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	O'Dell, Glenn		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 10:31:55		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.			
I be personally enjoyed seeing volcanoes National park via helicopter. I hope to see the Grand Canyon that way.			
Please do not close the airspace over our national as l parks.			

Correspondence ID:	2136	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	O'Dell, Glenn		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 10:31:56		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.			
I be personally enjoyed seeing volcanoes National park via helicopter. I hope to see the Grand Canyon that way.			
Please do not close the airspace over our national as l parks.			

Correspondence ID:	2137	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Fram, Kathleen A		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 10:32:31		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: Last year we had the once in a lifetime experience of experiencing the helicopter ride over Kauai. It was the highlight of our trip. If this opportunity wasn't available to us we would have missed seeing the beauty Hawaii has to offer. We are an older couple and would not be able to hike into the areas that we saw. Keep the air space open over Hawaii and her islands.			

Correspondence ID:	2138	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Schroeder, Norman C		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 10:32:50		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is a great way for people who do not have the ability or desire to explore the parks by hiking, rock climbing, etc. Even driving has limited views and gets dangerous because people are looking while driving. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"			

Correspondence ID:	2139	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	stecker, carl		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 10:38:09		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: We have taken several Island tours with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters over the years and it's the only way to see the unpopulated beauty of the Islands without disturbing the eco system or the wildlife. Frankly			

the thought of closing the air space would be disruptive to both and would just lead people to do exactly what they are trying to avoid. Not a good idea and boarder line stupid at best. Carl

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Correspondence ID: 2140 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Palumbo, Frank C  
Received: Mar,19 2022 10:41:54  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Seeing both of these historic Hawaiian National Parks from the air was the highlight of each of the trips to Hawaii during which I saw them by Helicopter. Please don't deny future travelers to these Islands this life long memory.

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Correspondence ID: 2141 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Weiner, Robert J  
Received: Mar,19 2022 10:43:37  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I support professional helicopter tour companies right to fly over all of the Hawaiian Islands including over the proposed restricted spaces over the National Parks. The tour we took was an unmatched experience that enhances our enjoyment of these magnificent places. It supports environmental awareness that is so important today.

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Correspondence ID: 2142 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Blom, Sam  
Received: Mar,19 2022 10:51:59  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please consider what will be lost by closing the airspace over the national parks in Hawaii. There is nothing like seeing those amazing places from the air. If they are closed, future generations and visitors will miss out on the incredible gift of seeing one of the most unique places in the world.

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Correspondence ID: 2143 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hallas, Nick  
Received: Mar,19 2022 11:04:12  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2144 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: VELAZQUEZ, CARMEN G  
Received: Mar,19 2022 11:08:27  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Let us see the beauty of your treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for us and future generations. That helicopter ride was the highlight of our vacation.

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Correspondence ID: 2145 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Ross, Malcolm P  
Received: Mar,19 2022 11:09:14

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: My wife and I visited Maui recently and flew with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters. We had a wonderful flight and we're able to view two of the islands quite extensively. Our pilot was very knowledgeable about the islands and gave us a wonderful tour with a great commentary about the geography.

I am shocked to hear that the Congress wants to limit flights over National Parks. These flights allow access to areas that cannot be viewed any other way. There is less impact ecologically than hikers or campers would cause. They also allow seniors and the handicapped the opportunity to enjoy our parks. There must be something more important for our representatives to focus their time on than trying to fix a system that isn't broken.

Thank you again for our wonderful trip with Blue Hawaiian.

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Correspondence ID: 2146 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Adams, Sharon

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:14:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of us and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. Many of us are physically unable to navigate these Parks. Plus there is definitely a viewpoint from the air that allows me to appreciate the beauty of the parks. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2147 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Thompson, Judy I

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:16:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

As one of our nation's senior citizens, I have had a lifetime of opportunities to experience the USA's wonderful outdoor spaces - the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Great National Sand Dune, Smoky Mountains, Everglades - the list could go on and on.

This winter I had the opportunity to heli around the Kauai island in Hawaii with my family and see from a bird's eye view the beauties of that island. I sincerely hope you will not close the skies over Haleakala National Park on Maui and Volcanoes National Park on the Big Island. These offer unique perspectives that need to continue to be options for those of us who love to see nature in all her glory. I myself have both on my list of places yet to see!

Thank you for your consideration.

Judy I. Thompson

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Correspondence ID: 2148 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: WILSON, ANDREW

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:24:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The ability to see our national parks from the air allows more folks the opportunity to view and experience remote and inaccessible areas, particularly older folks and the handicapped. While air traffic should be managed in a sensible way to limit adverse impacts on ground visitors, helicopter tours and small plane flights open the vastness of many of our parks and provide a unique perspective on the terrain and diversity of our natural areas that can't be experienced any other way.

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Correspondence ID: 2149 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gregg, James M

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:27:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

We firmly believe that providing a helicopter service for visitors is very important to Hawaii. It is by far the most efficient means of seeing all that your beautiful islands have to offer.

If you reduce or remove the ability to see the island by helicopter, there should be plans to widen highways and increase visitor bus traffic, since this will be the only other way to see your beautiful sites.

Sincerely,

James and Emily Gregg  
315-391-3151

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Correspondence ID: 2150 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Steele, Al

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:28:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In October of 2021, my wife and I flew over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park with Blue Hawaiian helicopters. We booked this trip because we wanted to get a perspective of the park and to see the volcano erupting. We also spent time hiking and driving through the Park. The helicopter flight provided insights and education that were different than what we saw from the ground. We support the continuation of flights over the Park.

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Correspondence ID: 2151 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: straube, Jim

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:28:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, losing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID:	2152	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 11:28:30			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I recently vacationed in Honolulu for nearly three weeks. My purpose was to get reconnected with &quot;mother earth&quot; and identify a higher connection with self. This was truly a selfcare trip. I participated with lots of different ways to connect and appreciate her natural beauty, guided tour through the rain forest, sunrise/sunset meditation on the beach, botanical gardens, and so much more. I needed to take the experience back with me. I also took a helicopter ride over the island of Oahu, with Blue Hawaiian Helicopter. As they are known for their safety measures and trainings. I wanted to witness all the beauty and splendor that mother earth has to offer. After all, I have never even thought of taking a helicopter ride over anything. In fact, I have a fear of flying. However, I wanted to be more humbled and appreciative of her beauty. Knowing, this trip was purposeful, I eagerly got on the helicopter and it was the most humbling, one with mother earth experience. Breathtaking views, amazing feeling of appreciation, as I would never be able to experience this for myself. I did not want to just watch it on television or see it through someone else's experience. It was liberating, life changing. I accomplished the feeling of belonging, serenity and a true connection to my purpose for being born. I would compare it to the feeling of accomplishment after giving birth to your child. It is completely different than, adopting or fostering a baby. I know its not taught in schools or even college, but everyone should be able to experience a ride in a helicopter.

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Correspondence ID:	2153	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Doherty, Anita D			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 11:34:18			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not close the airspace over Hawaii's Volcano National Park. I visited in September and this is one of the fondest memories I have of our trip. It would be so sad to not make this available to others!

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Correspondence ID:	2154	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:35:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Pls do not allow helicopter tours of Haleakala. It is such a special place. These tours would ruin it.

Laura

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Correspondence ID: 2155 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Behm, Robert M

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:35:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please continue to allow helicopters to fly over the parks in Hawaii where the untouched wilderness can be viewed from the sky. These views are not available by any other means since there are usually no roads into these areas. Otherwise I fear that people will build more trails and roads into these areas, spoiling the habitats of wildlife, change the climate through deforestation from development and increase the potential for fires.

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Correspondence ID: 2156 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: O'Connor, Kathy

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:35:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2157 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Heimlich, Paul M

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:36:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider the American public as you review a decision to close the air space over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park. We the people have limited opportunity to see the beautiful regions of our nation such as these. This will completely close off the ability of those not able to walk or maneuver off paved roads. And this further causes fear that you will either close off walking, hiking areas or create concrete pathways which will further destroy our land.

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Correspondence ID: 2158 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Nalls, Susan

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:36:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Last year, the highlight of a trip to Kauai was taking a helicopter tour of the inner parts of the island that cannot be accessed in any other way. Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way many of the Kauai residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2159 Project: 103365 Document: 118738



Name: O'Callaghan, Declan

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:51:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is an unforgettable experience. To enjoy the beauty of the treasures is something I hope to continue to share with family and friends and future generations.

Hearing that the skies may be closed over,

- Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
- Haleakalā National Park

has me concerned. Of course there must be a reason to consider this. However I kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. If there is a possible compromise? Perhaps closing the skies for certain times of the year?

Anyway, please consider.

Respectfully

Declan O'Callaghan

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Correspondence ID: 2160 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Lefevre, Matt

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:58:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2161 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Eldridge, Barbara H

Received: Mar,19 2022 11:58:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I understand that you are considering new regulations that would no longer permit air tours in Hawaii over Volcanoes National Park or Haleakala National Park. I am writing to ask you to keep these spaces open.

The National Park system is truly a national treasure. For many, access to these parks is limited by terrain and physical status. The helicopter tours in Hawaii were the only ways that my husband could enjoy the parks; he is simply physically not able to hike out to these sites. With the population aging, this situation will become much more common. And during the helicopter tour, our tour operator gave a lot of great information that emphasized the preservation of these beautiful lands. For folks who are not already appreciative of our natural world or existing environmental threats, such tours help to educate.

Please maintain access by helicopter to Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park .

Very Sincerely,

Barbara H. Eldridge

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Correspondence ID: 2162 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Roll, Daryl L

Received: Mar,19 2022 12:04:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I vehemently apples the closing of the airspace above the Hawaiian Volcanoes National Park and the Haleakala National Park. These wonders of nature should be available to the public by safe air contractors who fly helicopters over these amazing sites!

Daryl

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Correspondence ID:	2163	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Roll, Daryl L			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 12:04:43			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I vehemently apples the closing of the airspace above the Hawaiian Volcanoes National Park and the Haleakala National Park. These wonders of nature should be available to the public by safe air contractors who fly helicopters over these amazing sites!

Daryl

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Correspondence ID:	2164	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Wihlidal, Chris			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 12:12:56			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not prohibit aircraft and helicopters from flying over National Parks. Please consider applying a tariff or tax to all aircraft to help fund terrestrial improvements to the parks.

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Correspondence ID:	2165	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	dillon, robert			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 12:13:29			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I have been to Kauai once and Hawaii twice, and both times, a high point of the trip was the helicopter flight over the Volcano National park. I Also do the drive and hiking through the park, but the helicopter trip puts the region into perspective. Please allow continuation of these tours.

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Correspondence ID:	2166	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	digiorgio, michael			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 12:13:36			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not close this airspace!! It is one of the most amazing things to experience in our lifetime! As long as it can be done safely ,it should open for generations to experience such as natural wonder!

Thank You,

Michael DiGiorgio M.D.

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Correspondence ID:	2167	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Halford, Howard			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 12:15:15			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing the National Parks by air, was the only way we got to enjoy the beauty of the treasures in Hawaii and we felt like it helped to preserve the site for future viewings as well.

We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations to enjoy also.

Correspondence ID:	2168	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 12:20:24		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	"Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations"		

Correspondence ID:	2169	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Tomb, Jeremy		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 12:21:11		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	The ability to access the beauty and splendor of our National Parks by air is essential for a very disadvantaged part of the visitors. It provides access to the disabled and infirm, individuals that could not otherwise fully experience the National Parks in the same manner as those that are ambulatory or in the physical condition that they would otherwise need to be to see all that the Parks have to offer. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue. Respectfully, Jeremy M. Tomb, Esq.		

Correspondence ID:	2170	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kimes, Scott A		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 12:21:50		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations		

Correspondence ID:	2171	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Gargano, Gwenn		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 12:22:34		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Our family had the opportunity to fly with Blue Hawaiian in Jan 2022 during our first visit to Maui. The island is beautiful from the ground but truly spectacular from the air. I don't know that we would have appreciated the true natural wonders of the island had we not had the same experience.		

Correspondence ID:	2172	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Dallwig, Barry		
Received:	Mar,19 2022 12:35:02		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.		

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide

advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, losing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID:	2173	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,19 2022 12:36:43
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID:	2174	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Verdeja, Mike
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Received: Mar,19 2022 12:43:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

There is no replacement for the unique perspective of seeing nature's awesome beauty than from the air. Shutting the airspace around the parks would be like shutting the oceans to divers. No one can experience these national parks from the air and not walk away with a greater desire to see them protected and preserved. This is simply a perspective you cannot achieve or appreciate from ground level

Mike

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Correspondence ID: 2175 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Burzynski, Peter

Received: Mar,19 2022 12:47:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As long as helicopter flights do not cause excessive deterioration of the atmosphere, according to accepted international climate expert opinion, then I don't think that restrictions should be put in place.

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Correspondence ID: 2176 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Colcol-Ines, Susan M

Received: Mar,19 2022 12:56:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Beautiful experience ... seeing the wonderful waterfalls, bodies of water, mountains and topography of our cities and national parks, gives us a bird's eye view and appreciation of their beauty. I hope this experience will continue and be passed on to the next generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2177 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 12:58:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Close the airspace over national parks. Let the parks service run those tours instead, and put the revenue directly back into maintaining and protecting the parks. It's not right that private companies are able to fly aircraft over national parks, disturbing the experience for those on the ground.

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Correspondence ID: 2178 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Holmgren, Jacob

Received: Mar,19 2022 13:02:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I highly encourage we be allowed to continue seeing National Parks by air. We also did the National Park from the ground (Volcanoes) and I did not find the helicopters in the least intrusive to our experience. In addition, you cannot experience the park in the same fashion without access to air tours. We absolutely need to keep the sky open for all of us!

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Correspondence ID: 2179 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wilkens, Rich

Received: Mar,19 2022 13:11:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My wife and I often take over flights of a park we are visiting to get the "big picture" of the landscape and park.

We are now in our 70's and this more than ever allows us to see these to us more and more inaccessible places.

Over the years we have enjoyed the beauty and splendor of the Grand Canyon, the Waimea Canyon on Kauai and twice flown over the big island viewing the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and the Haleakalā National Park. One cannot really appreciate the vastness of these places without the perspective given from an over flight.

Perhaps a compromise limiting flights to three days a week so that folks that find the over flights intrusive can visit on none fly days.

I have experienced this on rivers where jet boats can only use the rivers every other weekend so that human power rafts and kayaks have river time without the power boats zooming by. Allowing both space and time in the wilds.

Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2180 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Joy, Kecia

Received: Mar,19 2022 13:13:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re : plans to allow helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park-

I ask with everything in me to not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is so precious and unique, & one of the few places to be in silence in nature. Especially NOW at a crucial time in our world where we are coming out of a pandemic that created such anxiety- we need silent healing places like this like never before! There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to this sacred Mauna on Maui.

Thank you for being Pono and doing the right thing!

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Correspondence ID: 2181 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Peck, Steve

Received: Mar,19 2022 13:23:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, particularly in extreme terrain is the only way most Hawaiian residents and visitors from around the world can experience firsthand the beauty of these national treasures. We add our wish to those who ask that you keep the skies open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2182 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cortinez, Carlos R

Received: Mar,19 2022 13:26:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: A few months ago I did the helicopter tour over Lihue Hawaii, it was truly a unique experience and one of the best tourist experiences of my life. I think that closing that airspace would deny that experience to other gold. I think doing that would be selfish and unnecessary. Thereby I am expressing my opinion here. Please don't do it.

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Correspondence ID: 2183 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hames, Erin E  
Received: Mar,19 2022 13:26:47  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While I understand that there is much to consider while protecting our National Parks, I do believe that creating ways for us to enjoy them is critical. While only a small amount of the public has the skills, and time, to safely enjoy the beauty of the parks on the ground, air visits offer an opportunity to enjoy the majesty of these lands to all. Air tours allow all people to engage with the natural environment and learn about how to take care of it. The connection and appreciation forged during these air tours is critical to maintaining a public view that aligns with the values of the National Park Service. Closing off air space to air tours could disconnect the public from the public lands. Please continue to allow air tours over National Parks.

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Correspondence ID: 2184 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,  
Received: Mar,19 2022 13:29:39  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please allow helicopter tours to continue. There is no other way to enjoy the beautiful country

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Correspondence ID: 2185 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,  
Received: Mar,19 2022 13:30:32  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, please, please do not allow helicopters over this Sacred Space. I know I do not live there, however, six years ago I had one of the most profound experiences on Haleakala during the Vernal Equinox of 2016. I would not have had the same experience had there been helicopters hovering above. The whole experience of this magnificent place lies in the getting there, in the being there, with feet on the ground, feeling the power of the crater. I believe helicopters being allowed, disrupting the silence that is an integral part of that space, would be a disaster, a disservice and a crime against nature.

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Correspondence ID: 2186 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: S, Elizabeth  
Received: Mar,19 2022 13:38:48  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I'm writing to ask the NPS to continue to allow tourism via air travel in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Viewing active volcanoes from the air is a safer than being near them on the ground, and there are many parts of the park that can be inaccessible for viewing active eruptions. It allows people to see the magnificence of volcanoes more closely and encourage their research and study.

The sound of helicopters while in the park can be annoying, but as someone who has seen Hawai'i Volcanoes NP from both ground and air, the value of being able to see it from the air has stayed with me ever since.

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Correspondence ID: 2187 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Murrell, Edmond  
Received: Mar,19 2022 13:44:17  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My wife and I are retired. We took a helicopter flight over Kauai and enjoyed it very much. It was the high point of our trip. There needs to be accommodation for these flights. It instills the natural beauty of

the island and costs nothing in federal funds to have thousands of citizens enjoy the parks. Do others using the park pay enough to maintain it without added federal funding? No they don't. This is a no impact way for lots of people to enjoy your parks. Hope the right decision is made.

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Correspondence ID: 2188 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Straub, Catherine  
Received: Mar,19 2022 13:48:46  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is an amazing way for residents and visitors from around the world to see the full beauty of these national treasures. Please keep the skies open for future generations to have this experience.

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Correspondence ID: 2189 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Graham, James N  
Received: Mar,19 2022 13:53:12  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Seeing the National Parks of Hawaii by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the these treasures. We kindly ask you to keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2190 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Thumma, Scott  
Received: Mar,19 2022 14:16:42  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: the only way to see the beauty of some of the Hawaiian Islands beautiful parks is by helicopter. Please allow the helicopters to continue to operate allowing people the see these amazing areas

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Correspondence ID: 2191 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: McGregor, James  
Received: Mar,19 2022 14:20:00  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I heard from Blue Hawaiian Helicopters that you are planning to restrict flying over Verizon areas of the volcanoes and national parks.  
Please please do not do this. This is the only way I would ever be able to see the incredible spectacle that is Hawaii and the volcanoes, coastline sand landscape..  
Please keep this option open for further generations. I cannot imagine coming to your beautiful island without a helicopter excursion. I will be back in May, Bringing two new visitors from Uk for their first trip. Yes. Blue Hawaiian Helicopters is a huge part of their planned experience. Please allow them to continue u you p go what they do unhindered...  
Thank you. Mahalo.  
Jim and Sara McGregor.

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Correspondence ID: 2192 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hurd, Ruth  
Received: Mar,19 2022 14:21:29



Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: On my visit to Hawaii, one of the highlights of the trip was the helicopter tour over Kauai.

"Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2193 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Chris

Received: Mar,19 2022 14:31:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We have flown with blue in the past and found them very professional and safe. They know what they are doing and took every measure to keep us safe. Let them do the piloting

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Correspondence ID: 2194 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rhodes, Bryn

Received: Mar,19 2022 14:33:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2195 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pelaez, Catalina

Received: Mar,19 2022 14:39:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: For the first time I had the chance to ride a Helicopter and see the amazing views of the National Parks by air. These views are unique and is the only way most people can see the beauty of the treasures that the island offers. Many of these treasures can only be seen from above, so I kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. It was a wonderful experience and would do it all over again.

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Correspondence ID: 2196 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Troyan, Dennis

Received: Mar,19 2022 14:56:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please allow continued helicopter flights over the beautiful Hawaii. My flight over Kauai was the highlight of my trip. As an elderly person I otherwise would not have any other access.

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Correspondence ID: 2197 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hagan, Donald

Received: Mar,19 2022 15:11:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way for almost all American citizens and visitors from around the world to see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2198 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Krishnamurthy, Ravindranath

Received: Mar,19 2022 15:12:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Excellent way of viewing the mind boggling nature. We hope this way of enjoying is kept alive for many many more years.

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Correspondence ID: 2199 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: gebhardt, robert e

Received: Mar,19 2022 15:19:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This stupid idea doesn't surprise me especially with the ridiculous ideas and failures coming from the Biden administration!! The volcanoes national park is in shambles after the last 10 years of eruptions and earthquakes. Autos are unable to travel around the park because of damaged roads and observation sites. Now some idiot wants to stop aerial sight seeing of the most interesting places in Hawaii, the volcanoes!!! I've lived and visited all the islands for the last 50 years and without a doubt the "Big Island" volcanoes are the best subject available to visitors. I also have 20,000 hours of flight time from the U. S. Navy and American Airlines, 3000 of which was in Hawaiian airspace  
Please don't stop this amazing visual information by blocking the volcanoes airspace. God Bless

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Correspondence ID: 2200 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 15:25:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2201 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Appleton, Rod

Received: Mar,19 2022 15:30:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please allow the Blue Hawaii helicopter tours to continue over Kauai. What an incredible way to see the beauty of the island- we would never have been able to appreciate the grandeur of nature and God's creation without this kind of experience. I don't see any benefit for halting these tours.

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Correspondence ID: 2202 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hume, Dwight

Received: Mar,19 2022 15:33:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Absolutely remarkable! A definite Must for experiencing Hawaii. Our pilot was fantastic, the music is a nice cherry on top. Thoroughly recommend!

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Correspondence ID: 2203 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: S, Nick

Received: Mar,19 2022 15:46:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2204 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Murphy, James

Received: Mar,19 2022 15:47:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Regarding the various proposals for the ATMP and the airspace over our national parks, I would urge you to come up with a plan that would allow some form of access to the airspace for sightseeing helicopters and planes. Some of the most spectacular memories my family and I have are from our experiences seeing the Grand Canyon and Healeakala National Park from the air.

While I recognize that there must be some control over the number of tours, etc., it would be unfortunate if tours were to be banned altogether. We must also consider the future of aviation and realize that quieter aircraft will be developed which would drastically cut down on noise pollution. Until that happens, however, it would be desirable to maintain adequate access to the airspace with current, safe versions of aircraft.

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Correspondence ID: 2205 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hite, Robert D

Received: Mar,19 2022 16:02:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The helicopter rides are a unique and engaging manner to experience the volcanoes on Hawaii, and definitely enhance the size of the population who become more interested and aware of the volcanoes.

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Correspondence ID: 2206 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hite, Robert D

Received: Mar,19 2022 16:02:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The helicopter rides are a unique and engaging manner to experience the volcanoes on Hawaii, and definitely enhance the size of the population who become more interested and aware of the volcanoes.

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Correspondence ID: 2207 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 16:09:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter flights are a necessary method to seeing Hawaii.

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Correspondence ID: 2208 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 16:09:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This was our second visit to Hawaii. We didn't do the helicopter ride the first visit and we came back just to do that. It was an awesome experience. I am telling everyone that when they go to Hawaii, they

need to do the helicopter tour. The beauty that you can see from the air is so much more than what you experience from the ground. The land is breathe taking. The crater is amazing. Words do not do the experience justice. The waterfalls are like no others we have seen. To fly over the different mountain terrain was spectacular. Please do not take this away from people. It is just to beautiful not to share.

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Correspondence ID:	2209	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Clark, Tanya L
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Received:	Mar,19 2022 16:18:54
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: We recently visited Hawaii and did a helicopter tour around the island. It was our favorite part of the trip. We please ask that you please keep the sky open for all visitors to enjoy. Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID:	2210	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Riggs, Ryan M
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Received:	Mar,19 2022 16:24:01
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam:

Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

Thank you.

Ryan M. Riggs.

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Correspondence ID:	2211	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Grieco, Eric
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Received:	Mar,19 2022 16:38:20
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Being able to fly over these locations opens peoples eyes up the natural beauty of the islands. Instead of closing the airspace why not issue a mandatory tax per passenger to help raise money for the islands residents so they can use the money to build education. And farming and teach new generations to live on the land like they do and have done for many many generations.

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Correspondence ID:	2212	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Lockwood, David Lance
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Received:	Mar,19 2022 16:48:23
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not stop helicopter tours over Hawaiian volcanos.

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Correspondence ID:	2213	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,19 2022 17:03:42
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Seeing Hawaiian National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. It is very important for Hawaiian cultural heritage.

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Correspondence ID: 2214 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 17:03:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing Hawaiian National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. It is very important for Hawaiian cultural heritage.

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Correspondence ID: 2215 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , Sean

Received: Mar,19 2022 17:23:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: 100% do NOT shut down airspace over volcanoes national park. That is public land and public area. It is beautiful and to be explored and enjoyed via helicopter.

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Correspondence ID: 2216 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Zimmerman, Mark

Received: Mar,19 2022 17:58:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2217 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Vorhauer, M. Susanne

Received: Mar,19 2022 18:00:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Our party of four had a wonderful copter tour of Maui this past November. Being able to see the crater and observatory was only possible by air for me due to health issues, otherwise only photos or travel videos would be the only options. How is it possible to enjoy inassessible areas of a national park or deep canyons and high mountains unless by air?

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Correspondence ID: 2218 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Host, Kenneth

Received: Mar,19 2022 18:12:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide

advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, losing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID:	2219	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Legaspi, Cathie			
Received:	Mar,19 2022 18:14:11			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID:	2220	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Ohnigian, Steve			

Received: Mar,19 2022 18:19:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of the residents, and visitors from around the world, can see the beauty of the treasures. My wife and I had several beautiful sightseeing flights on the Hawaiian islands. I kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2221 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wetch, Janelle

Received: Mar,19 2022 18:22:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the sky open for people/visitors to see! It's a very different perspective and way of learning these beautiful islands and the amazing places within them.

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Correspondence ID: 2222 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kalina, Melanie

Received: Mar,19 2022 18:23:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep flying over the volcanoes. My husband was unable to walk the road to see the volcano when we were at the park. The only way he was able to view was by helicopter. I hope you do not close airspace over the parks as it is the only way some can see our beautiful parks.

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Correspondence ID: 2223 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Emery, Sharon L

Received: Mar,19 2022 19:06:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I had the incredible fortune in 2021 to take my 83 year old mother on a helicopter ride of a life time in Hawaii, Kauai. We had the best time and to see the island from the air was an amazing treat. You see things on the island that you would never see before on land. It was a bucket list for my Mom for sure and she was just thrilled to have the opportunity. She talks about it often and looks at her videos from the air all the time. Blue Hawaiian was very professional and our safety was their first priority. I can't imagine not being able to see the islands by helicopter again.

Thank you for reading my comments.

Sharon Leann Emery

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Correspondence ID: 2224 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Burket, Bill

Received: Mar,19 2022 19:10:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am vehemently opposed to closing airspace above National Parks. There are already regulations requiring a safe and restrictive distance away from visitors. This only hurts local pilots. I actually think there are distinct advantages to eyes over the park. As a frequent park visitor, I do not find overflying aircraft intrusive.

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Correspondence ID: 2225 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Soper, Pamela R

Received: Mar,19 2022 19:19:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having flown over Hawaii Volcano National Park twice, I cannot express what a loss it would be to close the air space over these incredible sites! So much of the beauty and majestic landscapes can only be seen from the air. To lose this opportunity would be such a blow to all of us who appreciate being able to see such places.

Please continue to allow flights over these National Parks.

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Correspondence ID: 2226 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Davis, Thaddeus

Received: Mar,19 2022 19:31:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am was surprised to see this proposal being considered. I am firmly against closing the airspace. Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way many residents and visitors from around the world can see the island. We kindly ask you keep the sky open for exploration.

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Correspondence ID: 2227 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: LEROUX, NATHALIE

Received: Mar,19 2022 19:55:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am really surprised about closing space over national volcano Park in Big Island and Maui. This is a natural beauty for mankind and an main Attraction in hawaiian islands. Many will renounce visiting if volcanoes viewing from the sky is close . I understand ecological reasons but I am not sure that many birds or beasts are living so close to these desert areas.

Sincerely yours

An hawaiian lover

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Correspondence ID: 2228 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,19 2022 20:35:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Went to Hawaii and was able to board a helicopter and experience all the sights that ould be offered with out this opportunity I would not feel as fond of that amazing island as I do know it honestly made me fall in love with the land and understand true beauty

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Correspondence ID: 2229 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pinter, Nancy

Received: Mar,19 2022 20:40:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the skies over Hawaii Volcanoes National Park open. We recently viewed the park from the sky and from the ground. From the sky was much more impressive. It would be a shame if other citizens were denied this opportunity.

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Correspondence ID: 2230 Project: 103365 Document: 118738



Name: Rozenbaum, Joseph A

Received: Mar,19 2022 22:04:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Going to Hawaii was amazing. The highlight of the trip was flying over these areas which cannot be done from land . Please do not take them away

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Correspondence ID: 2231 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Thakadiyil, Philip

Received: Mar,19 2022 22:12:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I was able to experience the beauty of the natural parks especially in Hawaii, through the helicopter tours, which are not invasive to the landscape

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Correspondence ID: 2232 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bennett, Ricarda

Received: Mar,20 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID:	2233	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Valkenbird, Mandy			
Received:	Mar,20 2022 04:51:38			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID:	2234	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,20 2022 06:13:15			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID:	2235	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	O'Hare, Peter			
Received:	Mar,20 2022 06:48:06			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: My wife and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary this past December on the Big Island of Hawaii. On our first full day there we took a helicopter tour. Seeing our National Parks by air, was the only way we could see the vast beauty of these treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID:	2236	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Jensen, Katelyn E			
Received:	Mar,20 2022 07:11:07			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID:	2237	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: Comerford, Robert J

Received: Mar,20 2022 08:15:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing in regard to the ATMP that is currently being considered for Haleakalā National Park and Volcano National Park. We have had the opportunity to participate in a helicopter tour of Volcano National Park twice. Most recently we brought out 12 year old son to the Big Island of Hawaii and used the helicopter tour as a way to expose him to the real world application of the concepts that he was learning in his science class. As recent volcanic activity has shown, ground access to Volcano National Park can change on both a long and short term basis. The availability of helicopter tours not only allows continuous access to the park (even when roads or visitor centers are closed), but also provides a view or the large scale impact that volcanic activity can have on the earth that is simply not possible by ground. Beyond the tourism element, these tours truly provide a way to keep the park (and the educational elements that they provide) accessible to those that either have mobility issues or are challenged for the time it would take to cover the parks by foot. While I recognize the need to manage air traffic over the parks, it is my hope that this could be done in a manner that assures the safety of those in the air and on the ground while keeping aerial access to the parks open to all.

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Correspondence ID: 2238 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: chisum, michael

Received: Mar,20 2022 08:24:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not close Volcano National Park to Helicopter traffic, as a physically challenged person I am no able to make the hike in to see the lava, but when we visited last fall I was able to fly over it in a helicopter. It was the experience of a lifetime.

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Correspondence ID: 2239 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Nibouar, Frank A

Received: Mar,20 2022 08:30:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hi,  
I feel it is important to keep the sky above federal and or state parks open to sightseeing, including helicopters. But I also understand some limits/restrictions may be appropriate, such as maybe such as the number of flights, time of day, day of the week, how low they are allowed to fly, and or landing restrictions (except for emergencies).

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Correspondence ID: 2240 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Tinker, Bret

Received: Mar,20 2022 08:40:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I recently chose Blue Hawaii to see the island of Kauai from the air. This is a wonderful safe way to see the island while not being able to see it by auto or foot. There are many that don't have the health or capacity to see it like I did and it would be unfortunate if this means of seeing the islands are prohibited.

I ask that the Park Systems pull this from consideration and let generations to come enjoy and see what I had the opportunity to do!

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Correspondence ID: 2241 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,20 2022 08:47:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We do NOT support any options that would close the airspace over:

- Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
- Haleakalā National Park

The parks provide an opportunity to see the natural beauty which is not available anywhere else. Limiting access to this reduces peoples ability to appreciate the beauty of the Hawaiian Islands.

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Correspondence ID: 2242 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Russell, Nathan

Received: Mar,20 2022 08:54:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, loosing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID: 2243 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: McCabe, Tatiana  
Received: Mar,20 2022 09:11:43  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: The tours over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park are absolutely stunning. It would be sad to lose the opportunity to see them from the air. I kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2244 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Narcisso, Tom  
Received: Mar,20 2022 09:13:48  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2245 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Pounds, Bradley K  
Received: Mar,20 2022 09:14:22  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I have taken numerous helicopter sightseeing tours while vacationing in Hawaii including the islands of Hawaii, Maui and Kauai. The most memorable was flying over active lava flows as a result of volcanic activity from Kilauea.  
I encourage the National Parks Service to maintain this tourist activity to allow future generations of visitors to experience of safely viewing beautiful, remote locations of the islands providing a perspective many would be unable to visit on land or by boat.  
Thank you for your consideration of this request.  
Brad Pounds

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Correspondence ID: 2246 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Tom, Daryl  
Received: Mar,20 2022 09:18:28  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not close the air space over Volcanos National Park or Haleakala to responsible tourists helicopter flights.

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Correspondence ID: 2247 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Montgomery, David  
Received: Mar,20 2022 09:22:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the not only the way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. It is also the lowest impact environmentally. The act of a Helicopter flight over these scenic wonders is a common bucket list activity for MANY people. It was the highlight of our recent trip to Maui.

We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations of nature lovers.

Respectfully,

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Correspondence ID: 2248 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kline, Stacy

Received: Mar,20 2022 09:44:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I'm writing this comment to advocate for the ending of helicopter/airplane flights over all national parks in United States. People visit our beautiful and unique national parks for their wilderness quality, natural silence, and dark skies. Visitors do not want to listen to engine noise of any kind. It is inappropriate to fly over our national parks and it is inappropriate to allow motorized vehicles on unpaved trails.

Thank you for considering my comment.

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Correspondence ID: 2249 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,20 2022 09:59:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. Seeing national parks by air allows people to bask in the country's nature beauty without disrupting it with trash or waste.

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Correspondence ID: 2250 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hogan, Sean

Received: Mar,20 2022 10:09:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2251 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ryon, Scott

Received: Mar,20 2022 10:10:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I understand some wish to close airspace over national parks in Hawaii. Being a senior citizen I find this to be the most relevant way to see this area due to it's immensity. In visiting Hawaii, I noted many areas of state, national and county parks were of difficult or very limited access to people with disabilities or other age related infirmaries. I also note that in the times I was on the ground in the park I did not even notice the helicopter activity, except at one point and did not find the event relevant or impactful, due to the height of the flight.

During the flight I also noted that the majority of it took place, keeping a polite distance from the more frequent visitation points.

In my humble opinion an entire closure of airspace is short-sighted and biased.

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Correspondence: Although we don't go to the big Island of Hawaii very often, I have enjoyed flying in a helicopter over the volcano in the past. It was a spectacular adventure and I am glad that I got to do it. I hope that this opportunity will remain available in the future in case I go back to the island. I think others will enjoy this experience as well. For this reason, I hope that you will continue to allow these flights over the volcano in Hawaii.

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Correspondence ID:	2253	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Shinska, Sharon A
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Received:	Mar,20 2022 11:04:30
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Correspondence: As someone that is no longer to hike, I really appreciate the beauty of being able to see the parks by air. We were awed by the magnificence of nature and God's hand it.

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Correspondence ID:	2254	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Haynes, Vernon F
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Received:	Mar,20 2022 11:16:59
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Correspondence: I'm writing in response to the proposed restriction of helicopters over national parks in Hawaii.

We only recently enjoyed helicopter flights in Hawaii, including over Volcano National Park and in Kauai. Both were extremely enjoyable, but since the proposed restrictions are limited to flights over national parks, I'll confine my comments to our flight over Volcano National Park.

We flew with Blue Hawaiian helicopters, and I was impressed at every point with their concern about passenger safety, before and during the flight. The pilot also occasionally went off the microphone to passengers to confer with ATC. At no time did I feel any threat or danger during the flight.

We have visited Volcano National Park many times over the years on the ground (over the past 35 years). While on the ground we did often notice helicopters in the area, but at no time did they ever interfere with our enjoyment anywhere in the park. They maintained enough altitude to make their presence minimally noticeable.

When we return to Hawaii we hope to enjoy a similar experience, but on the ground and in the air. I hope that the proposed restrictions NOT be enacted.

Thanks for allowing my input.

Vernon Haynes  
Gainesville, Florida

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Correspondence ID:	2255	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Lopez, Serafin A
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Received:	Mar,20 2022 11:35:36
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2256 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hagler, Dean R

Received: Mar,20 2022 11:36:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

It is virtually impossible to see these parks and volcanos by walking or by vehicle due to their remote location and inaccessibility. It would be a travesty to restrict access by closing the airspace over the national parks.

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Correspondence ID: 2257 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Telliano, Josh

Received: Mar,20 2022 11:50:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been to Hawaii volcano national park several times. Many times, air is the only method to experience lava flows. Often areas of flow are either inaccessible, or frequently closed due to safety concerns.

As someone who has also experienced the park from the ground, i am aware of noise intrusion. I believe this could be easily remedied with a minimum flight height. I never found the current flight intrusive, and from my experience working for years undet law enforcement aircraft, i feel 500 geet provides enough buffer. I could also potentially see a flight hours restriction for certain heights.

Thank you for taking my input

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Correspondence ID: 2258 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Steed, Will

Received: Mar,20 2022 11:52:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2259 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,20 2022 11:52:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Very much enjoyed the flight. All staff and the pilot were very knowledgeable and friendly. The took good care of us.

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Correspondence ID: 2260 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Symonds, Anna

Received: Mar,20 2022 12:46:45



Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakalā is a singular treasure. Please do not allow any helicopter tours... The amazing silence of the crater is one of its most astounding features and reflects the sacredness of the place. Allowing the noise and hectic surveillance feeling of those flights would disrupt and destroy that fragile ecosystem with noise pollution. The nēnē also need to be able to hear one another call and communicate. Please ban commercial flights above Haleakalā.

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Correspondence ID: 2261 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , KYLIE

Received: Mar,20 2022 12:47:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: THE PERSPECTIVE FROM THE AIR IS THAT IS OFFERED THROUGH HELICOPTER TOURS FOR GUESTS AND LOCALS, IS ONE THAT IS UNPARALLELED TO ANY OTHER VANTAGE POINT, OR VIEW TO SEE OR EXPERIENCE NATURE AT IT'S FINEST. THIS IS A SAFE VANTAGE POINT, THAT IS NOT HURTING ANYONE OR THE ENVIRONMENT. THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THIS PERSPECTIVE.

I WORK IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY AND HELICOPTER FLIGHTS ARE THE #1 EXPERIENCE ON THE ISLAND. PEOPLE THAT VISIT THE ISLAND, WANT TO SEE THE ISLAND. OVER 75% OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS YOU CANNOT SEE ANY OTHER WAY. WHY LIMIT THE PUBLIC'S EXPERIENCE.

I WAS RAISED ON THIS ISLAND MY ENTIRE LIFE, MY FIRST HELICOPTER FLIGHT OFFERED ME A PERSPECTIVE OF THE ISLAND THAT I NEVER KNEW EXISTED UNTIL I DID THE FLIGHT. THE FLIGHT OVER THESE INACCESSABLE AREAS ARE PERSPECTIVES THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE ABLE TO WITNESS AND EXPERIENCE.

MAHALO~

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Correspondence ID: 2262 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Clough, Rick

Received: Mar,20 2022 13:04:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2263 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Alger, David

Received: Mar,20 2022 13:12:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I'm writing with concern over restrictions of air space over Haleakala and Volcanoes National parks. I've taken tours over both parks and truly appreciate the natural beauty. It seems the best way to preserve our environment is to gain an appreciation of these sites - and the best way to gain such appreciation is being able to view it by air via helicopter. Only with such a view can we begin to understand the history, ecology, and essential preservation of this landscape.

I trust the NPS to provide reasonable restrictions to keep our parks safe, and I hope that helicopter air tours can continue to be a vital part of learning to appreciate and value our great preserved lands.

Thank you...

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Correspondence ID: 2264 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,  
Received: Mar,20 2022 13:19:43  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: During a recent visit to Hawaii, I had the privilege of taking a helicopter tour that flew over Volcanoes National Park. Viewing Kilauea from the air allowed me to gain a new perspective on the awesome forces of nature at work. Please keep the airspace over Hawaii Volcanoes National Park open so that this opportunity is available to future visitors.

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Correspondence ID: 2265 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Janado, Denise R  
Received: Mar,20 2022 13:27:04  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2266 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Manuel, Lauren C  
Received: Mar,20 2022 13:53:52  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

Please allow companies that perhaps are "approved partners" similar to the Mauna Kea commercial activity partners to be allowed to fly over national parks. Sometimes it's the only way people get to safely experience seeing the beauty within the parks. If we can safely allow these vendors to continue tours, I believe it will keep activities safe and visitors to the island are less likely to try and see the beauty of Hawaii in an unsafe manner on their own.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
Lauren

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Correspondence ID: 2267 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,20 2022 14:20:42  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing the big island by air was one of my favorite experiences in Hawaii. I personally was not capable of hiking the park, so this was my only way to see the park.

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Correspondence ID: 2268 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Goodwin, Alice  
Received: Mar,20 2022 14:20:52  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The most interesting event of Hawaii was the trip over Haleakala National Park with the falls and the extinct volcano and the valley. We did this trip by car, especially the falls, and valley, but the helicopter ride allowed us to see so much more than we could see by car. Please allow the continuance of the helicopters to continue this incredible trip. We felt extremely safe in the helicopter. It is the top

of my list of events. We felt extremely safe on the Blue Hawaiian Helicopters. It was on my bucket list for years, as I am sure it is for many other people.

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Correspondence ID: 2269 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rainold, Emile A

Received: Mar,20 2022 14:21:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I understand that there is a proposal that would restrict air travel over National Parks. I strongly oppose such a move because it would eliminate the opportunity to enjoy a panoramic view of these beautiful areas.

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Correspondence ID: 2270 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Fazio, Gregory

Received: Mar,20 2022 14:38:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sirs  
please register our request to NOT block the airspace above national parks.  
We've taken helicopter/airplane rides above the Grand Canyon. Over Volcano National Park in Hawaii among others. Those experiences are priceless. Unless there is compelling reason, I would vote AGAINST closing that airspace to others

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Correspondence ID: 2271 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: spence, michelle

Received: Mar,20 2022 14:59:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider leaving airspace in our national parks open for tourism purposes. Many residents of the US - the elderly in particular will never see many of the beautiful places in our country with out this means of access.

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Correspondence ID: 2272 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cruz, Juliana M

Received: Mar,20 2022 15:12:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
I am a Guest Services Agent with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters in Hilo, Hawaii. I am in support of CONTINUING TO ALLOW our aircrafts (and others) to fly over the National Park. We provide an exceptional, once in a lifetime experience for our guests that is not only for it's spectacular views but it is extremely educational as well. We depend on the business that visitors bring to the Islands, and not allowing us to keep the current routes would be detrimental to our business and employment.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Juliana Cruz  
Blue Hawaiian Helicopters - Hilo, Hawaii

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Correspondence ID: 2273 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,20 2022 15:42:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha from Hawaii. This state has some of the most beautiful sightseeing in the world, and sightseeing is a major part of our tourism industry. The national parks on Maui and Hawaii Island are incredible to explore on foot, but the aerial tours give such amazing perspectives and it would be such a shame to take that away from future generations. Please keep the skies open for tourism and help support our economy.

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Correspondence ID: 2274 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Knupp, Terry

Received: Mar,20 2022 15:52:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While I really loved my chance to tour both Maui, the Big Island and Kauai via helicopter. I would say that I think reasonable limits set by the National Park Service for the number of flights over the National Parks, I would support.

I have lived in Juneau, Alaska where flight after flight all day long in the summer are touring helicopters going over Mendenhall Glacier. It was too many flights for me to endure as a resident. I think there are too many flights occurring now over the National Parks in Hawaii.

I would support still allowing helicopter flights over those parks, but on some kind of fair limit that provides access to the tours, but not as many as are currently happening now.

Thank you. Terry Knupp

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Correspondence ID: 2275 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Weber, Justin

Received: Mar,20 2022 16:10:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air can be loud an intrusive, but can the only way many of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. Parks like Zion are small and easily accessible by trail. Other parks, like Hawaii Volcanoes, have areas that are too dangerous and remote to see by land. I kindly ask you keep the sky's open in select parks for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2276 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Marino, Dominick

Received: Mar,20 2022 16:12:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters or aircraft over Haleakala National Park. I first visited the park 50 years ago. Back then it was the "quietest place on Earth". A 45 year Maui resident, now retired, I hike into the crater at least once a week and hear an internal combustion engine every time. As it is now, tours fly along the south side to allow views for passengers, and the noise penetrates. Commuter planes fly to and from Hana and Kahului and their sounds reach the crater as well. The irony of Haleakala being called "quietest place" strikes me.

There is plenty airspace for all the helicopters elsewhere on Maui, and more than enough tourists to keep them busy.

I majored in Biology in college and went on to start an environmental wastewater and water service business on Maui over 40 years ago. I am a scientist. With the bio background I always have an eye out for the critters that make the crater their home. I cannot believe a compromise of that airspace would not be detrimental to them. I hike in before sunrise and listen to the birds waking up and calling to each other. What a glorious happy sound greeting the new day!!! It's spring time in Hawaii; at least the birds think so. To hear them calling from all corners of the crater is a memorable experience! Yeah, let's drown them out with a helicopter sunrise tour! No way!!!

Despite the scientist in me I am aware of the deeply mystical and spiritual experience in the Crater. There is little wonder why the early people of many cultures believed their Gods were in the mountains. I visit often after midnight to photograph the stars and am overwhelmed by the experience, the smallness, the enormity and insignificance, and being at one with it all. Many visit to meditate, find peace, and get out of daily routine. Let's continue to allow that to happen.

My children grew up with regular trips into the crater. They are now very grateful for the national park system. Please, let's keep it real. Thank you for your consideration.

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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence: To whom it may concern:  
While I've enjoyed my flights over the Hawaiian Islands I believe there is enough interesting and beautiful areas to warrant controlling it over National Parks. I also wish to express that the locals should have a say in what is safe, prudent and not conflicting in the culture or history of certain area's.  
Thank You for my consideration.

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Correspondence ID:	2280	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Casper, Michael D
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Correspondence: I think that access to beautiful parks by helicopter is a special experience that should remain available, even if it needs to be reduced or managed, and should generate income for the park system

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Name:	, FRANCES
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Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of our treasures. My husband and I were two of those people that were Blessed to see the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and the Haleakala National Park on a helicopter ride during our honeymoon. We did this on October of 2021 and it was one of the highlights of our trip.

Think about all the handicapped people that can't walk the trails but can enjoy the view from the air. They should not be denied seeing the parks either. Actually no one from our government should tell the citizens of the United States of America that we are not allowed to see our National Parks from the air.

We kindly ask you to keep the skies open for future generations to enjoy our treasures (remember they are our parks not the governments), you just run them for us. God Bless America!

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Correspondence ID:	2282	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	ARMSTRONG, BILL			
Received:	Mar,20 2022 16:38:55			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE THESE PARKS ... WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SHOULD BE ABLE TO VIEW OUR PARKS AND THEIR BEAUTY IN THEIR GLORY...

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Correspondence ID:	2283	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Kahn, Frances A			
Received:	Mar,20 2022 16:45:39			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: We have used Blue Hawaii helicopters on 3 separate islands and most recently in Maui for Hana, Molokai, and Haleakala National Park. At all times the company provided a breathtaking view of the parks and surrounding areas that proved to be the highlight of our trips. Safety protocols were used (even during this time of Covid), and at no time did we feel at risk. Particularly in places where access is not available, these tours were super important to appreciate the scope and beauty of the islands. It would be a shame to deny these sights to other visitors. Blue Hawaii tours is an asset for tourism and a spectacular way to show off the natural beauty of the islands that one might otherwise miss.

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Correspondence ID:	2284	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Kahn, Frances A			
Received:	Mar,20 2022 16:45:39			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Correspondence ID:	2285	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Dunlap, Linda D			
Received:	Mar,20 2022 17:39:10			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: We truly value the opportunity to fly the skies over our National Park treasures that we may not be able to see any other way! Please consider keeping the possibility open for others!

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Correspondence ID: 2286 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bailey, Kay

Received: Mar,20 2022 17:40:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It was a great ride and good information provided about the island. It was really cool to see inside the parks by air

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Correspondence ID: 2287 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bailey, Kay

Received: Mar,20 2022 17:40:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It was a great ride and good information provided about the island. It was really cool to see inside the parks by air

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Correspondence ID: 2288 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,20 2022 18:49:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2289 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Layne, Toni

Received: Mar,20 2022 20:06:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: One of the joys of Hawaii, is to be able to take a helicopter flight over the Vocano National Park. This option gives people the opportunity to view Hawaii from a completely different perspective. Please do not take this freedom of choice away from people.

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Correspondence ID: 2290 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Settles, Michael D

Received: Mar,20 2022 20:56:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not close the airspace over Hawaii National Parks. We have flown helicopters over Volcanoes National Park multiple times and it would be a travesty to prevent others from this beautiful experience in the future. Thank you.

Michael Settles

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Correspondence ID: 2291 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Konno, Diane L

Received: Mar,20 2022 23:47:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I propose # 2) no helicopter tours

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Correspondence ID: 2292 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bartchy, Christopher W

Received: Mar,21 2022 01:52:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our recent visit to our 50th State to the island of Kauai was a tremendous and most exhilarating experience.

With approximately 70% of the beauty of the island only accessible by air, we were delighted with the opportunity to gain unique access by helicopter.

Seeing the National Parks on Kauai by air is the only way most residents and visitors from around the world can fully appreciate the beauty these treasures. The on-the-ground experience is important to continue, the beauty by air both stunning and breathtaking.

I kindly ask you keep the sky's open over these parks for future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully

Christopher Bartchy

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Correspondence ID: 2293 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Harker, Phil

Received: Mar,21 2022 05:35:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I so enjoyed seeing Volcano National Park from a helicopter while on a recent trip to the Big Island of Hawaii. It was a unique perspective that was in no way available when I visited the park in person a few days later. It actually helped me see and visualize the in person visit in a way not available otherwise. I request that you keep the airspace above Volcano National Park open for others to see this incredible public resource.

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Correspondence ID: 2294 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Stenglein, Brian

Received: Mar,21 2022 06:12:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keep parks open to Helicopter tours. Especially those things that are not viewable another way, like kilauea. Couldn't see any of the actual volcano from the visitor area on foot. Had a great view from the air.

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Correspondence ID: 2295 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,21 2022 06:33:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations



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Correspondence ID: 2296 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Arbogast, Michelle  
Received: Mar,21 2022 06:37:59  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't restrict our access to view these National treasures from the air! Many people are not physically able to tour them any other way!

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Correspondence ID: 2297 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Poirier, Douglas A  
Received: Mar,21 2022 06:49:58  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The only way to see much of these areas is by helicopter. I visited both these areas on my recent vacation to Hawaii and do not even remember seeing a helicopter. They were there but did not detract from the experience on the ground at all. One of the most amazing experiences of my life was a helicopter tour over Hawaii Volcano National Park on a past visit. It would be sad if visitors in the future would not be able to have that same experience.

Regards,  
Doug Poirier

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Correspondence ID: 2298 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Manherz, Timothy  
Received: Mar,21 2022 07:35:31  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2299 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Walukonis, Justin R  
Received: Mar,21 2022 07:46:46  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing a National Parks by air, was an experience I will treasure for the rest of my life. I kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. It would do the public a disservice to close the air space over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park.

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Correspondence ID: 2300 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hee, Jerry  
Received: Mar,21 2022 07:47:33  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

We recently visited Hawaii from Clearwater Florida and have every intention of returning. A big part will be flying over the Kilauea volcano. We certainly hope that we will be able to enjoy this natural wonder.

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Correspondence ID:	2301	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Barclay, Douglas			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 07:50:05			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, loosing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID:	2302	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name: Burany, Richard  
Received: Mar,21 2022 08:13:31  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Sirs;  
I'm almost 80 and have COPD. Took the flight With Blue Hawaii Helicopter to get a view of the Island that I couldn't do other way. I have been to Hawaii many times over the last 10-15 years and this was my first time to see the island from above and see parts that only can be seen by younger and more fit people. It would be a shame to stop this type of trip form happening, as you would be discriminating handicapped and elderly from this wonderful and beautiful place. This is not the type of trip you would do over and over.It's a once in a lifetime experience.

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Correspondence ID: 2303 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Waitt, Michael T  
Received: Mar,21 2022 08:27:32  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have enjoyed several helicopter flights in Hawaii, and strongly hope that flights over Haleakala and Volcanoes National Park not be restricted. Many areas of these parks are inaccessible by car, and while accessible by some on foot, but elderly or disabled people they are not. Being able to see these parks by air is the only way that many people will be able to experience them. While on the ground, I have never found passing helicopters to be intrusive, bothersome, or a bother to my experience.

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Correspondence ID: 2304 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Slater, Pam A  
Received: Mar,21 2022 08:47:39  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is a great way for people from around the world to see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations to enjoy!

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Correspondence ID: 2305 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Dixon, Kim S  
Received: Mar,21 2022 08:54:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello:  
This past summer we had the wonderful opportunity to take a helicopter ride while we were in Kauai. It gave us the most awesome perspective of this beautiful island and was the highlight of our trip. I am requesting that these amazing tours be continued to allow other visitors to experience Hawaii in this unique way.  
Thank you  
Kim

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Correspondence ID: 2306 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Olson, Kevin  
Received: Mar,21 2022 08:54:39  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing Hawaii from the sky was such an incredible highlight for me. I hope that this opportunity is not restricted.

Kevin

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Correspondence ID: 2307 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Gallagher, Regina  
Received: Mar,21 2022 08:56:20  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures, Hawai'i in this case. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations to enjoy the benefits of our national parks.

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Correspondence ID: 2308 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Whiteside, Tina  
Received: Mar,21 2022 09:04:13  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The National Park is beautiful. We did both ground admission and air tour. Breathtaking to say the least is an understatement. The history makes it that. We were able to witness a live volcano while visiting which made it even more memorable. Staff on grounds were pleasant and friendly. Would recommend ANYONE go if you get the opportunity. Well worth the trip.

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Correspondence ID: 2309 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Hopkins, Joseph A  
Received: Mar,21 2022 09:24:59  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear NPS Public Servants:  
I implore you to continue to allow air tours over Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park. These treasures are otherwise not viewable by the public (both U.S. citizens and foreign visitors). Three of us enjoyed a Blue Hawaiian air tour recently and everyone thoroughly enjoyed this footprint-free method of viewing our national treasures.  
Thanks for your attention.  
Joseph and Linda Hopkins

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Correspondence ID: 2310 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Mead, Dean M  
Received: Mar,21 2022 09:26:27  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the potential plan to further restrict commercial helicopter tours in Haleakala National Park. I have a great number of concerns. The helicopter tour my wife and I took to HNP last year was one of the highlights of our trip, in no small part because we could view the ongoing eruption of Kilauea. It is hard to imagine our visit without that memory.

It is important to emphasize that throughout the flight, the pilot maintained a substantial altitude, far enough above the park that it is unlikely that it was in any way a distraction to those on the ground in the park. At no time did the pilot fly directly over any crater, even those that were long dormant; in fact, he stayed far enough away that it was difficult at times to see the activity within the crater. The pilot also kept in almost continuous motion and did not hover in any single spot. I believe the pilot was doing everything possible to give us an enjoyable experience while not disturbing the park or its visitors with visual or auditory distractions.

During the entire flight, I do not believe we saw more than one other helicopter, and none at all near Kilauea. There did not appear to us to be any issues with excessive traffic.

I am concerned that further restrictions on the number of tours allowed will have the following negative repercussions:

1. Fewer visitors will have the opportunity to experience an unforgettable aspect of the Big Island.
2. Prices for helicopter tours, which already are quite high, will rise even more, further limiting the number of people who can afford a tour, and disproportionately affecting visitors with lower incomes.
3. Substantial loss of revenue for the parks (from the fees charged to tour operators per passenger).
4. Substantial loss of tax revenue for state and local governments related to the tours.
5. Substantial loss of local economic activity as tour operators cut staff or close entirely, including loss of direct employment and income for the staff of the tour operators and ancillary employment and income for businesses that service the tour operators, such as maintenance and supply companies.
6. Additional substantial loss of tax revenue for state and local governments as a result of the loss of economic activity.

I am not blind to the potential environmental impacts of helicopter tours, particularly with respect to the emissions from the helicopters and its contribution to air pollution and climate change. Surely there must be a number of changes that can be made to tour operations and equipment that would help to reduce their carbon footprint without the deleterious outcomes listed above. I ask that you fully explore those options before considering reducing the number of allowable tours.

Thank you for your consideration and again for the opportunity to share my views.

Dean M. Mead  
West Palm Beach, FL

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Correspondence ID:	2311	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Creixell, Juan C			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 09:36:35			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures like the volcanos in Hawaii or the Grand Canyon. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID:	2312	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Storms, Robert			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 09:42:04			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: The helicopter tour we had over the active volcano on the island of Hawaii was a lifetime experience.  
My wife and I are at the age that the views we experienced can only be seen by helicopter.  
We hope this experience remains available to others.

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Correspondence ID:	2313	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Storms, Robert			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 09:42:05			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: The helicopter tour we had over the active volcano on the island of Hawaii was a lifetime experience.

My wife and I are at the age that the views we experienced can only be seen by helicopter.  
We hope this experience remains available to others.

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Correspondence ID: 2314 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Ormonde, Steve G  
Received: Mar,21 2022 09:43:09  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2315 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Bradshaw, Ralph H  
Received: Mar,21 2022 09:49:28  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: To Whomever,

We've been asked to comment on the possibility of an ATMP being imposed on Hawaii Volcanoes National Park that would consider banning overflights of the park. My wife and I visited the park in December, both from on the ground by driving and walking around and from the air via a helicopter tour. There is no comparison of the two vantage points. It's impossible to really see the very active Halema'au Crater within the Kilauea Caldera without extensive hiking, which is not as viable an option in my old age as it once was. There is so much more to see of Kilauea itself, its rift zones and the Chain of Craters Road from the air that sets the context for follow-up ground visits. There should be no safety issues associated with flying over this volcano, which is not the explosive Mt. St. Helens type, and that would be the only issue I can think of. The helicopter tour we took was not only a very unique way of viewing Kilauea and environs, but of viewing the entire island, including the cliffs and valleys of the NE coast. It was the highpoint of our visit to The Big Island. In my view, it's unnecessary and would be short-sighted to preclude overflights of HVNP. Please don't do it.

Thanks,

Ralph and Susan

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Correspondence ID: 2316 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Rhodes, William G  
Received: Mar,21 2022 10:11:30  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I write today to comment on the proposal to close air space above Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park. I have taken two air tours above these wonderful spaces, the experience was amazing and provided appreciation for our natural environment. Closing this air space would serve no public interest or protection of the environment. I urge you to allow this air space to remain open for future generations to appreciate our nation's natural wonders.

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Correspondence ID: 2317 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Bohorquez, Oscar L  
Received: Mar,21 2022 10:16:50  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2318 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,21 2022 10:30:28  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2319 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Schneider, Brian  
Received: Mar,21 2022 10:31:42  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

As a former resident and now frequent traveler to Hawaii, I have visited both Volcanoes as well as Haleakala national parks many times, several of which were helicopter flyovers. I can appreciate the idea of a mandate to close airspace during times of increased geologic activity but not a closure indefinitely which makes no sense to me. The geologic events of these volcanoes are similar to weather predictions. We do not close airspace because of the trade winds that blow constantly, we close flights when they blow excessively. On a recent flight over Kilauea, I imagined having a mechanical failure of the aircraft whereby a feathered landing would be possible however uncontrolled and yet dropping into the crater where active lava flows were materializing. Such an event would not only likely insure unsurvivability upon touchdown, but would also hamper or eliminate the possibility of any rescue efforts. So, I would propose that if you feel safety is a paramount concern such as in this scenario, then during times of increased activity or hazard on the ground which would also restrict foot traffic, certain restrictions might temporarily apply to aircraft as well. Minimum altitudes and or distance restrictions could apply in lieu of complete and or permanent closure. With that said, a complete and permanent closure is not only senseless, but curbs important tourism of these parks which benefits local business, learning and preservation opportunities, and unnecessarily prohibits visitors from experiencing the wonders of Hawaii from a different perspective.

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Correspondence ID: 2320 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Peirson, John r  
Received: Mar,21 2022 10:48:32  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing Hawaii Volcanoes National Park from the air was one of the most amazing experiences I've had. I felt very safe in our helicopter with our pilot that had over 25 years experience. There is no way to replicate those sites from the ground; and in fact, my father who has neuropathy and cannot walk well would never be able to experience these sites if not but for aerial views. If climate change is your concern; consider just a limitation on flights please do not restrict.

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Correspondence ID: 2321 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Henson, Patricia A  
Received: Mar,21 2022 10:55:11  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I recently learned that you are considering closing the airspace over Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. During a recent trip to Hawaii, one of my and my husband's fondest memories was flying over the volcanoes and learning their rich history. For this reason, I strongly urge you to keep this airspace open for all adventurers and for future generations, Thank you for your consideration,

Correspondence ID:	2322	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Beebe, Sarah A		
Received:	Mar,21 2022 10:56:25		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing the Big Island of Hawaii from the air gave my boyfriend and I an enriched experience like no other. From lava in volcanic craters to beautiful greenspace & waterfalls we otherwise never would have seen, it really gave us a true appreciation for the island and reverence for nature. We are so thankful for our experience and hope many others get to enjoy this wonderful experience!		

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Correspondence ID:	2323	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Uecker, Tim G		
Received:	Mar,21 2022 10:58:57		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Closing the airspace to helicopter traffic over the two proposed areas would eliminate an important view shed, and reduce the knowledge that tourists have about volcanic activity. Further, local pilots have the best experience and knowledge of what constitutes a safe distance. Therefore, I advocate for local control versus federal.		

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Correspondence ID:	2324	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Gerecke, Kyle		
Received:	Mar,21 2022 10:59:44		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.		

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Correspondence ID:	2325	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Finn, Robert		
Received:	Mar,21 2022 11:04:00		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.		
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NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.			
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I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, losing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

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Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID:	2326	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Puddicombe, Curt A			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 11:20:50			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Hello, thank you for considering my comments. I am a regular visitor to Haleakala National Park since the 1980's. I feel very strongly that being within the crater and in the park is a spiritual experience that is greatly diminished by the presence of these loud helicopters. Please consider outright banning them. I would appreciate it. Thank you. Regards, Curt Puddicombe

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Correspondence ID:	2327	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Wells, Jonathon			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 11:38:28			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID:	2328	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 11:44:07			

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing about the National Park Services/Federal Aviation Admin. and Congress looking for options to control the airspace over the Hawaiian volcanos.

I understand that a lot of residents do not like these helicopters flying daily overhead when they live in such a paradise and understandingly so. I also want it to be known that our helicopter trip had to be one of the most amazing things I have done in my life.

I would hate to see that in the future people would not be able to see something so magnificent in person. But I also understand the locals point of view.

Maybe only allow certain companies and only on certain days to control the amount of trips and have quiet days. I also wonder if there was a way the helicopters can be larger to allow more people on a trip. The ones they have now only allow so much weight and had to land to get more gas to make it back to the starting point.

Maybe Blimp tours would be quieter and take more people.

Thank you for all you do in the National Parks and preserving our treasurers.

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Correspondence ID: 2329 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Chan, Bonnie

Received: Mar,21 2022 11:44:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I've already submitted letters & emails to all my federal legislators, asking them to PLEASE do something about the abundance of noisy helicopters/low-flying aircrafts. I've submitted Letters to the Editor from the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. I've also submitted my emails & responses to/from the FAA.

Included in all these letters/emails are my journals of days & times when these helicopters/low-flying aircraft passed overhead. On one day, I counted FORTY times (this was not a rare occasion); I also included when the noise was especially LOUD. I know that this comment only pertains to the National Parks in Hawaii, but as I live in Aiea, I am asking for restrictions for ALL of Hawaii. The noise has gotten out of control.

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Correspondence ID: 2330 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Britt, Charles W

Received: Mar,21 2022 11:44:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I recently had the breathtaking experience of seeing much of the island of Kaua'i, including the Na Pali coast and the volcano, from the air in a helicopter. I have previously seen Haleakala and the magnificent West Maui Mountains and the island of Moloka'i by helicopter. Please keep the skies open over these scenic and historic sites for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2331 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Mago, Vikram

Received: Mar,21 2022 11:55:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We had the opportunity to do the Helicopter tour over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. It was the most wonderful experience and highlight of our visit to the Islands.

While I understand the need to manage Air Traffic, I would request that alternate methods be considered and these tours continue to be available to future travelers.

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Correspondence ID: 2332 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Van Zant, Joseph P

Received: Mar,21 2022 12:09:15

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not stop the Helicopters in Hawaii from being able to fly over the volcanos and other places on the Hawaiian Islands.

These flights are not only enjoyable, but very educational also. As a person who has had the opportunity to fly on of these excursions I found it extremely pleasant to look at places that are inaccessible, for the most part, by automobiles and in some cases even by boat. Some of the areas I saw on the Big Island would take a person who is capable of hiking great distances, hours to hike to see what we were able to see just a few minutes after take off. To see the lush forests, and the beautiful waterfalls was quite an enjoyable sight. There is no way I would have been able to view this if I had not been able to take the helicopter tour.

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Correspondence ID: 2333 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

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Received:

Mar,21 2022 12:14:27

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: In developing your Air Tour Management Plan, I ask that you keep National Park Airspace open to commercial helicopter tour companies. In a recent trip to Hawaii (Dec 2021), the helicopter tour we took that included an aerial fly-over of Volcanoes NP was the highlight of our vacation. Being able to see the lava flow from the air made a much greater lasting memory than did visiting the park a couple of days later and just seeing smoke rising from the crater. I would also comment that when visiting the park on the ground, I barely noticed commercial helicopters touring overhead and they did not detract from my experience at the park. In summary, seeing this park from the air was incredibly enriching and provided a memory of a lifetime.

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Correspondence ID: 2334 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

Brady, Frank H

Received:

Mar,21 2022 12:21:47

Correspondence Type:

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Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations". These beautiful landscapes need to be enjoyed from both the ground and the skies above. As a pilot, I know why these views are called the god's eye view.

These tours offer a once in a lifetime opportunity to truly see and enjoy the big picture on the Big Island. Please keep these skies open for generations to come.

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Correspondence ID: 2335 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

Hall, Gary

Received:

Mar,21 2022 12:32:27

Correspondence Type:

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Correspondence ID: 2336 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

, Danny

Received:

Mar,21 2022 12:36:32

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Hi, I just been informed of the ATMP plan to restrict aerial tour in the Haleakala and volcano park areas. I just returned from a vacation trip to Hawaii and I can say that the highlights of the trip has been the Helicopter rides we made. Although the helicopter ride might have an environmental impact associated with running an helicopter burning gaz... on the other hand it reduces the impact of the people walking around on the ground and burning gaz in their own vehicles.

Showing the magnificence of the nature in Hawaii to the tourists is also a mean of sensibilizing us to the environment. I personnaly been very impressed by what I saw and it made me respect it even more now I saw it with my own eyes.

I believe that restrickting aerial tour is a mistake and it should remain accessible to the tourists. It is the best way to promote the touristic industry and bring high level of respect to the environment at the same time.

Would it be possible to run cleaner helicopter that burn less gaz ? That might be a solution. Other than that I believe that those aerial tours must remain.

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Correspondence ID:	2337	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	moses, chris
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Received:	Mar,21 2022 12:47:12
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Correspondence ID:	2338	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Jarrett, Dennis
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Received:	Mar,21 2022 13:18:36
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Correspondence: Who came3 up with this idea, a menillial(ha)00.

These are national treasures and should be protected. The existing restrictions are more than adequate.

Denying people the opportunity to see these sights by air is not in the best of the over all population in the United States.

This proposed restriction is only in the interest of a few well connected people.

Flying over these treasures is an incredible experience and site and should not be denied.

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Correspondence ID:	2339	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Turetzky, Gregory B
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Received:	Mar,21 2022 13:21:51
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Being able to see the Volcanoes from the air is a truly awe inspiring event. I have seen them from the ground as well, but its not the same. One purpose of the National Parks is to have the beauty and majesty of our great spaces inspire people to want to save and protect them. Closing the volcanic national parks in Hawaii to air tourism will have exactly the opposite effect as the best (and safest) views of the volcanoes will be unavailable. Please keep this airspace open!

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Correspondence ID:	2340	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Hemphill, Tim
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Received:	Mar,21 2022 13:24:47
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I have flown over these areas many times.

These are American treasures and the only real way to access the real beauty

Taking helicopter access away would be National Tragedy.

Please do not allow this to happen!

Tim Hemphill  
801-201-8137

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Correspondence ID:	2341	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Bucaneg, Harvey			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 13:34:29			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I understand that many people have different views of helicopters tours and impact on our ambient and native environment and species...but the same goes for OCEAN and LAND ACTIVITIES also, i.e. whale watching, submarine and scuba/snorkeling tours; Hiking and driving excursions . That's the beauty of it...SEEING IT FROM different perspectives...To single out AIR Tours and not criticize OCEAN AND LAND would be hypocritical and unfair.

It seems that helicopter NOISE is the biggest complaint...that's ridiculous when you compare the other loud noise making things on land and ocean. Have you heard some of the vehicles on the road like motorcycles, modified cars and big services trucks. Have you seen and heard the big Cruise Ship that docks in Kahului and Lahaina waters. I lived in Lahaina growing up...i could hear the Ferry boat to Lanai from my house below Princess Nahienaena Elementary in the mornings. I could also hear the drums from the Luau at Feast at Lele and Old Lahaina. Not to mention the whale watching boat and scuba tours and sail boats...what about the boats that run onto the sand in Kaanapali. Its hypocritical to say that Helicopter NOISE is an issue when all these other activities are allowed.

You're right, I do see and hear the helicopters around...but we SHOULD NOT stop or limit the Flights over national parks just because of noise or too many helicopters...because even WE too, normal people, want to go see what our home has from a different perspective. And just viewing/seeing it from the AIR already gets rid of the chance of people touching and ruining sacred and protected areas. My Family and I have gone hiking all over MAUI...Waihe'e Ridge, Pali (windmill), Hana, Olivine Pools, Haleakala National Park (Kipahulu). Foot traffic that erodes the trail faster; and people who don't clean up after themselves and litter that our animals eat then die; and people making their own trails that stomp over native plants and fall after going where they not supposed to be in the first place.

WHAT...Is the only way to make AIR TOURs acceptable is if some kind of FOUNDATION is created, like the Pacific Whale Foundation?!? Well, I bet you from the AIR, you can see and count more whales than from a boat and also see if a whale is in distress or tangled in fishing nets/ropes.

Maybe we need to train Tour pilots to recognize certain things regarding our environment...like recognize the OHIA outbreaks, or report locations of over populated deer and invasive animals, or inform to police of illegal DLNR and criminal activities, advise of fires and hiker in distress.

My opinion is that seeing and viewing it from the AIR has LESS environmental impact than touching and walking on it from the GROUND. If you going allow the OCEAN and LAND Touring to continue the way it is...its only fair to allow the AIR Touring to continue the way it is.

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Correspondence ID:	2342	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Norton, Claudette Y			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 14:05:21			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to allow helicopters to fly over all the Volcanic National Parks in Hawaii. This is the only way that many of the guests will be able to see these incredible features.

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- 4) Very educational for school age children
- 5) Another reason to be able to promote and sell the Hawaiian Islands. Good for the Tourist community and bringing in monies to the islands.
- 6) Driving cars to the summits cause accidents, traffic jams and more destructive to the flora and fauna of the islands
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PLEASE allow the State of Hawaii to continue with Helicopter service!!

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Correspondence ID:	2343	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Morley, Bruce			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 14:08:51			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I am a frequent visitor to Haleakala National Park and often enjoy hiking and camping in the Crater.

Helicopters have been a significant degradation of my experience. I come for the solitude of the spectacular natural environment and helicopters are a gross intrusion.

I'm in favor of a reduction of flights, an increase of minimum AGL and distance from the Park boundary.

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Correspondence ID:	2345	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Carole, Joanna			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 14:19:00			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

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Correspondence ID:	2346	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Ayers, John C			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 14:42:53			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I would strongly urge you to not close off the airspace for the Hawaiian national parks to helicopter traffic. As a private pilot, I was very pleased with the level of professionalism and proficiency displayed as a passenger with Blue Hawaiian earlier this year, and can attest to the unique privilege it is to be able to see these majestic places by air. Closing them off would deprive countless Americans and visitors from around the world of the opportunity to be touched by a once in a lifetime experience that helps them not only better appreciate the wonders of these parks, but also gain a deeper respect for the importance of their own environments, wherever

home may be, and greater level of support for all of our national parks. We can only truly consider them to be America's best idea if we ensure that they remain open to Americans in the ways that best allow them to be cherished.

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Correspondence ID:	2347	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Asuncion, Frances
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Received:	Mar,21 2022 15:06:59
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: The National Parks are must see treasures for both residents and visitors. For most visitors, a once in a lifetime experience. For residents, &quot;Never get Old experience&quot; as we are ah-struck with their majesty and beauty of nature's wonders. To view these natural icons from the sky is a plus to be impressed in our memories and often recalled as a &quot;Remember when&quot; event. Please keep our skies OPEN for future generations so they may experience the same and NOT be labeled as &quot;TOO BAD&quot; the skies are CLOSED NOW.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

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Correspondence ID:	2348	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Welch, Keri A
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Received:	Mar,21 2022 15:07:01
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not close the airspace over the national parks. The helicopter tour on our vacation was the highlight and gave us a completely new outlook on the Hawaiian islands.

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Correspondence ID:	2349	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	randles, karen
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Received:	Mar,21 2022 15:20:38
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: DO NOT CLOSE THE AIRSPACE OVER VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK. The parks are too restrictive to begin with. Why are dogs not allowed in national parks? We pay taxes you know.

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Correspondence ID:	2350	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,21 2022 15:40:21
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Correspondence: We just returned from a spectacular two week trip to Hawaii. It was a lifetime dream to be able to take a Blue Hawaiian helicopter tour of Kawaii, over the majority of the island that cannot be seen otherwise. This is a national treasure! The ability to protect nature and allow flights for viewing is a challenging balance. We ask that the privilege of viewing from the sky be maintained.

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Correspondence ID:	2351	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Russell, Julie A
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Received:	Mar,21 2022 16:06:25
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Correspondence: Seeing the National Parks by air is the only way to see most of the parks in Hawaii and makes them accessible to those with handicaps. I have a bad knee and could not hike recently, and it was wonderful to see the parks and whales from the air without disturbing the animals that live there.

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Correspondence ID:	2352	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Barratt, Leslie B
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Received:	Mar,21 2022 16:10:13
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Correspondence: My husband and I spent 6 weeks on the big island and drove every public road as far as possible to see the volcanic remains of the various eruptions. Our helicopter trip was the highlight, however, as we could see the bigger picture and understand the impact volcanoes have had. Please continue to permit the public to experience Volcano National Park from the air. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	2353	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Correspondence: I prefer Alternative 2. While Alternative 3 seems like a nice compromise, I believe it will compress the tours into the 11-2 window, with it sounding like a war zone during that time, thus further damaging this important natural resource.

I also believe that with current and future technology, both people with disabilities and those without will be able to enjoy an AI-type of virtual tour, thus negating the need for helicopter tourism anywhere on the islands.

Evaluating tourism and its impact on Haleakala must be a priority to protect this precious natural resource. Once damaged or destroyed, our natural resources will be nearly impossible and/or very expensive to restore. It is best to stop potentially destructive activities on Haleakala when we become aware that our actions may be causing harm.

While our national parks were created for us to enjoy, we must enjoy them responsibly and not cause harm or destruction. We must take responsibility for protecting them for future generations to enjoy.

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Correspondence ID:	2354	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Correspondence ID:	2356	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Schiff, Eric			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 16:53:54			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Dear ATMP:			

I favor Alternative 2 as proposed in the FEB 2022 Newsletter: Air Tour Management Plan - Potential Alternatives for Public Comment.

As a frequent visitor to Haleakalā National Park over the past 25 years, I have enjoyed hiking and overnighing in the cabins and campsites. The serenity of the park is one of the true values that is shattered when rotary wing air tours fly at low AGLs overhead across or down the length of the park. From the cultural perspective, the 'mana' (power or energy present in places, objects and people) is not respected. Certainly, the avian species and likely terrestrial species in the park are negatively impacted by the noise created by the over-flights - a well documented finding as cited in the newsletter.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

Eric Schiff

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Correspondence ID:	2357	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 17:33:56			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: We had the amazing opportunity to see a National Park by air and it was an amazing experience that future generations should be able to take advantage of. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID:	2358	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Setty, Raghav			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 17:39:50			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air was the most amazing experience we had to enjoy the beauty of the natural landscapes and the green pastures of Hawaii. The viewing of the Volcano national park and the Water falls were the most memorable part of our trip to the Big Island. I kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations to enjoy this amazingly beautiful views that Hawaii has to offer.

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Correspondence ID:	2359	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 18:08:05			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I have visited the islands for 30 years and have lived here the last seven. Finally it was time to take a helicopter tour! Seeing Haleakala from the air is something you can't experience any other way! As it was we were only able to fly around the outskirts of it and I think it would be a tragedy for other individuals to not have the opportunity to enjoy this.

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Correspondence ID:	2360	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 18:08:14			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Correspondence ID:	2361	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Rierner, Christopher			
Received:	Mar,21 2022 18:38:59			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, loosing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID: 2362 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Campbell, Trish A

Received: Mar,21 2022 18:44:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I absolutely do NOT support aircraft flying near, through, above our national parks. I support Senator Case, &quot;no company or person has the right to destroy our national parks for any reason, including tourism, that we have many other opportunities for different people of different abilities to enjoy our national parks, and that air tours are fundamentally inconsistent with the reasons for which we established our national parks to start with.&quot;

Aircraft flying over our home on Tantalus has been incredibly disturbing, helicopters, small planes, and commercial flights.

Sincerely,  
Trish Campbell

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Correspondence ID: 2363 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Sparks, Lori D

Received: Mar,21 2022 18:51:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: For many of our residents and visitors alike, the view from above at Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala is the only way that they are able to enjoy the vast beauty of our national treasures. The images of these national parks are often times what draw visitors from around the world to our islands. Please help to ensure that this experience can be enjoyed by generations to come by keeping our skies open.

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Correspondence ID: 2364 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Stenson, Steve & Linda

Received: Mar,21 2022 19:23:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I waited my entire life to be able to go to Hawaii.

I convinced my &quot;not fond of heights&quot; family to go on a helicopter ride when we researched and found out about how safe and professional Blue Hawaii was. We researched every little review and safety record. Then a dream of a lifetime, we got to go around Oahu and see the volcanoes, which NONE of us would EVER be able to manage on foot. They are very much into rules equal safe records and good will with other businesses and residents. There are many other companies that may have questionable practices, but Blue Hawaii staff commented throughout our trip about different eco concerns and WHY we can see this beauty BECAUSE conservation is key. PleasePLEASE keep the airspace open so others can enjoy the parks from above as we did. There a very few people that would ever be able to see it without helicopters. It is completely the opposite of other National and State Parks, supported by public monies so the public can enjoy it. We dont mind rules, just keep the access open.

Thankyou

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Correspondence ID: 2365 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: WADE, JOANN B

Received: Mar,21 2022 19:38:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2366 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,21 2022 20:16:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,  
Please allow air tours to fly over the Volcano National Park. Setting flight routes can cause safety concerns.

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Correspondence ID: 2367 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: April, John M

Received: Mar,21 2022 20:58:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The Haleakala Crater is a natural wonder that shelters unique plant and animal species found nowhere else on the planet. It is also a Hawaiian cultural heritage site known as "the quietest place on earth." It is sacred to the Hawaiian people as the kinolau form of the Goddess Pele. Allowing any kind of commercial air tours to fly over or within 5,000 feet of the crater rim needs to be completely prohibited. Some places need to be revered and protected as realms of silence and contemplation. If there was one place on earth where this best applies it is here. Please do not approve or allow air tours to continue.

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Correspondence ID: 2368 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,22 2022 06:49:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 2369 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hill, Tracey

Received: Mar,22 2022 07:23:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter tours I believe are a necessity when it come to Hawaii Nation Parks. It's the only way to see the vastness and beauty of the land, therefore giving people an understanding to take help preserve the park

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Correspondence ID: 2370 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hill, Tracey

Received: Mar,22 2022 07:23:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID:	2371	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	S, Tobias M		
Received:	Mar,22 2022 07:37:31		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.		

Correspondence ID:	2372	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kveene, Norman		
Received:	Mar,22 2022 07:46:30		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Our trip to Hawaii was centered around a helicopter ride over the island. Especially the volcano. Our Blue Hawaii pilot was very respectful to the volcano, island and airspace over Hawaii. He was informative about how the island was formed as well as the cultural issues relating to the island inhabitants. Restricting the helicopter rides will reduce and/or eliminate the educational aspects as well as the visual properties of the island. We greatly enjoyed our ride and will always cherish the memories of your great island. Thanks.		

Correspondence ID:	2373	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	, Fletcher		
Received:	Mar,22 2022 07:50:25		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way many of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. Perhaps regulations like limiting the hours per day or the allowable sound level generated by aircraft as measured at the ground would be a better approach.		

Correspondence ID:	2374	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Coughlin, Robert		
Received:	Mar,22 2022 08:23:29		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	The highlight of our family trip to Kauai this past summer was seeing the National Parks by air. Essentially, it, is almost the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.		

Correspondence ID:	2375	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Luckevich, Rosanne M		
Received:	Mar,22 2022 08:56:43		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	I hope others will continue to be offered the privilege that I was of experiencing a flight by helicopter over majestic Hawaiian landscapes and of feeling the mystical awe and power that I felt while circling within the bowl of a defunct volcano.		

Correspondence ID:	2376	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:			

Received: Mar,22 2022 08:58:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would hate to loose the ability to see our parks by air. It is a wonderful way to see areas that otherwise couldnt be experienced, especially for those with limited mobility or older

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Correspondence ID: 2377 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: , R

Received: Mar,22 2022 09:26:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a long time visitor to National Parks, I have had the good fortune to hike to both Hawaiian volcanos and appreciated that it was made available to me. My concern about closing the airspace is accessibility to the sites. I am now older and could no longer hike to see them. Think of the millions of Americans who are in their 70s+, not to mention those with disabilities, who would never get to see these remarkable volcanos without air access.

Please keep this in mind as you make your decision that accessibility to our National Parks is a right for all.

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Correspondence ID: 2378 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Dumesnil, K & D

Received: Mar,22 2022 10:19:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My husband and I took the Blue Skies over Oahu tour on our most recent visit to Oahu. It was a WONDERFUL experience. Our Pilot was awesome! The Helicopter was comfortable. The accommodations in the waiting area were nice. The crew was very nice and very informative. The overall experience was better than I could have asked for.

The tour itself provided some breath-taking views of Oahu and the mountains, the view of Sacred Waterfall was a little short and obstructed, but it was a windy overcast day in that area so I understand why, it was still beautiful to see though. I have always wanted to see Pearl Harbour from above and got my wish with this tour. There was an amount of respectfulness that was displayed while viewing the memorial that seemed to just come naturally. The views of the beaches were superb.

My only suggestion is to wear dark clothing, including pants due to the reflection of skin, especially for the lighter skinned among us, into the windows which is picked up in pictures that you or someone else may be trying to take. The only other thing I would suggest is that they give discounted fair to the people who are stuck in seat positions 5 and 6 due to the fact that there is very limited visibility to much from those seat positions.

Overall the trip was a very wonderful experience and is one that I will do again.

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Correspondence ID: 2379 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wilson, Michael

Received: Mar,22 2022 10:20:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Received:	Mar,22 2022 10:47:41
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Correspondence: No to helicopter tours in the park. Keep the sounds of nature in the park so everyone can enjoy the singing birds and not the mechanical ones. Kalalau trail is a great example of what the park will sound like if you allow helicopters. All day long choppers from 6am-6pm, sounds like your in a war not a sacred place to escape the sounds of people and machines. When the flow was happening in 18, the sounds of the choppers caused PTSD to many locals, making everyone's anxiety heighten. That's what the sounds of helicopters do. Be considerate of the local people who live here not cater to lazy tourism. It is not worth it in the long run.

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Correspondence ID:	2381	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Stein, Rodger L
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Received: Mar,22 2022 10:52:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The opportunity to explore the Island from the air allows people to see areas of the Island that would be otherwise unavailable. For those who are not able to, or don't care to, hike long distances over rough terrain, the helicopter rides are the answer. After our first flight, we will be doing more and locating areas that we can explore from the ground. Blue Hawaiian Helicopters tours provides a safe and conscientious excursion. I do not see how these flights provide any threat to the parks, people, or general environment when compared to all the tour buses and vans. Save these tours so that future visitors can have the opportunity to visit the parks in a way like no other.

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Correspondence ID: 2382 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pollard, Mel

Received: Mar,22 2022 11:10:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to let you know my opposition to limiting any National Park from the sky-- especially Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Grand Canyon, and Haleakala National Park. For many, seeing the National Parks by air, is the only way many residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. For those that can hike in these national parks, viewing the National Parks from the air gives you a totally unique experience you cannot get otherwise. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open in and around our National Parks for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2383 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Angulo, Robert

Received: Mar,22 2022 11:39:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha and thanks for listening. The idea that one day we will not be able to visit and learn about these amazing mountains from above is simply devastating! This is an annual pilgrimage with the kids and their friends. For young people who are learning about themselves and the world around them and deciding what they will be when they grow up, these flights are so so important. Helicopters exist to provide a totally unique way of interacting with the world and in this special case, with Hawaiian volcanos. Many of these young people are future geologists and future vulcanologists who will one day give back to the parks and spread the knowledge on to future generations. Please keep these valuable educational flights available for the many young people exploring themselves while flying high over these magic mountains. Thank you, Robert A.

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Correspondence ID: 2384 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Serra, Alicia

Received: Mar,22 2022 11:59:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2385 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,22 2022 12:26:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID:	2386	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Kudray, Luke
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Received:	Mar,22 2022 13:11:18
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I'm lucky to be a frequent Kama'aina visitor to our beautiful Haleakala and Hawaii Volcanoes parks and strongly support ALTERNATIVE 2 for flight traffic control.

There are so precious few quiet natural places left in the world, free of the sounds of construction, traffic, or aircraft. This seems like a tremendous opportunity to preserve the spaces we have for current and future generations. As endangered flora and fauna struggle with climate change and rising foot traffic post-COVID, ALTERNATIVE 2 is a step towards creating safe (sound) spaces where visitors can reach and beyond.

Thank you for presenting these alternatives and for allowing comments!

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Correspondence ID:	2387	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,22 2022 14:10:01
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Correspondence: when my kids are old enough, I want them to be able to experience seeing flowing lava like I did. This can only reliably happen from a helicopter. To restrict the airspace is to remove the opportunity to experience something they can not see any other way and diminishes the opportunities and world we're leaving for our children. Please leave the airspace open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID:	2388	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,22 2022 14:15:42
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Correspondence: As an environmental engineer I saw no negative impacts of our helicopter flight over the active volcano.

The pilot took great care to inform us of the risk as well as the environmental sensitivity of the area. Only positive results came from our excursion.

I hope future visitors can also benefit from the helicopter trips.

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Correspondence ID:	2389	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,22 2022 14:20:45
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Correspondence: Whether it is a National Park or a National Recreation Area both agencies have overstepped their

moral obligation to provide easy access for ALL visitors to the beautiful areas starting in the 1970's.

Not all visitors can access a National Park by car, bike or hiking and the use of aircraft affords each and everyone the opportunity to view the awe-inspiring nature that we all love to visit. My family has personally, visited three Hawaiian Islands by helicopter including flying over Haleakala National Park and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. In addition to flying over these two National Parks we have hiked and visited by car. The flights over and around any National Park has left us along with the passengers we

rode with the greatest memories of our lives. Reducing the amount of commercially operated flights over National Parks is a significant impact to all businesses involved, the tourism of the state of Hawaii, as well as a huge disservice to all Americans who deserve the opportunity to see great things in the free country we live in! What greater good does this type of action help? These companies are not destroying the land, the NPS, or the beauty of the parks. This is an un-necessary ATMP and should be rejected because it does not show just cause for the implementation! If the NPS publicized this as should occur there would be greater public outcry to avoid damaging restrictions to our public lands! There is zero environmental impact to these National Parks!

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Correspondence ID: 2390 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,22 2022 14:22:18  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Whether it is a National Park or a National Recreation Area both agencies have overstepped their moral obligation to provide easy access for ALL visitors to the beautiful areas starting in the 1970's. Not all visitors can access a National Park by car, bike or hiking and the use of aircraft affords each and everyone the opportunity to view the awe-inspiring nature that we all love to visit. My family has personally, visited three Hawaiian Islands by helicopter including flying over Haleakala National Park and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. In addition to flying over these two National Parks we have hiked and visited by car. The flights over and around any National Park has left us along with the passengers we rode with the greatest memories of our lives. Reducing the amount of commercially operated flights over National Parks is a significant impact to all businesses involved, the tourism of the state of Hawaii, as well as a huge disservice to all Americans who deserve the opportunity to see great things in the free country we live in! What greater good does this type of action help? These companies are not destroying the land, the NPS, or the beauty of the parks. This is an un-necessary ATMP and should be rejected because it does not show just cause for the implementation! If the NPS publicized this as should occur there would be greater public outcry to avoid damaging restrictions to our public lands! There is zero environmental impact to these National Parks!

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Correspondence ID: 2391 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,22 2022 14:40:06  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe it is a great benefit to the people of Hawaii and the entire world to be able to view the National Parks by air. By air is the only way to fully appreciate the beauty and sheer magnificence of the parks. It is also a great educational tool. I kindly ask you to keep the skies open for all of us now and for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2392 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ruff, william  
Received: Mar,22 2022 14:43:28  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. I kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. Please do not completely restrict airspace over the national parks. Flying over the parks provided not only an exciting experience but a deeper appreciate for them and natural spaces in general.

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Correspondence ID: 2393 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Buberl, Glenn  
Received: Mar,22 2022 15:19:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We have been fortunate enough to take two helicopter tours over the volcano on the Big Island in the last 15 years. While we have also done quite a bit of hiking around the park, the only way to fully appreciate its magnificence is by over flying it. Nothing compares to the experience of seeing the Earth being transformed. We hope you will continue to allow others to see enjoy in this experience.

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Correspondence ID: 2394 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Zagaja, Matthew J

Received: Mar,22 2022 16:27:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I sincerely enjoyed the opportunity to see the national park by air. It was a highlight of my wife and I's honeymoon. Our guide had background in environmental science and cared deeply about what we were seeing. I hope you will continue to let future folks experience the parks in this way.

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Correspondence ID: 2395 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,22 2022 17:01:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopter flights should be banned within the boundaries of Haleakala National Park. Flights provide benefit for only a select few, while disrupting the serenity of the park for many.

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Correspondence ID: 2396 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: PROSSER, Michael

Received: Mar,22 2022 18:35:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: A few years back when my wife and I were in our 60's we enjoyed traveling to Hawaii and doing it our way....self guided tours, hiking, slow walking it, taking it all in. We returned a few years later when we were in our 70's, it was guided tour time. We took the tour buses and enjoyed sitting back watching and listening to the tour guide and enjoying the fantastic scenery unfold before us. While the previous trips were wonderful experiences we knew we were only able to see a fraction of the beauty Hawaii has to offer. This year, we again returned to fabulous Hawaii and being octogenarians, we opted to take a 3 island 15 day tour and included a 90min helicopter ride over each island....WOW that's the only way to go! We saw places on each island not accessible from the road or even by hiking. This was the best adventure of all our trips to the islands. It would sadden us if some of these flight paths were to be restricted and not available to our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. (of which now number 27 and still counting!) Please no helicopter flight restrictions.

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Correspondence ID: 2397 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Boerboom, Greg

Received: Mar,22 2022 19:26:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Viewing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of us can see the beauty of these treasures. We are able to view this natural environment without disturbing the ground below. Seeing the natural beauty of the National Parks stokes our passion to preserve these National treasures.

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Correspondence ID: 2398 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,22 2022 20:22:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haileakula is special. Commercial planes would totally ruin the solitude and peace.

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Correspondence ID: 2399 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hallberg, Andrea G

Received: Mar,22 2022 20:51:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the Hawaiian treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2400 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hanson, Aaron

Received: Mar,22 2022 22:03:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

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Correspondence ID:	2401	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Forster, Priya fanny J			
Received:	Mar,22 2022 22:52:34			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Please do not let Helicopters fly over haleakala. Some things must stay protected.			

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Name:	Forster, Priya fanny J			
Received:	Mar,22 2022 22:52:38			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
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Received:	Mar,22 2022 22:52:39			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
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Correspondence ID:	2404	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Wells, Jonathon			
Received:	Mar,23 2022 03:15:38			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations If I were to return to Hawaii, I would enjoy another helicopter ride to enjoy the beauty of the islands.			

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Correspondence ID:	2405	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hamilton, Bruce			
Received:	Mar,23 2022 03:58:01			

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Christy and I flew with Blue Hawaiian Helicopters during a recent trip to Maui and were awed by the natural beauty of the National Parks. Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park were nothing short of spectacular. While we hiked both as well, I cannot imagine not having the added joy and pleasure of being inspired by the spectacular aerial view.

I understand there is a move afoot that may restrict airspace. It would be such a shame if our children and grandchildren, and frankly Christy and I, would be denied seeing the grandeur and beauty of these national treasures from the air.

As a caveat, please let me add that our aerial guide, the Blue Hawaiian Helicopter pilot was so respectful and made sure not to violate the National Parks in any way. He kept a more than respectful distance. Not only that he provided an educational experience talking about the ecology, history and the importance of protecting this valuable natural resource. It's a lesson that might be lost if a restriction was imposed.

Thank you for this chance to provide my input. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Bruce Heiman Hamilton

904-945-9757

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Correspondence ID:	2406	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Quiocho, Malia
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Received:	Mar,23 2022 04:00:59
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please ban the aircraft at Haleakala. This is a sacred resource and unique on the planet. People need the quiet and Undisturbed nature there.

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Correspondence ID:	2407	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,23 2022 04:01:08
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Correspondence: Please ban helicopters from the park boundaries and also keep them above 5000 feet. The park is already overrun with visitors by land. Having air traffic will completely destroy the mana and spiritual nature of the area. It will also negatively impact the residents' ability to participate in this important location.

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Correspondence ID:	2408	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Received:	Mar,23 2022 08:50:14
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Correspondence: I can't imagine not having the option of seeing our National Parks by air, especially for individuals with disabilities who do not have the ability to visit a national park by foot. Please keep the skies open for everyone!

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Correspondence ID:	2409	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Enkling, Amy
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Received:	Mar,23 2022 08:51:27
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: The excursion with Blue Hawaiian helicopters around the island of Oahu was a WONDERFUL experience! I would hate to see that experience "cut short" by taking away any part of showing all the island has to offer. Seeing all the natural wonders, I found places I made sure to then visit. I think it's detrimental to the business and the parks asking to not be flown over.



Correspondence ID:	2410	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,23 2022 09:14:14		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: I enjoyed seeing the the Hawaiian National Parks by air. It was a great way to see the natural beauty of the parks. This is the best way for someone to see the parks if they are unable to do a lot of walking due to their physical condition or lack of time. If there is a problem with the number of aircraft flying over the parks you might just need to limit the number of daily flights like is done by limiting the number of cruise ships in Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska			
Correspondence ID:	2411	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Maul, Jennifer		
Received:	Mar,23 2022 09:34:27		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: Seeing Hawaii Volcano National Parks by air is the only way my husband was able to see this incredible sight. He is a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair; however, through Blue Hawaiian Helicopters he was able to experience this once in a lifetime adventure. There is no other way he would have been able to see the beauty of the terrain from all of the vantage points we had in the helicopter. I am afraid of heights and claustrophobic and I still had an amazing time, the memories will last forever. I kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.			
Thank you for your consideration, Jennifer Maul			
Correspondence ID:	2412	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	,		
Received:	Mar,23 2022 09:43:40		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence: As someone who payed a ridiculous amount of money to take this tour. I would have no issue with you charging them an increased fee to fly over the nation park airspace.			
Correspondence ID:	2413	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Jow, Rick		
Received:	Mar,23 2022 09:57:22		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
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Correspondence ID:	2414	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Lewis, Betty			
Received:	Mar,23 2022 11:22:24			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please keep the skies open to view this once in a lifetime beautiful island. This is only way we could view the island and inside a volcano.

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Correspondence ID:	2415	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	alleyne, jamal			
Received:	Mar,23 2022 12:28:40			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Closing off the airways over the national parks and volcano's to me will stop visitors from visiting the island to see the wonders which they may not have in person a bad idea. Lots of residents and tourist come to see such sights and might result in a huge loss of revenue for the state. Then there's also the fact that a majority of the ones wanting to see the sights are elderly and also visitors with young children who might not be able to make the trip to see such views on foot. Then we also have the stories, that I've heard of a helicopter tour

spotting an injured or lost hiker and radioing it back with their location, saving the lives of individuals who may of died if not for them.

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Correspondence ID: 2416 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,23 2022 12:30:00  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2417 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Brown, Cassandra M  
Received: Mar,23 2022 13:25:05  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: When my husband and I travel to certain locations, we love to take a helicopter tour as it gives a bigger perspective of the area and allows us to see things that often cannot be seen on the ground. When we visited Hawaii's big island several years ago, we signed up for a helicopter tour. I am fascinated by volcanos and was so excited to see the Volcano National Park by air to hopefully see the caldera and how the lava has flowed over the years. Unfortunately, our helicopter tour was cancelled due to rain, and it was one of the biggest disappointments of that trip. Please do not close the skies over areas such as the Volcano National Park or Mount Haleakala as it would deny people such as myself the opportunity to see these treasures in a broader picture than can be done on land only.

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Correspondence ID: 2418 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: M, Chris  
Received: Mar,23 2022 13:48:46  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I believe the helicopter companies (at least Blue Hawaiian) provide a view (and history) of the Hawaiian Islands that are not available in other ways. Physical mobility being one. Hearing about and viewing the Island from the air does not impact the land as would physically walking on it. Many of the waterfalls and remote areas are too dangerous to navigate through hiking. Seeing the beauty from a helicopter leaves me in awe.  
Removing the flights would have a deleterious affect and remove people's awareness of the natural beauty the Hawaiian Island have.

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Correspondence ID: 2419 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Scalzo, Gene  
Received: Mar,23 2022 14:05:48  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
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Name:	Heineman, John
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Name:	Okai, Takeshi
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Received:	Mar,23 2022 15:01:54
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Please do not close the airspace over:

- Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
- Haleakalā National Park

It is a national treasure and should be open to the public.

We have enjoyed the helicopter tours so much and wish that many people would enjoy the great experience.

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Correspondence ID:	2422	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Mulherin, Kimberly
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Received: Mar,23 2022 15:08:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Regarding the ATMP:

We have traveled to the Hawaiian Islands since 1983 and have flown many helicopter trips while there in order to see some of the beauty that is accessible only by air. We request that the skies over Hawaii National parks remain open to Blue Hawaiian and other companies that offer this unique and beautiful experience.

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Correspondence ID: 2423 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Fletcher Sistar, Melinda C

Received: Mar,23 2022 15:32:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am a 30 year resident that lives very close to the park entrance in Kula, Hawai'i, and the noise pollution due to the air traffic from tourism has completely gotten out of control. It seems to start in the very early morning hours to catch the sunrise and even late at night I hear planes or helicopters coming from the Big Island direction. Please control the times, routes and amount of air traffic before you ruin this native and sacred land.

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Correspondence ID: 2424 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Garrett, Alyssa O

Received: Mar,23 2022 17:10:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hi,

I visited Hawaii last year and feel strongly that helicopter operators like Blue Hawaiian should be allowed to keep the same routes. National parks are supposed to be enjoyed and accessible to the public. Having a helicopter option is a great way to see the beauty of the island and gain an appreciation for it. I hope they are able to continue to offer this valuable service.

Best,  
Alyssa

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Correspondence ID: 2425 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Rosett, Chynna

Received: Mar,23 2022 17:15:53

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Name:	Darr, Jason
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Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID:	2427	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Burke, Jeffrey E			
Received:	Mar,23 2022 18:57:22			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I have taken the Blue Hawaiian helicopter tour on Kauai twice including this past June. It is one of the coolest things I have ever done. The ability to see the off-limits sights from that view is a once in a lifetime experience and leaves you in awe of the beauty in our nature. This past trip was even more special as your teenage daughter was with us. We went on the tour near the end of a two week trip. It was her favorite part of the entire trip and it wasn't even close. Please don't shut this down and deny people the opportunity to experience these incredible views of nature.

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Correspondence ID:	2428	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Cordova, Doria			
Received:	Mar,23 2022 23:16:48			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			



Correspondence: Haleakala is a Wonder in the World. Its silence divine. Please allow for that peace and tranquillity to remain. I love helicopters - I love Haleakala... they don't go together! Thank you! Mahalo Nui Loa

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep helicopter tours out of Haleakalā!! It is one of the most quiet and sacred places on earth! By allowing helicopter tours over the crater it would disturb the peace of this special place and take away from its beauty and essence. Helicopter tours are not needed here- hundreds of thousands of tourists come every year to enjoy the peace and quiet and awe of this beautiful place. It would not be the same with helicopters flying above; it would ruin the magic for everyone else and not be what it is today.

Also, please be mindful of the people who live here. Haleakalā is my backyard and we would absolutely be impacted if helicopters were to begin flying over. They are loud and obnoxious and would disrupt our everyday life.

Please do not decimate our beloved Haleakalā, our home and our pride. Protect this sacred place and preserve it for generations to come. Be pono, malama the aina.

Aloha

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Correspondence ID: 2434 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ostermeyer, Michael

Received: Mar,24 2022 12:09:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID:	2435	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Stoltenberg, Susan			
Received:	Mar,24 2022 12:15:46			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: National Parks: Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP)  
National Parks Service, please consider the continued viewing of many of our National Parks by air, especially Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Haleakalā National Park, Bryce Canyon and the Grand Canyon. Aerial viewing allows more visitors to see a larger portion of the parks in a shorter period of time. This also minimizes automobile congestion on the ground, reducing pollutants. This also reduces the amount of trash and other impacts on the ground created by overcrowding. Viewing these majestic places from the air gives the visitors a different perspective and can take in the awe and grandeur of these National Treasures. Please keep the airspace open above these beautiful landmarks for future visitors.  
Thank you,  
Susan S.

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Correspondence ID:	2436	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Miller, Bonnie			
Received:	Mar,24 2022 12:24:17			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: PLEASE support Congressman Case on this ban. It is like living in a war zone to have these helicopters flying over and around my house. It is a huge degradation of our quality of life here. Apparently other congresspeople are supporting the helicopters as a way to generate income for the state? If this is why there isn't more support for this ban in Congress, then it should be known that this sacrifice is on the backs of those of us who live here in this flight path. Surely some creative thinking and legislating by Congress would come up with less environmentally destructive and more economically rewarding ways to help the Hawaiian economy.  
Sincerely,  
Bonnie Miller

Congressman Case Urges Public Comment Supporting Ban On Commercial Tour Helicopter/Small Aircraft Overflights Of Hawaii's Two National Parks  
Ban Is One Alternative Under Consideration By National Park Service And Federal Aviation Administration In Development Of Air Tour Management Plans For Precious But Disrupted Hawai'i Volcanoes And Haleakala National Parks  
Honolulu, HI, March 22, 2022

(Honolulu, HI) - Congressman Ed Case (HI-01), a member of the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources and Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands which has jurisdiction over the country's 63 National Parks, today urged the public to submit comments to call for the protection of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park.

"Throughout our Hawai'i, excessive unregulated commercial helicopter/small aircraft tour operations have heightened safety concerns in the air and on the ground and severely disrupted our communities and special places," said Case. "This has been especially true in our two treasured national parks, Hawai'i Volcanoes and Haleakalā, with pre-COVID overflights of 16,500 per year for Hawai'i Volcanoes and 5,000 per year for Haleakalā, some of the very highest in the entire National Park System.

"These flights disrupt communities on the way to and from the parks, destroy the serenity of these natural treasures, have significant impacts on the natural environment and soundscape, inhibit perpetuation of cultural connections to our landscapes, impede the preservation of endemic Hawaiian ecosystems and diminish visitors' abilities to learn about and enjoy the parks' resources."

Case continued: "In 2000, Congress passed the National Parks Air Tour Management Act to require the National Park Service (NPS) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to work together to set up specific air tour management plans (ATMP) for each national park, but the agencies, especially the FAA, dragged their feet for over a decade. It took a lawsuit from a Hawai'i community group for the federal courts to order FAA and NPS to implement either ATMPs or voluntary agreements for the most heavily-impacted parks including Hawaii's.

"The NPS is now proceeding with development of ATMPs for Hawai'i Volcanoes and Haleakalā and is requesting public comment on alternatives: (1) no action/status quo/historic levels; (2) maximum protection/no air tours under 5,000 feet above ground within a half mile of the parks; (3) specific routes through the parks with caps on total flight per day and annually; and (4) (for Hawai'i Volcanoes) more limited routes with caps. The Honolulu Civil Beat article here summarizes the process."

"I will be submitting comments urging maximum protection for both of our parks," said Case.

"I will be saying basically that no company or person has the right to destroy our national parks for any reason, including tourism, that we have many other opportunities for different people of different abilities to enjoy our national parks, and that air tours are fundamentally inconsistent with the reasons for which we established our national parks to start with."

"We need your help with your own comments in your own words and from your own experiences," said Case. The deadline for submission is April 1st. The NPS is asking for "substantive comments," meaning more than just that you support an alternative, but why and why the other alternatives won't work. To review the ATMP proposals and comment: here for Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and here for Haleakalā National Park.

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Correspondence ID:	2437	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Brown, Brian
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Received:	Mar,24 2022 14:44:14
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Correspondence: I am a holder of a lifetime senior pass for the National Parks. We enjoy exploring our national parks by car, by RV, by hiking and 5e occasional air tour. Seeing the parks from the air yields different perspectives of, the parks both from a scenic viewpoint but also, understanding the ecology and geography of the parks and how they fit into the surrounding landscape. Please allow for the continued use of air tours.

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Correspondence ID:	2438	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Nelson, Stephanie
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Received:	Mar,24 2022 16:34:16
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Correspondence: Aloha,

I spent a wonderful day with my husband in the crater last week. Sore legs, happy souls.

Mostly, it is the silence and the space away from other things that makes it a sacred and important place.

I have heard that there is the idea of allowing helicopter tours to fly above the crater. When we were there, two different helicopters flew around the summit breaking the silence and peace. I would hate for there to be more than there already are. There are so few places to get away in this world and even on Maui these days.

Please keep the crater quiet and sacred and free of more noise and helicopters.

Respectfully, Stephanie Nelson

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Correspondence ID:	2439	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Wilson, John D			
Received:	Mar,24 2022 17:50:15			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Do not ban helicopter flights over the Kilauea volcano site. That would deprive hard-working, tax-paying citizens of a once-in-a-lifetime experience that you benefit from each and every day. Let's see some common sense thinking from the bureaucrats for a welcome change. Continue to allow citizens to see their unique country unfettered by unnecessary rules and regulations.

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Correspondence ID:	2440	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,24 2022 18:07:13			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please don't close the skies over Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park. Seeing Hawaii Volcanoes NP from the air was a once in a lifetime experience for me and my family. We were able to see things that are impossible to see from the ground. We want people to continue to care about and want to protect our National Parks. Seeing them from the air made us love our parks even more. Thanks.

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Correspondence ID:	2441	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,24 2022 18:22:03			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. We have very much enjoyed the helicopter tours on two Hawaiian islands from a reputable tour company. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID:	2442	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Lee, Dennis			
Received:	Mar,24 2022 18:47:19			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: My family and I took a trip on Hawaii and Kauai, this was one of the most memorable activities of our trip. The pilots were extremely knowledgeable on the history and the formation of the terrain. This was a beautiful way to view the islands and I can't imagine not having done it. The first thing we did after arriving home was show everyone the video from our flights. This was definitely an unforgettable adventure for my family and I.

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Correspondence ID:	2443	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	, Sandra			
Received:	Mar,24 2022 19:24:38			

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My comment is regarding the idea of allowing helicopter tours to fly over and around Mt. Haleakala. I am horrified that this is being considered! Please do NOT allow this.

The mountain already has a road, so people can see the top without much effort.

The absolute silence in the crater is a most amazing experience! Hearing native birds is also a wonderful experience. The Beauty and majesty of this ancient place would be profoundly disturbed by helicopters flying around.

Please do not allow profit to tarnish this sacred space.

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Correspondence ID: 2444 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: DeFelice, Mario W

Received: Mar,24 2022 22:35:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 2445 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,25 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I oppose helicopters over Haleakala. This place is sacred. Please keep it that way. The wildlife could suffer from noise pollution and habitat invasion. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID: 2446 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,25 2022 06:43:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am oppose to closing airspace above any national parks or monuments.

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Correspondence ID: 2447 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,25 2022 08:08:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala crater is like no other place on Earth. One of its most precious qualities is the profound silence one can experience while in the crater. I hope you do not go forward with any plans to allow helicopter tours over the park.

My understanding is that you are looking at options.

I would hope for no helicopter tours. Keep the area pristine and quiet, please.

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Correspondence ID: 2448 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kelly, Patrick

Received: Mar,25 2022 12:20:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There should be absolutely NO helicopters above these parks. Their beauty which includes their tranquility should be preserved. Helicopters at any height unduly ruin the NPS experience.

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Correspondence ID: 2449 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hesch, Mark

Received: Mar,25 2022 13:43:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a frequent hiker of the crater and having stayed overnight in the crater on many occasions, I do not feel that commercial air tours should be allowed in the crater. This area has been recognized as "one of the quietest places on earth!", and the noise of the tours resonates significantly within the crater walls!

I also understand that many people are interested in seeing this tremendous natural wonder, and that many do not have the time or physical ability to walk down and through the crater, so if tours are ultimately allowed, I feel that yes they should be regulated, limited, and restricted to certain daylight hours.

Mahalo,

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Correspondence ID: 2450 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Riedlin, Frederick

Received: Mar,25 2022 14:42:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

As an avid outdoorsman and pilot, I have spent much of my time exploring the wonders of our National treasures known as the National Parks. In the last 5 years I have become handicapped and do not have the ability to explore like I once was able to. Helicopter tours provide a vital link to our nature wonders to those of us that are handicapped or too old to hike a trail. Depriving members of the handicapped community access to view the extended beauty of our National Parks that helicopter tours provide is wrong.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

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Correspondence ID:	2451	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Rather, Marsha L			
Received:	Mar,25 2022 14:45:17			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not close the airspace above Hawaii's National Parks to air tour companies such as Blue Hawaiian Helicopters, one of the safest such companies in operation in the USA. It is difficult for many of us to hike throughout Hawaii's national parks, especially during limited vacation visits, which is why air tours are so important and so necessary to enjoy these amazing natural wonders! Also the perspective gained from the air is totally different from the perspective gained at ground level. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	2452	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Amiot, Heidi			
Received:	Mar,25 2022 15:19:47			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please do not take away access to see Hawaii's national parks by air. Many pristine areas can remain pristine if they continue to be untouched by our curious human nature. Above that there are countless areas that would be impossible to see if not by air. It is truly a blessing to see any of this beautiful land, there has to be a better way than forbidding sightseeing air-traffic. Of the 4 people in our tour, 2 of them are unable to walk distances, hike or climb... Even sitting in a vehicle for more than an hour is difficult. Please do not take this experience away from future generations, it would be heartbreaking as it was the experience of a lifetime.

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Correspondence ID:	2453	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Ulrich, Ellison B			
Received:	Mar,25 2022 16:01:08			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: To whom it may concern;  
Aloha,

I insist on behalf of myself, the residents of Maui, the animals and plants that inhabit the land here and especially in sacred Haleakalā crater, of the immense pure silence that penetrates that precious space; that you do not allow any helicopter tours over the crater national park. This land is statistically, scientifically proven to be one of the if not THE quietest place on earth. How, I deeply and painfully wonder, how, this could even be considered by the local/state government of Hawai'i. It's counter productive, it's in service to those who come here to visit, use, take, and funnel money into a dangerously unsustainable industry. This, and "they" are killing Hawai'i. Where I live



(over four years now) experiences constant sound pollution already. I'm already constantly disturbed by the extreme vibrations of planes and helicopters flying overhead all. Day. Long. I beg of you do not let this happen to our sacred mountain. It is up to us to preserve and cherish this beautiful land. It's already in a state of terrible depletion and pollution that needs immediate and better improved mitigation. Thank you for your time ~  
-Elli

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Correspondence ID:	2454	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	B, Linda
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Received:	Mar,25 2022 16:09:50
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Correspondence: PLEASE keep our sky's open over the National Parks. These are suppose to be the parks for the people, set aside for everyone to enjoy. Being able to see from the skies is a necessary experience. As a disabled person, I am not able to get around, being able to do a helicopter tour allowed me to see an amazing treasure that I would not have gotten to see otherwise.

As a professional photographer, this allowed me incredible shots and view points that would not have been possible (or safe) otherwise.

National parks complain about folks not staying on the trail, but if there are no other options to view incredible volcanoes, and you restrict the sky, you are taking away from what these parks were designated for - the people's use. While I agree air noise can detract from a nature experience, consider limiting it rather than complete restriction.

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Correspondence ID:	2455	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	, Mike
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Received:	Mar,25 2022 16:16:06
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Correspondence: Being able to see the national park from the sky was the best part of my Hawaii experience! Thinking that you will take this away is a crime!

For many, like myself, Hawaii is a once in a lifetime trip, and being able to see it by helicopter was also a once in a lifetime experience, a bucket list experience. To be able to view the park, the craters, the volcano was the absolute best part of my trip. Taking this away from future generations is a crime. The national parks were created so that ALL PEOPLE would have access to them. That wasn't limited to foot or car traffic, where the park closes areas and you are so far away that you can't see the amazing sites.

Being able to view from air, you get to see so many areas that you can't get to by foot/car.

Please do not take this experience away.

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Correspondence ID:	2456	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Sheard, Stacy
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Received:	Mar,25 2022 18:57:21
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Correspondence ID:	2457	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Weltman, Rob			
Received:	Mar,26 2022 01:14:32			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: While I understand the comment by Blue Hawaiian that not everyone can experience the Haleakalā crater from the ground, there are a very large number who do every day, and their interest in a serene environment - "the quietest place on earth" - cannot be disregarded. I think it is in the best interest of the environment of the park and its visitors to prohibit helicopter tours altogether because of the noise issue.

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Correspondence ID:	2458	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Pawlak, Peter			
Received:	Mar,26 2022 08:30:26			

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of Hawaii's residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

Our pilot was very respectful of the rules and regulations. Don't penalize everyone for the actions of a few.

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Correspondence ID: 2459 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: , david  
Received: Mar,26 2022 14:38:13  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: please keep the sky's open, fantastic experience

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Correspondence ID: 2460 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Alford, Kelly D  
Received: Mar,26 2022 15:33:12  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I've heard that there is talk of the National Parks Service restricting or eliminating helicopter tourism in the Hawaiian islands. I highly object to such a restriction for two reasons:

Except for FAA Temporary Flight Restricted (TFR) areas, the Parks Service does not control the airspace above Park property. That includes helicopters, private aircraft, commercial fixed-wing, and drones (UAV), provided they are operated within FAA rules and restrictions. The National Parks Department is not the FAA, nor does it have jurisdictional control over private or commercial aviation.

There are simply no reason why long established businesses like the tourist helicopter charters should be singled out and restricted in airspace over any National Park. Tourists spend a good amount of money to get the scenic views from helicopter charters over the Hawaiian Islands. Flying over parks presents no endangerment to wildlife or natural areas, and certainly far less than hikers trampling vegetation or having to be evacuated by Park Ranger's because they got into a bad situation.

Eliminating or suspending helicopter charter tours is capricious and completely unnecessary. Any proposal in doing so should be tossed, and never revisited again.

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Correspondence ID: 2461 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Ahia, Katrina  
Received: Mar,27 2022 02:12:06  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a Maui resident, and someone who has enjoyed numerous hikes into the crater, as well as a two-night service trip, I oppose any helicopter flights over Haleakalā. Walking on the sliding sands trail, Keonehe'ehe'e - is one of my most favorite activities. This is easily my most favorite place on the planet, and the profound silence is an important part of the experience and this place. I support the least amount of flights - zero, or as close to zero as possible. Haleakalā is extremely special, and the mechanized helicopters - their noise and unsightly presence do not belong there. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID: 2462 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: D'Angelo, Jane  
Received: Mar,27 2022 06:11:15  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why do this? Our world needs areas of quietness and untouched nature. Don't add to the chaos for only a monetary purpose. Once you start letting this happen, it continues to creep in. Stop it now!

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Correspondence ID: 2463 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Nitka, Timothy S  
Received: Mar,27 2022 08:05:06  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the skies open. We loved exploring the beautiful places Hawaii has to offer in the air that we could not do with it.

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Correspondence ID: 2464 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,27 2022 10:24:39  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep helicopters from flying over Haleakala. Let's preserve at least one special serene place on Maui and not cave to \$\$\$\$.  
If people want to see Haleakala, they can drive and hike. Let's preserve the special silence  
Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 2465 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Maffei, Janet  
Received: Mar,27 2022 11:27:37  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been to Maui many times before. It's been 10 years since I was here last and the amount of change to this island is incredible. it seem that you are building all over and no one is thinking of preserving the beauty of this island. Maui has always been one of my favorite places and will continue to be. Just recently I went up to Haleakala, which I do every time I come here. Seems like this is one of the only places that is still the same. My friend, who lives here, told me that you want to allow more helicopter to fly over it. Don't do it, please don't it. 25,000 helicopter rides a year will disturb the beautiful peace and quiet that we all go there for. Too much progress and not enough sense. Money is not the issue, destroying the quiet and spirituality of the mountain is.

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Correspondence ID: 2466 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Silva, Emily  
Received: Mar,27 2022 12:55:07  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: No helicopters to spoil our environment."

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Correspondence ID: 2467 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Sayegh, Sebastian  
Received: Mar,27 2022 13:12:04  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

I believe the 2nd options presents the best option for Maui count to move forward with environmental protecting our resources and respecting the native culture as well. The national park is truly a special place unlike any other, hikes through this national park are amazingly peaceful due to the distance from society - having aircraft fly by is

extremely noisy even when they're at higher altitudes of 5000 feet. Limiting this would be great but I believe option 3 would have far too many helicopters passing through at low levels as they exit - some through residential areas which would cause major disturbances to people and the wildlife. The possibility of a helicopter crash is very real and could cause immense environmental damage along with death to endangered species.

With so many endangered species in this area I would like to know if a proper environmental study has been done? Has a Decibel level test been taken from the suggested new path to even acknowledge if it would be permissible?

Mahalo,

Sebastian Sayegh

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Correspondence ID:	2468	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Twelvetrees, Jennifer			
Received:	Mar,27 2022 14:10:17			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	No helicopter flights over Haleakala Crater period!			

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Correspondence ID:	2469	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Loewe, Scott A			
Received:	Mar,27 2022 15:22:58			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.			

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Correspondence ID:	2470	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Armstrong, Aram			
Received:	Mar,27 2022 16:25:57			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Alternative 2 is the preferred alternative. Air tourism is extractive tourism. (Test: Who benefits from it?) Air tourism over sacred lands and indigenous communities is exploitative. In Hawaiian culture, the host culture, which was illegally overthrown the the US military at the behest of a minority group of white land owners, views the volcano peaks as sacred, Land of the Gods. Defend the sacred. Mahalo.			

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Correspondence ID:	2471	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Woodford, Sherri			
Received:	Mar,27 2022 16:34:09			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	Aloha! Please do not allow helicopters to fly over the Haleakala crater. It is an incredibly special place on earth. Part of why it's so special is because of how silent and peaceful it is. Having loud helicopters flying over head would ruin the experience for many just to benefit the few in the helicopters. There are plenty of other beautiful places on Maui to enjoy by helicopter. Please protect this amazing place.			

Thank you for your time!

Sherri

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Correspondence ID: 2472 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,27 2022 17:19:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think a mix of alternatives 2 and 3 would be ideal to control noise pollution, disturbance of endangered species/lives of locals, and air traffic congestion. Maybe raising the prices of the helicopter tours might help decrease air congestion as well?

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Correspondence ID: 2473 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Christiansen, Mark

Received: Mar,27 2022 17:55:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

Plus, people with disabilities may not be able to hike or walk it.

Have the courage to say NO to this!

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Correspondence ID: 2474 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Aloii, Kim

Received: Mar,27 2022 19:00:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE no helicopter tours over Haleakala National Park.

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Correspondence ID: 2475 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hartman, Christina

Received: Mar,27 2022 19:15:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing as a Kula, Maui resident in support of Alternative 2. Alternative 2 would prohibit air tours within the ATMP planning area. The ATMP planning area includes areas below 5,000 feet Above Ground Level (AGL) and within 1/2-mile of the Park boundary. The Park itself would be designated as an area to remain free of commercial air tours under 5,000 feet AGL. Tour aircraft could still fly over the Park if they maintain an altitude of at least 5,000' AGL, but this is the best Alternative presented.

I feel it is important to keep Haleakala free of commercial tours because, in an increasingly loud and disruptive world, Haleakala remains one of the quietest places on earth. This has been scientifically proven. It is home to many native birds who may be disrupted by the noise and disturbance generated from these types of air tours. We should keep Haleakala protected from any further additional types of disturbances in respect of the cultural significance it holds for many Hawaiian's and others, as well as its ecological sensitivity. If people would like to visit Haleakala they may do so through the Park system, pay those fees, and enjoy the park on foot.

Thank you for your considiation.

Aloha,  
Christina Hartman

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Correspondence ID:	2476	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Dawson, Kayla D			
Received:	Mar,27 2022 19:51:52			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: After reviewing the Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) published in the February 2022 Newsletter, out of the available alternatives, alternative two seems to be the the one that best supports environmental and cultural protections as well as community interests. When creating this management plan, it is important to remember how tourism serves as a reminder and continuation of colonialism. Marketing Hawai'i as an exotic tourist destination and the commodification of Hawaiian culture dates back to the 1920s and 40s, which has created cultural distortions and an overexposure of the culture in the tourism market (Hall 2005). This overexposure and creation of Hawaiian themed vacations has led a brand of kitsch Hawaiian-ness. Imagine artificial leis, modified hula, tiki torches, and pineapple and ham on pizza. This creates misunderstanding and degradation of Hawaiian culture and makes it more difficult for Hawaiian activism and sovereignty to gain traction (Hall 2005). Keeping in mind the history and impacts of tourism as a tool of colonialism, this makes it even more important to keep the considerations of the local population, especially the indigenous Hawaiian population, as a top priority in the planning of the ATMP. The people most affected by the economic and environmental changes created by tourism have been the indigenous peoples of Hawai'i. The alterations of the landscape to accommodate tourists have taken away important cultural and natural resources utilized by the indigenous peoples. Alternative two provides adequate protections for indigenous land, especially since the area within the ATMP holds culturally significant areas that are considered sacred and/or used for cultural practices. This would also best support the general local population because it would reduce noise and pollution. The economic impacts of not allowing flights in the ATMP area are also worth it in the long term. The tourist industry in Hawai'i is not largely sustainable because of the rate and narrow focus of economic growth. The economy quickly becoming dependent on tourism leaves Hawai'i vulnerable to outside economic forces (Matsuoka and Kelly 1988). Depending on tourism is also not sustainable because the majority of the profits go to corporations and those brought in from the mainland, while low-paying service jobs are taken by Hawaiians. As a result, many Hawaiians migrate to the mainland in the search for better employment. Therefore, ridding the area of air tourism as per alternative two is not a significant loss for the local communities in the long term. Alternative two is also the best alternative for the environment. Not having flights in this area reduces noise and pollution and supports the ability of animals, especially birds and marine life, to continue living undisturbed by air tourism in the area.

Resources:

Hall, Lisa Kahaleole. "Hawaiian at heart" and other fictions. The Contemporary Pacific (2005): 404-413.

Matsuoka, Jon, and Terry Kelly. "The environmental, economic, and social impacts of resort development and tourism on native Hawaiians." J. Soc. & Soc. Welfare 15 (1988): 29.

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Correspondence ID:	2477	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	,			
Received:	Mar,27 2022 21:50:13			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Living on an island can be restricting at times. When I have needed to escape the noise of neighbors or to be truly alone I always leave to camp on Haleakala. The silence is bliss! And something so healing and sacred about the crater.

The National Park Service's efforts to maintain Haleakala have been immaculate. This is a powerful place that deserves to be preserved. We understand tourism is a money maker but how disappointing it would be to have helicopters flying over the crater. People seek Haleakala for it peace and to get away from the noise. Bird watching just wouldn't be the same.

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Correspondence ID: 2478 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Nall, Matthew L  
Received: Mar,27 2022 22:55:47  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakalā is a superb and sacred wilderness - one of the quietest places on Earth - and a place many go to experience solitude, introspection and prayer. Allowing helicopters to go within to boundary of the park would severely disturb this and be a major distribution to the serenity of this place.

I have hiked in the crater for over 20 years, over 100 times... with family, friends and loved ones. For us, these trips are a break from the over-touristed lower lands, and a real opportunity to connect with one another, God and nature. When the occasional park service helicopter had flown through, it's a major jar to the silence of this place and a shock to the nervous system. I can't imagine how it would be to have tour helicopters visiting regularly!

I feel so much sadness learning this is being considered, and that (if approved) our beloved and sacred lands would be forever diminished. Please, consider how this doesn't align with a wilderness place and those who live here and who frequent this place.

My sincere gratitude for your consideration and careful tending to our home and life on this Mauna & island.

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Mahalo, Matthew Nall

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Correspondence ID: 2479 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Naranjo, Xavier J  
Received: Mar,27 2022 23:09:56  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is a jewel that we all cherish  
Haleakala is a place of profound quietness  
Haleakala is not a business and it should remain a jewel as it is

I STRONGLY OPOSE ALLOWING HELICOPTERS TO POLUTE OUR SANTUARY

Please dont allow this monstrosity to happen

There is even an award winning documentary by a Maui filmmaker about the silence in haleakala the film was made by Tom Vendetti and it is named "The quietest place on earth"

Please go into the crater and experience the peace and purity of the place  
You will see why Helicopters and their sound shoul not be allowed. ....

Thank you  
Xavier Naranjo

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Correspondence ID: 2480 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,27 2022 23:27:36  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative 2  
This would completely ruin the experience on and in Haleakala. Preserve and protect.

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Correspondence ID: 2481 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Dillon, Erin



Received: Mar,28 2022

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello. Please reconsider allowing helicopter access to Haleakala crater. The land is sacred and serene, and I believe the air traffic would significantly devalue the place in both a spiritual and economic sense. There are already plenty of ways for tourists to access Maui's varied terrain, and Haleakala already has several tourist companies offering experiences. Keep the helicopters everywhere else and leave Haleakala in peace. Mahalo for your consideration. Aloha.

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Correspondence ID: 2482 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Dansby, Jennifer

Received: Mar,28 2022 09:18:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I saw the request for comment posted on HAVO's IG page and decided to participate, not only as an NPS employee but also as a public citizen. While I understand the thrill and lure of riding in a helicopter over such an amazing place like the crater and caldera of the world's most active volcano, those flights truly do not meet the mission statement of the NPS, to protect and preserve. Sure our mission statement also allows for the enjoyment of people, but that does not have to mean in every capacity available. The park is readily accessible for viewing and enjoyment of all people already, the skies need not also be clogged. Just like air traffic was a nuisance in Grand Canyon NP, it's also a nuisance in HAVO. NPS already does so much to protect this cultural and historical resource for all and the Hawaiian people, why not take that one last step and clear the airs above? I would love at the minimum to see tours become less frequent and perhaps only during certain times of day or on certain days, if not done away with altogether. Each person visiting the park should be afforded an uninterrupted peaceful experience with the park and helicopters just don't belong. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comment.

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Correspondence ID: 2483 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Powers, Stephanie

Received: Mar,28 2022 10:25:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. I recently took a helicopter tour in Hawaii and this was definitely a valuable experience. Please do not close the air space over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park. If there is a compromise where approved aircraft such as helicopter tours can still be allowed, please consider that. Thank you for your time.

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Correspondence ID: 2484 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,Josh

Received: Mar,28 2022 10:58:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. We kindly ask you keep the skies open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2485 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Jones, Timothy A

Received: Mar,28 2022 11:28:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations"

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Correspondence ID: 2486 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Brehmer, Kathleen A

Received: Mar,28 2022 11:42:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have reviewed the document pertaining to Volcano National Park and would like to present some comments. My husband and I traveled to the state of Hawaii from 2/21 to 3/4/22. The only reason we went to the big island and spent four days there was to take a helicopter ride over Kilauea. I have had a life long interest in science and the opportunity to actually fly over the volcano and see lava flowing was spectacular. So point number 1. is the negative impact on tourism for the entire island if there are too many restrictions. Point 2. My husband and I while quite healthy are in our 70's and would not have been able to hike or camp to enjoy Volcano National Park. Point 3. While not handicapped ourselves we do have friends and relatives who are disabled. Again the only way for disabled individuals to see Volcano National Park is by air.

I heartily endorse the promotion and incentives for quieter aircraft. Also limiting the times and days seems reasonable to allow everyone to enjoy this amazing national treasure.

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Correspondence ID: 2487 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Brown, Natalie

Received: Mar,28 2022 12:17:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't. It is one of the last beautiful places on the island that's undisturbed by lights or noise.

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Correspondence ID: 2488 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Overman, Benny L & C

Received: Mar,28 2022 12:45:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have various health issues and am unable to walk for any long distance, and not up inclines. We took a helicopter ride over Kauai, as that was the only way for me to experience the wonder of the natural appeal of the island.

To remove those options from the public would deny many of us with disabilities, the chance to experience the manyPUBLIC spaces.

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Correspondence ID: 2489 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Klassen, Jonathan

Received: Mar,28 2022 12:53:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly into Haleakala. This is one of the few mostly untouched places accessible on Maui, please leave it that way. Leave Haleakala crater as it was meant to be... Quiet!!!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 2490 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Klassen, Jonathan  
Received: Mar,28 2022 12:53:22  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters to fly into Haleakala. This is one of the few mostly untouched places accessible on Maui, please leave it that way. Leave Haleakala crater as it was meant to be... Quiet!!!!!!

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Correspondence ID: 2491 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: West, Christopher  
Received: Mar,28 2022 13:13:20  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Good afternoon,

I would like it to be noted of my opinion as follows:

1. There shall be no commercial or private flights over the National Parks listed in the State of Hawaii unless the following conditions are met.

A. A permit has been applied for to fly over the National Park(s).

B. The permit requires that the flight is for the strict purpose of scientific research, a documentary from a notable group (ex. Smithsonian, National Geographic, etc.) for the purpose of educating the public, or Search and Rescue operations.

C. An insurance policy must be obtained to cover all costs associated when a crash occurs.

By restricting air traffic over National Parks this will reduce pollution (noise and environmental), increase overall experience to persons visiting the parks, and allow wildlife along with vegetation to grow.

Me must cherish and protect the lands in Hawaii as much as possible. Each day more and more land is removed for development so these park are essential to the beautification of Hawaii. Any way we can reduce potential contamination while allowing for persons al over the globe to enjoy our Parks is essential.

Thank You,  
Christopher West

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Correspondence ID: 2492 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,JAMES  
Received: Mar,28 2022 13:51:16  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My wife and I have enjoyed seeing our National Parks by air. This way allows us an overall view of the National Park and surrounding areas. Then we can plan our time more effectively to see particular parts of the Park that we might miss just driving to the Park and going on general trails. As we age, walking is beneficial, but sometimes our time is limited and then we have to rely on others point of view. Additional with park budget reductions, some of the viewing area are not maintained as well as in the past. We kindly ask you to keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2493 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Alec, Olena  
Received: Mar,28 2022 14:35:38  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha kakou,

As a person born and raised on Maui with a deep love for Haleakala National Park and all of the many resources it contains, I am submitting a comment in favor of alternative #2. One of the resources that can often be overlooked

within the Park is the silence when you have hiked into the crater. Often listed as one of, if not the, quietest natural places on earth, it is a transformational experience to be able to experience the majesty of Haleakala without a sound to disturb your thoughts. Helicopter sounds can be quite disruptive of this experience, and while I appreciate the access they allow, the cost to the million visitors a year to the Park from experiencing the full range of what the Park offers cannot be understated. Mahalo nui loa.

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Correspondence ID:	2494	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Eyre, John
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Received:	Mar,28 2022 15:18:09
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I strongly recommend against helicopter tours anywhere in Hawaii. It has been a nuisance in Kauai as well as Honokohau Valley in northwestern Maui. The noise disturbs those looking for peace and quiet and seclusion. The beauty of Kauai has been compromised by the buzzing of airplanes and beating of helicopter rotors and would be so much better without the noise. People who want to experience Hawaii from above should do so at a distance that eliminates the noise for those below.

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Correspondence ID:	2495	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Sutherland, Irene B
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Received:	Mar,28 2022 16:03:02
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: As an avid hiker and camper in Haleakala for 30 years now, I adamantly agree to avoiding flight patterns over and around the said National Park. They are disturbing to people, birds, and possibly horses, as well. Please look for alternative paths, so that a peaceful experience will be retained.

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Correspondence ID:	2496	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	,
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Received:	Mar,28 2022 16:05:04
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I strongly oppose allowing airplane and helicopter tours to fly over Haleakala crater. This spot is one of the most unique ecosystems on the planet and even though it is relatively easy to access by car and on foot, it has the feel of being a very remote place. It is truly something special. I spent two days at Paliku with my daughter last summer and it was one of the most memorable things I have done in my life. Please help protect this unique treasure!

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Correspondence ID:	2497	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Smallwood, Ilima S
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Received:	Mar,28 2022 16:18:30
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Helicopters and planes should NOT be able to fly over the interior of the park. They currently circumnavigate the perimeter from the exterior and this seems to work fine. This national park is one of the only 'wilderness' places that you can access on Maui and we go in here to connect with nature and have solitude from the outside world - the noise of choppers is definitely not welcome.

Another thing I request is that cabin cancellations go back into a local lottery rather than going back onto the NP website. I used to go in frequently but now that it's on a national system I almost never seem able to get permits to visit this wonder literally in my backyard. Please let us of Maui who love this place take advantage of cancelled reservations by opening up to a local lottery as it used to.

Thanks you, 'ilima Smallwood

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Correspondence ID: 2498 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: goldsmith, Melvin d  
Received: Mar,28 2022 16:21:57  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

Like many residents of Maui and visitors who are nature enthusiasts, we oppose tour helicopters in Haleakala National Park.

The number of people daily who would enjoy these helicopter tours is less than the number of visitors on the ground who will be disappointed and disturbed by the noise and sight of these helicopters.

I've done helicopter tours on Maui and the view from the edges or rim are quite impressive and are good enough - no need for inside park boundaries.

No to helicopters in Haleakala!

Thank you! Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 2499 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Forrester, Bruce  
Received: Mar,28 2022 16:26:04  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No tour flights over Haleakala please!

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Correspondence ID: 2500 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Mar,28 2022 16:35:24  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No, please do not let airplane and helicopter tours fly over Haleakala crater. It's one of the most peaceful and remote locations in the islands and should be protected!

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Correspondence ID: 2501 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: steven, marc  
Received: Mar,28 2022 17:00:05  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please designate Haleakala a "No Fly Zone" to avoid constantly disturbing all neighboring residents and exacerbating veterans with PTSD. Thanks!!

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Correspondence ID: 2502 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Nagasako, Jordan  
Received: Mar,28 2022 17:11:13  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am against fly over of the crater by commercial tours.

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Correspondence ID: 2503 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Irvine, Nancy  
Received: Mar,28 2022 17:17:08  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala has always been our spiritual home to our large Maui family.. It has provided us with a serene and quite place to meditate and connect with our amakua. As the park (not a theme park) is a unique place of beauty to withhold, The abusive sound of tour helicopters has ruined our experience and disrespected the aina. It is what the national park service was given the DUTY to preserve, not to focus on enhancing the tourist experience. I would highly recommend the park considers their original mandate and limit not only the amount of flights but to also limit these flights to the boundry of the park. Mahalo..The Irvine Ohana

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Correspondence ID: 2504 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,  
Received: Mar,28 2022 17:49:14  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Not only is the area a cultural and spiritual place, people visit places like these because they are peaceful, clean, quiet, majestic. Please keep the beautiful Haleakala National Park free from noise pollution. We humans need to stop being so greedy and give nature a right to live too. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID: 2505 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Dawson, Donne  
Received: Mar,28 2022 18:07:02  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha Mai Kākou,  
I am a former resident of Maui, born and raised in Honolulu and currently residing on Oahu. I am Native Hawaiian and my Kūpuna, my grandparents both have roots on Maui and on the slopes of Haleakalā specifically. My grandmother was a teacher in the early 1920s at Kula Sanatorium where is she taught children of the doctors and medical staff. My tūtū My grandfather was an engineer for the County of Maui. I have family who continue to reside on the slopes of Haleakalā today.

We have all witnessed tremendous change on Maui and know for a fact that Haleakala is under threat and has been for decades due to Maui's unprecedented growth and the over tourism that has taken a hold of Maui and has been allowed to continue unmitigated. As a result we are witnessing the degradation of our precious natural resources before our eyes. And for what? The pandemic provided a unique opportunity for us Press the pause button, give the natural resources a break and then choose to do things differently hopefully to change the trajectory for Maui's and Hawai'i's future. That didn't happen. The lessons that we should've learned during the temporary suspension of the visitor industry were lost in our chronic over-dependence on the tourism dollar. Now that the state and the county of Maui have reopened we are repeating the mistakes of our past and have learned nothing as we brace for an uncertain future.

For these reasons I am strongly in favor of Alternative 2 the strictest alternative which only allows flights over 5,000ft above ground level and/or outside of a half mile barrier around the Park.

Mahalo Nui For your careful consideration in this important matter and for all of the hard work the National Park Service staff does to protect our precious Haleakalā,

Donne Dawson

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Correspondence ID: 2506 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hord, Aubrey L

Received: Mar,28 2022 18:09:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is known as the quietest place on earth. Why would anyone want to ruin that with air traffic? It is a sacred place and one that should be protected as much as possible to preserve the integrity of the purest form of nature. The original goal for national parks was to keep them untrammelled from human impacts as much as possible. Having the noise of helicopters and other air traffic echo around the crater would be more than disruptive to birds, insects and anyone else enjoying the national park. Please do not allow air traffic to invade the sacred space. Please keep Haleakala the quietest place on earth. Mahalo. Aubrey

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Correspondence ID: 2507 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bauer, James

Received: Mar,28 2022 18:17:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala Park is highly susceptible to noise pollution due to its natural topography. Please don't allow ANY air tours over the park. It would be a shame to destroy the natural beauty of the park with aircraft noise.

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Correspondence ID: 2508 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Pure, Diane

Received: Mar,28 2022 18:48:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re: Haleakala Fly Over

I am against Fly Overs. Haleakala is a jewel, not only for Maui but for the State of Hawaii, our Country, and the World.

Motorcycle short mufflers or loud rhythmic vibrations of cars driving slowly through a neighborhood cause windows & doors to rattle. The disruption & displacement of rock and sand can eventually cause movement on several levels of the earth's crust thus affecting the topography & soil content.

The noise levels, over time due to the displacement of sound by helicopter blades, will affect the infrastructure of the dormant volcano itself. This could seriously have a negative affect on the quietest place on Earth...

No to Haleakala Fly Overs

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Correspondence ID: 2509 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Morando, P Ohua

Received: Mar,28 2022 19:34:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

I appreciate being able to voice my thoughts about this subject matter and wish to only express my personal experiences in Haleakala. I have taken three different groups of students from 8th - 12th grade into Palikū cabins while incorporating various science, Hawaiian culture, mo'olelo, with them 2 nights from 1999 - 2015. During those occasions, what really stands out from all of Maui nei, is the fact that it was beautifully silent of all man made sounds, with the exception of our breath, our hā and our leo. Hearing nature in all of it's glory, the hōnua, makani, ua, manu, la'au, was indeed a blessing to behold.

It would be shameful if this were to change.

If flight travel over Haleakala can continue to to be silent, then great! I feel hearing and seeing any kind of planes,

helicopters or other flying equipment (unless used for emergencies only) will destroy the beauty and serenity of Haleakala. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 2510 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Reich, Claudius

Received: Mar,28 2022 19:36:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This year, I took the helicopter tour on the Big Island, over Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. I had visited this park on the ground before, which was lovely, but being able to see a live volcano from the air was an extraordinary experience, one that I will long remember. I very much hope that the Park Service will be able to find a way to preserve this access to the park for future visitors.

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Correspondence ID: 2511 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Vares, Joan A

Received: Mar,28 2022 19:51:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am against helicopters at Haleakala. Can't we keep something sacred?!?! Keep tourist out!!!

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Correspondence ID: 2512 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Song, Malia

Received: Mar,28 2022 20:20:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am strongly in favor of Alternative 2. I am a native Hawaiian resident who has lived on the slopes of Haleakala in Kula for over 28 years. Haleakala is a sacred crater with spiritual and cultural significance to me, our ancestors and other residents and native Hawaiians. In addition, it is an area where individuals go to honor their ancestors, participate in Hawaiian traditional cultural practices, meditate and relax in the solitude that the crater provides. Individuals specifically go to the crater for peace and quiet. Helicopter traffic directly threatens all of these benefits that Haleakala provides for us and directly opposes the congressionally designated wilderness and visitor opportunities. It is imperative to do everything we can to protect our threatened and endangered species as well as other wildlife who are sensitive to noise. It is criminal to stand by and do nothing or create minimal measures to protect the Haleakala from the noise pollution and intrusion of Helicopters.

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Correspondence ID: 2513 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Brandes, Lydia S

Received: Mar,28 2022 20:54:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My family and I hike in Haleakala National Park several times a month. As we leave behind the parking lots and descend into the park on Sliding Sands or Halemauu Trail on a day with light wind there is a majestic quiet. We hear bird sounds. This past year during hikes we've seen helicopters (tours?) hovering just beyond the ridge in the direction of Haupa' Akea. Thankfully that activity has been brief, off to the distance, and does not repeat during our hikes. We'll hear the occasional sound of aircraft so high up we cannot see them. Once we saw and heard helicopters in the distance to the east hauling large bags (water?). It is understandable if important rescue or maintenance operations are occurring.

It would be so disappointing and a shame if the park allowed more tour helicopters to intrude and spoil this special place. Years ago in Kauai we visited Waimea Canyon. My memory of looking into the vast canyon is that there were too many helicopters. It is like trying to be at peace in a natural space while people in noisy aircraft steal that experience away to serve their own purposes without concern for their impact. Visitors who come to the



Summit don't have to hike far down on these trails to experience that special quiet. Hopefully their memories won't be dominated by the sound of helicopters but rather the sounds and quiet that belong to this natural space.

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Correspondence ID:	2514	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	ernst, bob			
Received:	Mar,28 2022 22:55:30			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	COMMENTS FROM HICOP FOR HAWAII VOLCANOES AND HALEAKALA ATMP SCOPING 2022			

HICoP concurs with and supports the excellent comments of Representative Case.

"Throughout our Hawai'i, excessive unregulated commercial helicopter/small aircraft tour operations have heightened safety concerns in the air and on the ground and severely disrupted our communities and special places," said Case.

HICoP knows this first hand as since 2015 HICoP has been involved in many community meetings, FAA/HDOT Airports Division standing room only public hearings and including meetings with Superintendent Orlando and Park staff.

HICoP Board members have first hand experienced the tour copter negative impacts to the Park and have received many complaints by others.

At hicop.org the change.org link has over 700 irate members of the public describing the torture of tour copter noise, much of it at Hawaii Volcanoes. At a Friends meeting at the Park Orlando was giving her report and was drowned out by a passing tour copter.

HICOP board members participated in the 2011 ATMP hearing at the Park which is/was very similar to the current scoping and where most comments supported the then option 2 similar if not the same to the current option 2. And here we are 11 years later doing the same thing while the Park and visitors endure the tour copter continuing noise torture.

This tour copter noise is totally unnecessary since an ATMP for the Park may eliminate all tour copter operations and therefore the accompanying noise that is so disruptive to what visitors to the Park expect, not to mention impacts to supposedly protected wildlife and wilderness.

That is why HICoP joins with Representative Case and implores the Agencies to implement Option 2, 'NO FLY'

It is unconscionable that for over 22 years the 2 Agencies totally failed to implement 1 ATMP and further uncounsciousable that Hawaii Volcanoes, the most tour copter impacted National Park in the Nation and Haleakala the 4th have been further delayed, the atrocity continues, shameful!

"This has been especially true in our two treasured national parks, Hawai'i Volcanoes and Haleakalā, with pre-COVID overflights of 16,500 per year for Hawai'i Volcanoes and 5,000 per year for Haleakalā, some of the very highest in the entire National Park System.

"These flights disrupt communities on the way to and from the parks, destroy the serenity of these natural treasures, have significant impacts on the natural environment and soundscape, inhibit perpetuation of cultural connections to our landscapes, impede the preservation of endemic Hawaiian ecosystems and diminish visitors' abilities to learn about and enjoy the parks' resources."

"I will be submitting comments urging maximum protection for both of our parks," said Case.

"I will be saying basically that no company or person has the right to destroy our national parks for any reason, including tourism, that we have many other opportunities for different people of different abilities to enjoy our national parks, and that air tours are fundamentally inconsistent with the reasons for which we established our national parks to start with."

## Press Releases

### Congressman Case Urges Public Comment Supporting Ban On Commercial Tour Helicopter/Small Aircraft Overflights Of Hawaii's Two National Parks

Ban Is One Alternative Under Consideration By National Park Service And Federal Aviation Administration In Development Of Air Tour Management Plans For Precious But Disrupted Hawai'i Volcanoes And Haleakala National Parks

(Honolulu, HI) - Congressman Ed Case (HI-01), a member of the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources and Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands which has jurisdiction over the country's 63 National Parks, today urged the public to submit comments to call for the protection of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park.

"Throughout our Hawai'i, excessive unregulated commercial helicopter/small aircraft tour operations have heightened safety concerns in the air and on the ground and severely disrupted our communities and special places," said Case.

"This has been especially true in our two treasured national parks, Hawai'i Volcanoes and Haleakalā, with pre-COVID overflights of 16,500 per year for Hawai'i Volcanoes and 5,000 per year for Haleakalā, some of the very highest in the entire National Park System.

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Case continued: "In 2000, Congress passed the National Parks Air Tour Management Act to require the National Park Service (NPS) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to work together to set up specific air tour management plans (ATMP) for each national park, but the agencies, especially the FAA, dragged their feet for over a decade.

It took a lawsuit from a Hawai'i community group for the federal courts to order FAA and NPS to implement either ATMPs or voluntary agreements for the most heavily-impacted parks including Hawai'i's.

"The NPS is now proceeding with development of ATMPs for Hawai'i Volcanoes and Haleakalā and is requesting public comment on alternatives:

- (1) no action/status quo/historic levels;
- (2) maximum protection/no air tours under 5,000 feet above ground within a half mile of the parks;
- (3) specific routes through the parks with caps on total flight per day and annually; and
- (4) (for Hawai'i Volcanoes) more limited routes with caps. The Honolulu Civil Beat article here summarizes the process."

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"I will be saying basically that no company or person has the right to destroy our national parks for any reason, including tourism, that we have many other opportunities for different people of different abilities to enjoy our national parks, and that air tours are fundamentally inconsistent with the reasons for which we established our national parks to start with."

"We need your help with your own comments in your own words and from your own experiences," said Case. The deadline for submission is April 1st.

The NPS is asking for "substantive comments," meaning more than just that you support an alternative, but why and why the other alternatives won't work.

To review the ATMP proposals and comment: [here](#) for Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and [here](#) for Haleakalā National Park.

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Correspondence ID: 2515 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Rabold, Jeanne  
Received: Mar,28 2022 22:55:31  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: regarding the proposal to allow air tours over Haleakala National Park - I respectfully request that this proposal be denied, for the following reasons:

1. One of the benefits and privileges of being on Haleakala is the sheer quietness of the environment. Allowing air tours, however limited or regulated, would completely destroy the sense of serenity and majesty that the visitors on the ground currently appreciate.
2. Haleakala is a sacred place to many native Hawaiians, some of whom continue traditional cultural practices at the summit of the mountain. They should not have to listen to airplane or helicopter engines while performing their cultural practices or even if just sitting quietly on the mountain and appreciating the beauty and quietude of the area.

thank you for the opportunity to submit my response.

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Correspondence ID: 2516 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Don, Edith W  
Received: Mar,29 2022  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Flights over Haleakala OK

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Correspondence ID: 2517 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Brown, Lanny H  
Received: Mar,29 2022 01:41:47  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I am in support of air tours over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 2518 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Walsh, Danica  
Received: Mar,29 2022 01:50:17  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow any aerial flights over Haleakala! This mountain and crater are sacred to the Hawaiian people and do not need to be exploited any further! One thing that makes Haleakala so special is the serenity and peacefulness that a person feels when inside the crater. This will be ruined if helicopters are allowed to fly over. My grandfather Alvin "Rex" Ornellas was a Civilian Conservation Corp member in the 1930's who was stationed in the crater. He expressed to me before he passed (at 101), how I needed to go into the crater and experience the "quiet and stillness" that was over there. He would be heartbroken to know that Haleakala would no longer have that tranquility. Please leave the Mauna alone!!

Mahalo,  
Danica Walsh  
Wailuku, Maui

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Correspondence ID: 2519 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Padgett, Arnold  
Received: Mar,29 2022 03:33:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am against air tours flying over Haleakala. Haleakala can be viewed by driving up to the crater or taking a tour bus up. It is true that the road up to the crater is getting more crowded, but allowing air tours would not make much of a difference in the numbers of people going up the road. Planes or helicopters flying over the inside of the crater would completely destroy the experience for those who have chosen to hike down into the crater. I know because I can remember when they used to be able to do so. The noise took away from the serene feeling of being in nature. Please don't let it happen.

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Correspondence ID: 2520 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,29 2022 06:23:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE,  
NO FLY-OVERS of Haleakala!!!  
Preserve the 'aina and the peacefulness of this sacred place!!!  
WHERE WILL YOU DRAW THE LINE!!!

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Correspondence ID: 2521 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Warner, Allan

Received: Mar,29 2022 06:43:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We had a chance with friends to take a ride in Kauai. The helicopter ride was one of the highlights. As a aging person this would be one of the only ways to see the extreme beauty of the island. We loved it, please don't take it away.

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Correspondence ID: 2522 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Callison, Shawn

Received: Mar,29 2022 08:54:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow helicopters above beautiful Kauai crater that would be horrible

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Correspondence ID: 2523 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Schulz, Paul

Received: Mar,29 2022 09:26:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: One of the big things, top things we wanted to do in Hawaii was to see it by air, by helicopter. My dad did this some years ago and it was a singular thrill for him, especially to see lava flowing into the ocean.

My wife and I, and our best friend, were not disappointed. It was a huge thrill to see Volcano Nat Park from the air. There is no other way to see some of these sites, and enjoy the scenery, the steam, the waterfalls, the landscape, but from the air.

Our pilot was amazing, and if the opportunity presents itself, we will do this again.

Keep the helicopters flying!

Paul Schulz

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Correspondence ID: 2524 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cole, Robert L  
Received: Mar,29 2022 09:46:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am very much in favor of banning and/or further limiting air tours in and in near-proximity to Haleakala National Park.

My reasons:

- I enjoy the quiet and solitude of the Park, I can go there and relax.
- I believe some areas of this world are sacred and should be left in the most pristine state possible whilst still allowing public access.
- I hold that not everything in nature should be commercialized to highest extent possible.
- There is no fundamental "right" or reason that everyone, everywhere, should be able to access everything in any manner they choose.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Robert Cole

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Correspondence ID: 2525 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Brew, Jean  
Received: Mar,29 2022 09:58:06  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I was recently on Haleakala to look at the sun through telescopes. It was mesmerizing and peaceful. No air traffic should be able to infiltrate the pristine air space above and surrounding this awesome place. Maui resident for 13 years.

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Correspondence ID: 2526 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Haring, Michael  
Received: Mar,29 2022 10:03:43  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am apposed to tour helicopters flying near, or around Haleakala National Park.

I support keeping Haleakala as pristine as possible, and that includes keeping noise pollution from helicopters away from the park experience.

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Correspondence ID: 2527 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Massa, Pierre A  
Received: Mar,29 2022 10:29:30  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It was a wonderful experience to see the beauty of Hawaii's national parks by air. Closing the airspace would be denying people the opportunity to appreciate the incredible beauty and power of nature firsthand. I ask that you would keep the airspace over the national parks open so that future generations will have the possibility to see the impactful majesty of the Hawaiian Islands as I have.

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Correspondence ID: 2528 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Lentz, Ann  
Received: Mar,29 2022 10:51:27  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do not support helicopters flying over Haleakala National Park. I believe that the current situation is that they have to remain a certain distance away and perhaps that is a compromise that works, but in general I find the repetitive noise of tour helicopters flying over pristine and quiet wilderness spaces more than irritating and am not in favor of them at all. And the potential for crashes to occur does exist and has happened elsewhere, imagine the damage that would be done should something like that happen in the crater.

So basically I am not in favor of allowing them in at all.

Ann Lentz

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Correspondence ID:	2529	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	White, Randall			
Received:	Mar,29 2022 10:58:54			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I have taken several helicopter flights over our national parks and have really benefitted from the experience. There are things you can only see and experience in this way. I believe this is an important function to remain available to the citizens of this country. I urge you to continue to allow this service.

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Correspondence ID:	2530	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Johnson, Elizabeth			
Received:	Mar,29 2022 11:21:56			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please don't fly in the crater. We went in a week ago and I was shocked at the disruption from multiple helicopters every day. The creatures who live in the crater are way too delicate and endangered to allow the level of noise and wind.

Let people hike in to be at peace in this spiritual sanctuary. The rest of maui is completely polluted by tourists and their activities. Let's keep the crater as pristine as possible.

Mahalo,  
Elizabeth

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Correspondence ID:	2531	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Johnson, Elizabeth			
Received:	Mar,29 2022 11:21:58			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please don't fly in the crater. We went in a week ago and I was shocked at the disruption from multiple helicopters every day. The creatures who live in the crater are way too delicate and endangered to allow the level of noise and wind.

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Mahalo,  
Elizabeth

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Correspondence ID:	2532	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Tang, Charles			
Received:	Mar,29 2022 13:55:56			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Nene birds take refuge here. The more noise pollution created increases the possibility of these animals to flee this safe space. Also we already have plenty of tourism there, we really don't need helicopters reserved only for those that can afford it to have a special spot on top. This is a horrible idea.

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Correspondence ID: 2533 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Binstock, Ume

Received: Mar,29 2022 14:43:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wow I can't believe this Haleakala is a very sacred and special place we don't want helicopters flying over head while hiking peacefully  
Please don't let this happen

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Correspondence ID: 2534 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Gallant, Richard

Received: Mar,29 2022 14:49:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We took a tour when we were in HI in December 2021. The tour took us along the coast of the the Big Island to view waterfalls and the magnificent coastline of Hawaii. The only other option would have been a long drive and would not allowed us to even seen some of the spectacular views.

In our opinion Blue Hawaiian gave us an unbelievable opportunity to experience one of the worlds most beautiful places. The impact we would have made on the environment was much less than if we would have driven and we got to experience Hawaii's wonders. Please keep this option available for others.

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Correspondence ID: 2535 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kahalehau, Michael K

Received: Mar,29 2022 15:09:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Air tours should be banned a top Haleakala, due to that mountain being sacred. It should not be allowed due to the many native birds in the area, we need to protect Haleakala and its resources, and not use it for income. Haleakala is for prayer, not profit.

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Correspondence ID: 2536 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Spreiter, Janet

Received: Mar,29 2022 15:12:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No-NO-NO!!!! Just leave it ALONE and stop trying to capitalize off Maui! The Disneyfication of Hawai'i is wrong and needs to stop!

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Correspondence ID: 2537 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,29 2022 15:42:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I recently read in an outdoor magazine that Haleakala is one of the quietest places on earth. Having hiked into the crater numerous times in the past 20 years I can verify that experience. That silence will be

destroyed by air traffic over the park if tours are allowed. Enough! We don't need this on Maui. Haleakala doesn't need it. Please respect the serenity of our mountain.

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Correspondence ID: 2538 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Baldwin, Lynwen A  
Received: Mar,29 2022 16:11:45  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please no helicopter tours over Haleakala Crater

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Correspondence ID: 2539 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Fisher, Nancy J  
Received: Mar,29 2022 16:41:37  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Due to our age and health we would never be able to see Volcanoes National Park where the flows have been or to go over the top of Haleakala National park via hiking the trailer. Like at the Grand Canyon maybe there can be a compromise on the air space where flights take place but to not allow them altogether doesn't make sense. Please continue to allow flights over these awesome one of a kind places for people who don't have the time or ability to see them by hiking.

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Correspondence ID: 2540 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Cole, Francis W  
Received: Mar,29 2022 16:52:24  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: I'm opposed to overflights of Haleakala National Park, (though I live next to Acadia National Park, I visit my brother in Maui on a semi-regular basis).  
I'm especially opposed to overflying the summit and adjacent crater, as that's very quiet without all the human generated noise.  
In other national parks, where overflights are permitted, you have to keep at least 2,000' above any landscape within 2,000 lateral feet (FAA Advisory Circular AC91-36), but this would not work on the mountain for two reasons:  
1) keeping 2'000 feet above the far side of the crater would still be lower than the hiking trails on the perimeter of the crater, and would generate a fair amount of noise in a quiet area.  
2) Generally sight-seeing aircraft don't have oxygen, which would be required to overfly some areas.  
And I'm also opposed to overflights in areas away from the summit, due to the intrusive nature of the noise of airplane engines.

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Correspondence ID: 2541 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Demme, Wendy  
Received: Mar,29 2022 17:39:43  
Correspondence Type: Web Form  
Correspondence: Please do not ever helicopters allow above the "Quietest Place on Earth" - Haleakula National Park!

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Correspondence ID: 2542 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Niles, Annette  
Received: Mar,29 2022 18:05:01



Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NO it is a big problem for the ranch I live on the slopes of Haleakala animals get very freaked out with the helicopters flying over I've had a problem before and I have turned them into the FAA for freaking my animals and now with our deer problem it's going to create even more problems because they are very scared of helicopters they will be destroying our fences like they already have been doing.we just don't need any more problems Thank You Annette Niles

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Correspondence ID: 2543 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Williamson, Jennifer

Received: Mar,29 2022 18:49:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't allow aircraft over the National Park. It will disturb the peace and the wildlife. We had the most enjoyable trip there in October and can't wait to go back.

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Correspondence ID: 2544 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,29 2022 18:56:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks from a bird's eye view is the best way our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of these treasures. I hope that you keep the skies open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2545 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: drayer, mary

Received: Mar,29 2022 18:57:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: my comment/mana'o: NO helicopters over sacred wahi pana (places) Haleakalā is sacred and has seen enough desecration since colonialism has taken over. Telescopes, tour buses etc. Please help to protect what little is left of kānaka 'ōiwi rightful lands.i do believe that most tourists would be less likely to demand these tours IF they know the REAL history of this pae 'āina. Illegal overthrow; banning of language and culture etc,etc. I know as a 60+ year Maui resident, i have only learned most of this recently - it was NEVER taught in our schools...so it's time to try to undo some of the wrongs done to kānaka 'ōiwi and the 'āina...Please... mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Correspondence ID: 2546 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Leuschen, Jana M

Received: Mar,29 2022 19:45:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep this place filled with peace and tranquility. Do not allow any tours to be flown over the serenity and otherness of Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 2547 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cherry, Nina

Received: Mar,29 2022 19:53:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I hike inside the Haleakala Volcano Crater as a spiritual practice.

I go for the quiet, the serene reflection, and communion with God.

Please keep the helicopters out. They are Loud and Rude and they don't care about pristine wilderness. They are just trying to make a buck.

Thank you, Nina Cherry  
Born and Raised in Hawai'i.

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Correspondence ID:	2548	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Fischer, Julia			
Received:	Mar,29 2022 20:26:28			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Haleakala Crater is a wilderness. I am a frequent and long time hiker of Haleakala (50 years total). It is a sacred place that should not be spoiled by noise pollution.

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Correspondence ID:	2549	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Andricci, Nicole			
Received:	Mar,29 2022 20:28:02			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: This is a sacred place and it should not have helicopters flying over. We go to Haleakala to escape this; by allowing helicopters to fly over the park, it will completely change the dynamic.

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Correspondence ID:	2550	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Anderson, MIKE			
Received:	Mar,29 2022 20:53:56			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Closing the airspace over the volcano national park and Haleakala would be a tragedy. Why would you do this? It is beautiful and can be best seen via helicopter. Helicopter tour was my families favorite thing from our vacation to Hawaii. This seems like a government overreach.

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Correspondence ID:	2551	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Marts, David			
Received:	Mar,29 2022 20:54:03			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Imagine our new experiences visiting Haleakala National Park when commercial air tours are allowed to ply the skies. The tranquility of hiking Sliding Sands will be disturbed by the droning and buzzing of fixed wing aircraft crisscrossing overhead. That Haleakala sunset at the summit will be less remarkable when interrupted by the "chuff chuff chuff chuff" blade slap of helicopters hovering above you. Haleakala National Park is one of the few remaining destinations on Maui where one can truly experience nature's serenity free from the cacophony of aircraft engines. Do not allow commercial air tours to operate over Haleakala National Park.

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Correspondence ID:	2552	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Berg, Lisa			
Received:	Mar,29 2022 20:58:38			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha

Haleakala is not only a sacred place but one of the few places you can enjoy without the noise and intrusion of aircraft. Mauis sites are already overcrowded without adding this extra element. I hope you will consider leaving it sacred and untarnished

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Correspondence ID:	2553	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Keliikoa, Kealaula H
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Received:	Mar,29 2022 21:39:20
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I don't want the tours happening at Haleakalā.

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Correspondence ID:	2554	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Nakagawa, Chadwick K
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Received:	Mar,29 2022 21:46:18
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: I do not support commercial flight tours in the airspace above Haleakala National Park.

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Correspondence ID:	2555	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Inouye-Agsalog, Jodee
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Received:	Mar,29 2022 22:30:00
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: No. I dont believe tours should be allowed to fly above Haleakala. It is a sacred area thats home to many flora and fauna. Not every bit of our home and treasured places need to be trafficked by tourism nor exposed.

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Correspondence ID:	2556	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Brandon, Karen
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Received:	Mar,29 2022 22:39:05
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Maui needs at least one sacred place not inundated with noise. There is no place like Haleakala, no one should be able to comment who has not experienced a hike through this place. No helicopters , no drones, no planes please. Let us not loose everything to money.

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Correspondence ID:	2557	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Kaonohi, Kaulani
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Received:	Mar,29 2022 23:57:41
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: No. Nuff already.

Please don't consider air tours over our sacred mauna.

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Correspondence ID:	2558	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Almeida, Joshua L
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Received:	Mar,30 2022 01:12:30
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Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Allowing any further encroachment of air traffic into Haleakala National Park would be detrimental to the fragile ecosystem that exists up there. Beyond completely disturbing the tranquility that Haleakala's visitor's come to enjoy, the effect on wildlife is something that can't be measured with an EIP. The NPS mission is "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations". Scenery does not just include what is visibly seen; scenery includes all of our senses, including our hearing. The draw of National Parks is their purity, untouched by man. To allow helicopters to get any closer than they already fly is to desecrate the mission of the National Park Service.

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Correspondence ID: 2559 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

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Received:

Mar,30 2022 02:32:35

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Dear National Parks,

I appreciate the value of preserving beauty by creating no-fly Zones. However I believe Haleakala National Park on Maui should remain open to helicopter and small aircraft. The drought going on in Maui makes for a less interesting helicopter ride until you can get to Hana or up Haleakala. I would like it to remain open to just these small aircraft. It can also be difficult for the local small airports to operate if you make this illegal..

Thanks for allowing me to comment! I appreciate your efforts.

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Correspondence ID: 2560 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

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Received:

Mar,30 2022 02:39:58

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Whoever has been put in charge as new superintendent of Haleakala National Park needs a reality check. If you're really going to limit cabin occupancy to 4 people, remove nearly all dishware that has been donated over the years, but allow helicopters to pass through pristine wilderness? You need to reevaluate what you are here to do. There's signs in the cabins that explicitly prohibit personal drones, but you would even entertain the idea of allowing helicopter tours through the same space? Haleakala is a sacred space to us Maui residents, and the people in charge at the park have already put themselves at odds with the community here that has enjoyed that beautiful space with respect and aloha for decades. Be careful National Park Service, this not the mainland.

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Correspondence ID: 2561 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

Edgar, Megan E

Received:

Mar,30 2022 04:21:25

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: I kindly request that no commercial aviation activities be allowed in the airspace over Haleakala National Park, particularly the summit/crater area. This area is one of the very few true wilderness areas we have in the Hawaiian Islands and must be protected from excessive commercialization.

I am a full-time permanent resident of Maui and regularly hike and tent camp in the summit/crater region. I very much appreciate that Maui is home to a terrestrial location that is challenging enough to get to to provide a respite from the constant flow of visitors who impact the rest of the island. I also very much enjoy being able to get away from the noise of suburban life. Regular helicopter tours, which cater almost exclusively to visitors, will completely ruin the soundscape and wilderness feel of the park.

Please consider keeping the airspace about Haleakala National Park helicopter and low-flying aircraft free. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID: 2562 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Camargo, Adriana

Received: Mar,30 2022 05:14:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I the flights over The Pele Will not permitted.  
The place is world know by the most silent place around the world and if has flights it is done.  
The Pele is mágical and pure and magistral.  
Keeping there nature , not allow it happens.

Adriana

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Correspondence ID: 2563 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Cothran, Michael

Received: Mar,30 2022 08:30:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No air tours over Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 2564 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,30 2022 09:12:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The experience from the air is unbelievable. Why close access to this piece of heaven?

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Correspondence ID: 2565 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Thomson, Judith A

Received: Mar,30 2022 09:28:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Think it is a good thing to have the National Park Air Tour Management Act reviewed and changed for more restrictions. Keeping the noise pollution at a minimum.especially from helicopters that interfere with the sacredness of the park area, should be a priority. I questions whether the 1/2 mile boundary and below 5000 AGL is sufficient in keeping noise to a minimum. The idea of competitive bidding seems like a good way to limit the number of flights occurring overr the park.

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Correspondence ID: 2566 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Mar,30 2022 09:46:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't fly over Haleakala National Park and ruin the serenity of the place with all the helicopters roaring over head all the time.

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Correspondence ID: 2567 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Vasconcellos, Daneka

Received: Mar,30 2022 10:17:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

I am very much against any kind of air traffic above or around Hss as Haleakala.

It is know you be THE NUMBER ONE QUIETEST PLACE ON EARTH.

Any air traffic would completely ruin the peace and tranquility of this place.

I have hiked and camped inside the crater many times. It is the quietness that I value, the serenity is priceless.

I pray that the innately quiet environment never changes.

Thank you,

Daneka

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Correspondence ID: 2568 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Paresa, Noelani J

Received: Mar,30 2022 11:05:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am k naka maoli lineal descendant to Waihe'e, Waiehu, Kapuna, Hamakuapoko, and Hana. Haleakala is wahi kapu (sacred) and the management of this space is priority as the tourism industry has become toxic to our 'aina. My 'ohana and I feel strongly that there should not be anymore tourist industry allowed to use this area, nor should they occupy or use the air and space above Haleakala. We say no to allowing air tours above our sacred mountain. Mahalo.

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Correspondence ID: 2569 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Tester, John

Received: Mar,30 2022 11:39:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PPPPPPPPPP

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Correspondence ID: 2570 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Miller, Dana

Received: Mar,30 2022 11:41:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My first trip into H keakea was as an eight year old backpacking for the first time with my family. The only negative thing about the trip was the constant intrusion on the solitude by helicopter tours. Air tours are not necessary and do not add to the natural experience. They are overly impactful for the small number of people they serve per flight. As someone who has visited the Haleakal  backcountry consistently for 46 years I have seen so much improvement in the natural environment through efforts in eradicating invasive species, planting natives and keeping numbers of people reasonable for such a fragile environment. Please keep the backcountry peaceful, for the native species, the health of the environment and the well-being that solicitude provides to the people the recreate in this special place

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Correspondence ID: 2571 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Miller, Dana

Received: Mar,30 2022 11:41:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID:	2572	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Mason, Brian			
Received:	Mar,30 2022 12:52:02			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Overall, the ability to view the volcanoes and the park by air is the only way a visitor has to experience the park areas in a reasonable period of time and to truly grasp the magnitude of the beauty of the area. Limiting viewing to 5,000 above ground level isn't feasible during much of the available day light due to the accumulation of cloud cover created by the geography around the peaks.

Alternative 2 basically restricts viewing of this incredible scenery to scientists or those who have the ability to stay for extended periods of time in the area to allow for backpacking into the sites. One would assume we might as well just close the Island of Hawaii to all people, hence Alternative 2 is not a realistic option.

It seems like there is an area of compromise between Alternatives 1 and 3. Overall the number of tours seems to be at a sustained level that probably does not need any restriction. Creating a bidding war for tour slots will only further increase the cost of an air tour so that only very wealthy visitors can access the ability to see the beauty of Hawaii. It does seem prudent to incentivize quiet technologies (QT) and perhaps the use of QT is required to allow hovering of any duration that is more than a minimal amount. Totally restricting hovering seems to distract from one's ability to safely enjoy the beauty of Hawaii especially in the immediate area of the volcanoes where damage or irritation of anyone seems implausible since the areas are unoccupied. Closing air space with only 2 months of notice also seems unfair and overly restrictive. People planning for the rare trip to Hawaii do so with many months of pre-planning. It would seem like a rolling 12 months of notice would be reasonable if required.

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Correspondence ID:	2573	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Anderson, Raymond			
Received:	Mar,30 2022 13:10:35			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I don't see the harm in helicopters flying over this area. I am 78 and still an avid backpacker so I can still get into remote areas on my own, but many people are not that fortunate. I would hate to see there only way to see it taken away from them. The more people that can see how beautiful this area is- the more people will fight to keep it natural

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Correspondence ID:	2574	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	MacMillan, DVM, James			
Received:	Mar,30 2022 13:13:55			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Re : plans to allow helicopter tours over the park  
I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This place is like no other on earth, and one of its most precious qualities is the profound silence you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of east Maui.  
Thank you for protecting the park, but now, protect the peace and serenity.

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Correspondence ID: 2575 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Hartley, John

Received: Mar,30 2022 13:29:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations

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Correspondence ID: 2576 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Bernard, Frank

Received: Mar,30 2022 14:07:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There is way too much noise with planes and helicopters flying all over the island as it is! There should be a no fly zoon anywhere near, or above our national parks period!

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Correspondence ID: 2577 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: soares, daryl

Received: Mar,30 2022 14:21:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: A 1994 study sponsored by the Hawaii Department of Transportation was published by UH Professor Panos Prevedouros. This report shows that Helicopter NOISE has the LOUDEST impact of all types of noise in our community. Fast moving low flying Helicopters on cloudy days over hard terrane produce the greatest degree of noise due to the reflection of the sound between the clouds and hard surfaces.

Helicopter tours customers pay to have a good views. Hawaii is the only state which allows a minimum altitude of 500 feet above ground over residential communities during cloudy weather. Therefore, most of the time they operate at MINIMUM altitudes. The pilots want to complete the route quickly, therefore operates at near MAXIMUM speeds. Hawaii Island is volcanic and our ground is HARD which better reflect the noise. Also, I am located at a higher elevations where we have more CLOUDY then sunny day per year.

Tour Helicopters produce the greatest noise of any other equipment operated in our community due to the nature of their business.

"Noise annoys, awakens, angers and frustrates people" as published in the State of Hawaii (DOH) Noise Reference Manual.

The only response I have received from tour helicopter operators is "we have the right to fly over your home as many times as we like" They state: "we are doing nothing illegal."

The noise generated by your Tour Helicopters over/near my property is so loud that my family is deprived of the peaceful enjoyment of our home. At times flights are so frequent we are forced to leave our property for needed peace and quiet. We ask you to stop the noise nuisance over my property at 18-3825 South Kulani Rd. We conduct business from our farm and your Tour Helicopters are having a negative impact on our business. I'm requesting that thy STOP operating over/near our home which is having a negative impact on my family, these conditions have become unacceptable.

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Correspondence ID: 2578 Project: 103365 Document: 118738



Name: soares, daryl  
Received: Mar,30 2022 14:28:02  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 2579 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Pataky, Rick  
Received: Mar,30 2022 14:29:55  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plans for Haleakal National Park.

I have serious concerns with the development process of the Air Tour Management Plans (ATMP) by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). NPS and the FAA have ignored The National Parks Overflight Advisory Group (NPOAG), a rulemaking committee put in place by congress to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the agencies in the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

NPOAG guidance is critical to the safety and economic stability of the air tour industry. Excluding the NPOAG from providing input on the ATMP process is in direction contradiction of FAA Order No. 1110.138A.

NPS does not have the necessary expertise to fundamentally redesign the airspace over these parks. The ATMPs proposed by NPS would relocate, constrict, and combine flight routes and would make substantial changes to flight altitudes. The current flight routes and altitudes have been in place for years and are well understood by industry. The changes proposed by ATMP have severe aviation safety implications that should have been deliberated in the NPOAG, as Congress intended in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

I also have serious concerns with the economic impact these plans will have on helicopter air tour companies. The draft plans' flight allocation numbers do not take into consideration fluctuations in the market and fluctuations in

unforeseen and temporary operator limitations. Additionally, industry marketing trends change and NPS needs to respect that dynamic, as visitors alter their destinations according to those trends.

The NPS has failed to reach out to the operators to enquire what economic impacts might arise implementing a management plan that restricts overflights. Operators are already suffering economically post COVID-19, losing over 80% of their businesses due to the shutdown of international travel. Further restrictions will cripple an already fragile industry trying to rebuild.

This year many National Parks saw their resources strained by the large number of visitors as the public began to travel again. Air tours are an important option for many visitors conducting a one-in-a-lifetime trip to see famous natural landmarks. Visitors taking advantage of air tours benefit by avoiding traffic, wait times, and walking trails that are inaccessible for the handicapped or elderly, while reducing congestion and demand on park infrastructure.

Like ground-based tours, air tours are a valid part of our visitor experience, providing a unique window from which we can share our cultural, historical and environmental sites with the world. Air tours require no ground-based infrastructure at the park, which allows visitors accessibility without the need for roads, trails, signs, bathrooms, garbage cans, or other services.

By further restricting an already limited number of allowable air tours, we are reducing opportunities to access our parks in a way that leaves little to no environmental footprint or disturbance. Through carbon-offset efforts and strict altitude requirements to control noise just to name a few efforts air tour operators are working to ensure they are responsible stewards of the nations parks. There are currently no restrictions or mitigation efforts for loud vehicles operating in the park, some of which make more noise than a passing helicopter.

Additionally, the operator pays a fee each time an air tour flies within the park boundary. The National Park Service collects hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue each year from air-tour flights. Air tours require no infrastructure, leaving the bulk of overflight fees to go toward supporting services that benefit the public.

Finally, the National Parks should be available for all visitors to see. Limiting flights over the park unfairly limits the elderly, very young, h

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Correspondence ID:	2580	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	soares, daryl			
Received:	Mar,30 2022 14:34:32			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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Correspondence ID:	2581	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Soares, Daryl			
Received:	Mar,30 2022 14:50:16			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I support option 2, the noise generated by your Tour Helicopters over/near my property is so loud that my family is deprived of the peaceful enjoyment of our home. At times flights are so frequent we are forced to leave our property for needed peace and quiet. We ask you to stop the noise nuisance over my property at 18-3825 South Kulani Rd. We conduct business from our farm and your Tour Helicopters are having a negative impact on our business. I'm requesting that thy STOP operating over/near our home which is having a negative impact on my family, these conditions have become unacceptable.

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Correspondence ID: 2582 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Magnus, Jeffrey  
Received: Mar,30 2022 15:28:33  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 2583 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Drayer, Lindsey  
Received: Mar,30 2022 15:33:48  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow air tours in this area. Visitors already have access to so much of the island. This is a sacred space and should be revered and honored as such. Not everything beautiful needs to be commodified (turned into or treated as a mere commodity; commercialized). In this ultra-capitalistic society we have lost the importance and reverence of nature. To what benefit would this be? How would this help the environment? How would it benefit the people of this land? So the tour companies can make more money, so the visitors can have more nice pictures? Does any of that matter more than the sacredness and protection that should be bestowed to nature? No, it does not. Thank you

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Correspondence ID: 2584 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Young, Christopher  
Received: Mar,30 2022 15:54:37  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Name:	Kulbeth, Jason			
Received:	Mar,30 2022 16:50:01			
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Name:	Amidei, Anthony			
Received:	Mar,30 2022 18:13:11			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: As a multi-time visitor of Hawai'i and strong respecter of the land and culture, I urge you to keep the airspace for Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and Haleakalā National Park open to helicopters as the only way to view these beautiful locations without damaging the land. I would hate for future generations to be unable to see those amazing locations.

Thank you,  
Anthony Amidei

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Correspondence ID:	2587	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Laeha, Debra			
Received:	Mar,30 2022 18:15:16			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: The tour helicopter industry has been allowed to operate virtually unregulated in the Islands for decades. These helicopters (and now fixed-wing planes) fly whenever, wherever they want with the only requirement to "fly neighborly" and "safely" (which is open to interpretation), These noisy nuisances have destroyed our once peaceful skies. This is especially true at the Haleakala National Park where the incessant drone of helicopters is a travesty that degrades the experience for everyone on the ground.

Our National (and STATE) parks should be protected. No company or person has the right to destroy our national parks for any reason, especially tourism, that we have many other opportunities for different people of different abilities to enjoy our national parks. Air tourism is fundamentally inconsistent with the reasons for which we established our national parks to start with.

PLEASE help bring peace back to our skies so that we can once again enjoy the sound of nature again.

Debra Laeha

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Correspondence ID:	2588	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	White, Melinda			
Received:	Mar,30 2022 19:44:50			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Haleakala National Park's crater is one of the quietest places on Earth. It's silence is just as valuable and endangered as the rare, endemic and (also) endangered species of flora and fauna that evolved there. Please protect one of the most unique places on Earth, known for its quiet silence, from sound pollution. Hiking the crater and camping there to experience this ultimate quiet where it was so calm that I could hear the sound of

my own blood pumping in my ears was a lifetime 'bucket list' experience that I have been fortunate to have experienced several times now. There is nothing like watching a trillion stars in the dead of a still and silent night or being startled by how loud the gravel crunches with each each step while hiking. The quietest place on Earth is of such immense natural value, please allow it to continue to be a haven for humans to experience as well as a natural wonder for the endemic animals that evolved there. Thank you for your consideration and protection.

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Correspondence ID:	2589	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Barton, Suellen
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Received:	Mar,30 2022 20:18:23
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Correspondence:	No, no, no - terrible idea - why ruin the solitude of this special space
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Correspondence ID:	2590	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	, kristen
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Received:	Mar,31 2022 02:05:34
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Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way most of our residents and visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations
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Correspondence ID:	2591	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Fisher, Laura
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Received:	Mar,31 2022 02:45:43
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Correspondence:	One of the quietest places on earth should remain that way. Human places of true escape are rare.
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In this infinitely fragile environment, the slightest noise or footprint be it on the ground or in the air above can have large long term lasting effects.

I reject the notion that Haleakala should be seen from the air.

Having personally hiked through this area many times over the past twenty years, the absolute worst part of the experience is the noise overhead from planes and helicopters. It's absolutely quiet shattering and shows the ugliness of mankind.

What happened to the times when they could just approach from the side?

It's disgusting that flight tourism should take a priority and the land and animals and birds here in this very sacred place should take a backseat.

No flights. That's the only choice that makes any sense.

Please stop the madness.

We escape our phones and ear buds and street cars and noise violence to drive hours to spend our time in this quiet place of reverence and ancestry and splendor and calm. Why must it be sacrificed?

They can fly their machines elsewhere-not here. It makes no sense.

Please fix this. Do the right thing. Make this statement that nature wins-that there are limitations to the violation man can make upon the earth.

Do better. Be better. E ala E

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Correspondence ID:	2592	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
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Name:	Tester, John
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Received:	Mar,31 2022 05:26:29
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form
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Correspondence: Test message body

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Correspondence ID:	2593	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Daubert, Wes			
Received:	Mar,31 2022 07:20:25			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

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While it is important to preserve this beautiful areas, it too often appears that the effort is to preserve them \*from\* the people, not \* for\* the people.

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Correspondence ID:	2594	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Lee, James			
Received:	Mar,31 2022 08:20:07			
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Correspondence ID:	2595	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Reaves, Shane S			
Received:	Mar,31 2022 08:57:29			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I do not think the helicopters should be allowed to fly over this place for recreation. I feel that this would interrupt the environment and the experience of visiting this wonderful place.

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Correspondence ID:	2596	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Case, Suzanne D			
Received:	Mar,31 2022 12:50:12			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: April 1, 2022

Volpe National Transportation Systems Center  
Kaitlyn Rimol, V-326  
Attn: Haleakalā National Park ATMP  
55 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02142

Dear Sir or Madam:

Subject: Department comments on proposed Air Tour Management Plan  
for Haleakalā National Park

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park (Park). The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of the plan to reduce the detrimental impacts of commercial air tours on the natural resources and values of Haleakalā National Park.

The Department concurs that the current level of air tour activity in the Park results in frequent and loud noise disruptions that adversely impact resource management activities, traditional and customary practice, activities of spiritual and cultural significance, recreational and wilderness user experience, and potentially harm numerous endangered species that rely on the Park for critical habitat needs. The Department supports an air tour management plan that would prohibit air tours within the Air Tour Management Plan planning area, to include areas below 5,000 feet above ground level and within ½ mile of the Park boundary.

Impacts from commercial air tours are widespread on Maui, affecting thousands of acres of public trust lands that serve to protect Hawaii's unique biological and cultural treasures and to provide cultural and spiritual values for the public benefit. While we support the efforts of the Park and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to regulate

those impacts within the Park, we note that those measures may have the unintended result of increased commercial air tour traffic and impacts on those state lands. The Board of Land and Natural Resources raised those concerns with the FAA in a letter dated May 28, 2021. We look forward to further collaboration with the FAA to address the unacceptable impacts of commercial air tours on public trust lands and natural resources in Hawaii.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like additional information.

Sincerely,  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson

C: Natalie B. Gates  
Superintendent

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Correspondence ID:	2597	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Medeiros, U'ilani			
Received:	Mar,31 2022 14:03:16			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: I understand that commercial air tours are presently allowed to fly over Haleakala National Park, but I would like to see the National Park Service ban that activity. The number of air tour operators and their well-heeled customers are far fewer than the majority of Hawai'i residents and visitors who find greater enjoyment touring the park on the ground. The natural vistas and sounds of nature at Haleakala should not be disturbed by a minority of people who only care to monetize this national treasure for their own gain. One commercial air tour operator was recently quoted as saying "people that can't go hike into the crater and go experience all the beauty that it brings" need the option of touring the park from the air. What!?! No. I was born on Maui and each time I visit the park, I drive or ride up the long and winding road like everyone else, park and explore small areas on foot. The beauty is there for me as it is for everyone else: unspoiled sights and sounds for all who wish to experience it from the ground.

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Correspondence ID:	2598	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Blumer-Buell, John A			
Received:	Mar,31 2022 16:30:35			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha,

Comments:

As described, "Alternative Number One" does not meet the purpose and intent of this legal process. Therefore, no comments.

However, It should be clarified for the public if a "no action alternative" would be acceptable in the future Environment; Assessment, EA, or Environmental Impact Statement, EIS, process.

Alternative Number 2:

This appears to be the least objectionable alternative currently presented. I look forward to reading and analyzing all the public comments.

Alternative Number 3:

Alternative Number 3 would allow for a single flight path within the ATMP planning area and a reduction in the number of commercial air tours authorized to fly over the park. The stated intent would be to protect park resources, values, and the visitor experience.

Unfortunately, this route would concentrate helicopter traffic on the south side of Haleakala and helicopters would fly over Kahikinui, Kaupo and Kipahulu before exiting the ATMP area.

It is then likely the helicopters would then fly over adjoining areas such as Wailua Valley (south), Koali, Mu'olea, Waihoi, Puuiki and Makaalae while heading toward Hana.

Several of these "adjoining areas" are now recognized for their special cultural importance. Mu'olea Point was purchased by the Trust for Public Land, The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the County of Maui and others. It is currently leased to Na Mamo O Mu'olea.

In addition, more than a hundred acres have been purchased by the County of Maui in Maka'alae and Haneo'o for cultural purposes. Google Save the Hana Coast.

All of these areas are now quiet and would likely experience increased helicopter noise. Residents from all of these areas have strongly objected to helicopter disturbances, since "day one", long before the current process was implemented.

This current process does not adequately consider the contents, goals and objectives of the 1994 Hana Community Plan, one of nine community plans for Maui County. The 1994 Hana Community Plan Ordinance is still a primary, if not the primary, County of Maui planning reference for Hana and East-Maui. The 1994 Hana Community Plan Ordinance is still in effect.

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For your information, I served as an alternate representative on the first "Helicopter Advisory Board" and served on the Maui General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC). The 1994 Hana Community Plan offers a constructive advice in trying to work out these longstanding and destructive problems: "Encourage community-based dialogue regarding proposed land use changes in order to avoid unwarranted conflict".

ALOHA!

John Blumer-Buell, Mu'olea, P.O. Box 787, Hana, Hawai'i. 96713, jblumerbuell@gmail.com

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Correspondence ID:	2599	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Yaplee, Darlene			
Received:	Mar,31 2022 16:53:47			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			
Correspondence:	RE: Haleakla National Park			

As a visitor to Maui I urge you to enact full protections for Haleakla National Park. Therefore option 2 is the only acceptable option, please ban tours outright in the ATMP areas. All tours are disruptive to park tourists and local residents. No company or person has the right to destroy the Hawaii national parks, such as Haleakla for any reason, including tourism. Air tours are the opposite of why national parks were established.

My comments in this entry are in addition to any previous comments submitted.

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Correspondence ID:	2600	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Leinsing, Karl			
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Correspondence Type:

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2601 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

Smith, Charles F

Received:

Mar,31 2022 19:15:51

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: My helicopter experience on the Island of Hawaii was incredible. I can't imagine denying the ability of the tours not to be able to fly near and over the volcanos ..It is the only way you can get a incredible view of these wonders of nature. I am totally against efforts to restrict their access

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Correspondence ID:	2602	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Vermillion, Roy			
Received:	Mar,31 2022 20:42:44			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I like the idea of having quiet in the airspace of our National Parks. In general I support that idea. For some places, such as in Hawaii, being able to see some of the sights that are out of reach in other ways for most people, then by helicopter is good option. I would support allowing flights to continue and perhaps placing limits on how many flights can occur each day.

Roy Vermillion

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Correspondence ID:	2603	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hasegawa, Clifton M			
Received:	Mar,31 2022 21:01:52			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: The Continuing Mission of the FAA is to provide the safest, most efficient aerospace system in the world.

Tour helicopter overflights from Kahului Airport (OOG) overflying Central Maui and Haleakala National Park have been the source of controversy by Maui residents and tour operators.

The Maui County Council has focused on noise complaints and livestock disruptions. In 2020 Hawaii Senator Brian Schatz and Senator Maize Hirono called for an investigation following the Report from the Senate Commerce Committee detailing how repeated warnings about safety of helicopters in Hawaii were allegedly ignored by FAA leadership including the Honolulu Flight Standards District Office &quot;knowingly failed to meet its mission of safety for helicopter tours in Hawaii&quot;. The FAA's response to Senator Schatz and Senator Hirono have not, to this date, made public.

#### Helicopter Crashes in Hawaii

1. Honolulu Civil Beat, January 23, 2020 - &quot;The total number of tour helicopter crashes, both fatal and non-fatal, has escalated during the last two years. There were six crashes in 2018 and four crashes in 2019. Only one previous year -- 2007 -- had as many as four crashes during the last 20 years, according to National Transportation Safety Board records. Meanwhile, Hawaii Department of Transportation records based on self-reporting by individual companies show that the number of tour operators in Hawaii has more than doubled in the last 10 years and flight volumes have increased by nearly 67% in the same period. The recent spate of crashes, which are among 38 accidents and 45 fatalities since 2000, has brought new scrutiny to the helicopter tour industry. Weather-related, mechanical or faulty maintenance causes have been identified in nearly all of the crashes.&quot;

2. Hawaii News Now, February 22, 2022 - &quot;NTSB and FAA teams are en route to Kauai as the investigation into a military-contracted helicopter crash at the Pacific Missile Range Facility gets underway. All four civilian employees onboard the chopper were killed in the crash. Absolutely perfect, there were no clouds, winds were less than 5 mph on leeward side. It couldn't have been a nicer day in that area so that's why it kinda spooks all logic. Something caused that helicopter to accelerate and go down. It tweaked to the right and then immediately went straight nose-down in an accelerated speed -- straight down with like one second. That was it.&quot;

3. Bottom Line: Helicopters Do Crash - Day Overflights Risk to People & Property  
Overview of Visitor Stats for Haleakala NP February 2022

## MONTHLY PUBLIC USE REPORT - HALEAKALA NP

[https://irma.nps.gov/STATS/SSRSReports/Park Specific Reports/Monthly Public Use?](https://irma.nps.gov/STATS/SSRSReports/Park%20Specific%20Reports/Monthly%20Public%20Use?Park=HALE)  
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### FEBRUARY 2022 SAME MONTH LAST YEAR PERCENT CHANGE

Total Rec 91,216 51,021 78.78%  
Total Non-Rec 1,680 1,680 0.00%  
Total Visits 92,896 52,701 76.27%  
Total YTD 166,257 100,493 65.44%

### RECREATION OVERNIGHT STAYS CURRENT MONTH YEAR-TO-DATE

Concessioner Lodging 0 0  
NPS Campgrounds 0 0  
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NPS Campgrounds 618 1,211  
NPS Backcountry 0 603  
NPS Miscellaneous 287 594  
Non-Recreation Overnight Stays 0 0  
Total Overnight Stays 905 2,408

4. Managing Safety Risks - FAA "The objective of Safety Risk Management (SRM) is to provide critical information for decision makers by identifying hazards, analyzing safety risk, assessing safety risk, and developing controls to reduce safety risk to an acceptable level."

#### Concluding Remarks:

Harmonizing and Balancing Community, Culture and Commerce is the ultimate goal of the FAA's decision. The people are strongly opposed to Tour Helicopter flights over Haleakala. Industry is strongly in favor with restrictions determined by the FAA. The FAA must decide whether the risk of damage and destruction by a helicopter crash is so remote and impossible that overflying Haleakala should continue.

There is but only one Haleakala. Haleakala is a special place for the Community, a sacred ground deserving of protecting, maintaining and restoring peace, tranquility and harmony for all who visit and enjoy its restorative powers and eternal beauty.

Haleakala is operational base for scientific space exploration. The University of Hawaii, Institute for Astronomy is dedicated to preserve the elements and tenants of Community, Culture and Commerce. "Science City is the Haleakalā High Altitude Observatory, erected in 1958 due to the optimal viewing conditions the shield volcano possesses, where a near-absence of light pollution, as well as the high-altitude air and the mountain's tremendous height, render it one of the most superb and valuable planetariums in the world." [  
<https://haleakalacrater.com/maui/haleakala-observatory-maui/> ]

Helicopter maintenance, pilot qualifications, flight paths are within human control and not without fault as FAA and NTSB records have established. 'Weather can change from minute-to-minute, hour-to-hour, day-to-day, and season-to-season. Climate, however, is the average of weather over time and space.' - NASA

Safety Risk Management in the case of Haleakala mandates an acute understanding of "Acceptable Risk"

"Acceptable risk refers to the level of human and property loss that can be tolerated by an individual, household, group, organization, community, region, state, or nation. It means those risks whose benefits are so great, that individuals or groups in society are willing to take or be subjected to the risk. It is usually calculated in actions taken to minimize disaster risk. The probability of occurrence of an acceptable risk is small. The concept of acceptable risk evolved partly from the understanding that absolute safety is generally an unachievable goal." - U.S. Legal

While there is divergent views as to "Acceptable Risk" for Haleakala, We stand firm that avoidance of any risk, Zero-Tolerance, is mandated.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our comments.

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Correspondence: Air tours have no place in our national parks. Our national parks belong to the people and not intended as money makers for air tour operators. The disruption caused by air tours is in complete contradiction with the purpose and sanctity of our national parks. I support alternative #2 to the ATMP as it appears to be the strictest. I would add the number of air tour flights needs be significantly reduced and restricted. The best way to experience our national parks is on the ground. The 5000 ft above ground requirement needs to apply not only above national parks, but also the entire air tour route. Many, many air tour flights per day over Hawaii communities are very disruptive to those who live under their flight paths. I further support complete ban of air tours over national parks and believe that state parks should be included in any restrictions as well.

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Correspondence: The rest of Hawaii is already allowed to be viewed from a helicopter. Why can't we keep this one place, the most peaceful place on earth, keep it that way? Why do we need to make even more money off this land? Is the tourism and hotel industry not enough? Can Hawaii please keep this one thing? It isn't about the money, it's about keeping this place sacred. Why do we have to soil the good things with the bad? It's a perfectly beautiful area. The last thing it needs is noise pollution.

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Correspondence: I believe Haleakala is a sacred place that should be kept as peaceful as possible. Helicopters are just one more noise pollutant for the area.

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Correspondence: As a resident of Crater rd and a lover of Haleakalā crater and the peace within. I'm extremely opposed to the helicopter tours and the negative impacts that it would create. Please just don't.

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Name: ,  
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Correspondence: Please, please - I urge you with all my heart not to allow helicopter tours to fly over the crater and park lands. This is a sacred space which should be respected and cherished. Allow the gods and their people to revel in profound silence that you can experience while hiking through or sitting in this immense space. Please stop ruining the island and ignoring the importance of culture. There is no need for helicopter tours when it is so easy to drive up and enjoy the amazing views, and walk a ways into the crater or further and enjoy the stillness and power of the unique landscape and vast sky.

Is anyone even thinking about the nene?

Please please do not allow this unnecessary desecration to The heart of East Maui.  
Thank you and Aloha,  
Ruth Castrigno

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Correspondence ID: 2609 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Binder, Mary E  
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Correspondence: I do not feel that helicopter tours should be allowed over Haleakala national park at all. It is a beautiful and pristine place, and the profound silence is one of the greatest things about spending time there. There are so few places in the world left like that. In the silence you can hear the wind coming up from across the crater and blowing through to the other side. You can hear tiny insects buzzing. You can hear the "whoosh" of a Nene's wing that is startled out of the brush. You can hear the mist hitting the leaves of the plants next to you on the trail as it settles on them. In a silence such as this, you can actually feel the soul of our planet. It is Such a profound thing.

I feel that helicopter tours have their place, especially for people who are mobility impaired and cannot see or experience this environment in any other way. However, at Haleakala National Park there are many areas where one can experience the silence, the nature, the wildlife and the views from a vehicle or parking area.

Thank you for your preserving our national parks.

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Correspondence ID: 2610 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Sottile, Jennifer  
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Correspondence: Please no helicopters! Don't destroy the peace and solitude of hiking up there. I'm positive that this is the feeling of every single local.

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Correspondence ID: 2611 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: A., B.  
Received: Apr,01 2022 04:59:10  
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Correspondence: Keep Haleakala a sacred place of visit. There's already enough traffic on and off the mountain. Please don't drown and pollute the peaceful sounds of the Mauka as well.

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Correspondence ID: 2612 Project: 103365 Document: 118738



Name: Friederich, Claudio  
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Correspondence: Any restrictions on air tours should be based on facts, established by scientific work done by wildlife and ecological experts.

They should not be based on complaints by "cultural activists". Here is why: A key point cited in the newsletter is air tours' effects on birds and their natural behavior. It was, in fact, the native Hawaiians who played a large part in the extinction and critical endangerment of Hawaiian native birds in the first place, largely for petty vanity purposes, namely chiefs needing feathered capes (in a hot tropical climate) and Kahilis just as symbols of "I'm the grand exalted pooba". So, if protecting native ecosystems is the issue, Hawaiian culture is not really in a position to comment. This is according to National Geographic, not personal feelings of one culture over another. If I sound prejudiced, let's just say that I have negative feelings against many things in most cultures of the world, including my own ethnicity's culture. Furthermore, the opinions of current activists do not necessarily reflect those of the ancient Hawaiians whose culture they claim to represent. For example, I doubt the ancient Hawaiians, who so valued astronomy because they depended on it for navigation, would have condemned the astronomy projects on Mauna Kea with the fervor we have seen from recent activists.

When harm to a natural environment by human activity is considered, all forms of human activity should be considered. In many national parks, Yellowstone being a notable example, foot traffic has become a major damaging influence. I am not saying that that is the case in Hawaii's national parks necessarily. I am pointing out that just because they are not in aircraft, that doesn't mean that a visitor leaves no impact, and that in fairness to everyone, all impacts, from all forms of visits, must be compared against one another before any one is restricted.

Finally, if air tours are restricted to a particular route, it must be made clear that, in the event of weather conditions making continuation impossible, the aircraft is allowed to exist the area of bad weather without fear of reprisal for being momentarily not on a route and over the park while exiting. Otherwise, crews will consider themselves forced to continue into deteriorating weather for the sake of remaining on a set route, and catastrophic accidents will occur. Hawaii is notorious for rapidly changeable weather, and in particular, clouds can form and move in in only minutes. Completely avoiding the possibility of weather deteriorating during a flight is impossible, and as a private pilot, I can personally attest to that. I can also attest to the effect of external pressures, such as facing a mountain of paperwork, on aeronautical decision making.

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Correspondence ID: 2613 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Page, Jeff  
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Correspondence: I believe that helicopter tours would disrespect the National park.  
My wife and I were just here last week and it was one of the most magical trips we have ever taken.  
Helicopters would ruin the perfect scenery!

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Correspondence ID: 2614 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: ,  
Received: Apr,01 2022 06:32:11  
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Correspondence: Having visited Maui and driving up to see Mt. Haleakalā. It was an amazing experience to drive up and see the pristine vastness of solitude . I dint want to see that experience taken away by helicopter tours crowding the space and disturbing the peace. There are plenty of other sights already allowing helicopter sights.

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Correspondence ID: 2615 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,  
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Correspondence: Please continue to allow helicopter tours over currently approved routes on the islands. This is the #1 attraction that we do every time we visit Hawaii. It allows for an unmatched experience and the ability to see the entire island in the most efficient and least amount of time. Seeing the volcano from the air is absolutely incredible!

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Correspondence ID: 2616 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
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April 1, 2022

Ms. Natalie Gates  
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Makawao , HI 96768

Subject: Potential Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) Alternatives for Haleakalā National Park

Dear Superintendent Gates:

I am writing on behalf of over 2,200 members of the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks (Coalition), who collectively represent more than 40,000 years of national park management experience. The Coalition studies, educates, speaks, and acts for the preservation of America's National Park System. Among our members are former National Park Service (NPS) directors, regional directors, superintendents, resource specialists, rangers, maintenance and administrative staff, and a full array of other former employees, volunteers, and supporters.

We offer the following comments for your consideration regarding Potential Alternatives for the Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Park (HALE), as described in the Newsletter at:  
<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=306&projectID=103365&documentID=118738>.

#### GENERAL COMMENTS

1. First and foremost, we greatly appreciate that HALE is conducting a proper planning process in accordance with Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500 - 1508 and the NPS NEPA Handbook 2015: In announcing your plans to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) of potential impacts of air tours at the park, you have invited public comment on potential alternatives; and you have identified a range of alternatives including at least one that would significantly reduce the level of impacts caused by the current level of air tours. Presumably, the EA will disclose, evaluate, and compare the various environmental impacts of those alternatives in order to provide the basis for a reasoned decision about the appropriate level of air tours, if any, at HALE.

In essence, your approach to conducting this ATMP planning process is consistent with applicable CEQ and NPS guidance and makes good sense to us. We applaud you and the planning team for doing the right thing and following the applicable process requirements that this proposal deserves.

2. The proposed HALE environmental assessment (EA) demonstrates it is feasible for NPS to consider a range of air tour management alternatives and disclose and evaluate their potential impacts while conducting a legitimate level of NEPA review of those alternatives: This begs the question - Why did NPS not do the same thing at all the other parks that have already issued proposed ATMPs? As a practical matter, all 23 proposed ATMPs are being prepared under the same National Parks Air Tour Management Act requirements and the same court order; so

what is the NPS rationale for complying with basic NEPA requirements in only a few cases (e.g., HAVO and HALE) but not in many others?

In stark contrast to this EA, all other NPS proposed ATMPs issued to date have inexplicably failed to consider a range of alternatives, including some that would reduce the level of impacts caused by the current level of air tours. Those ATMPs proposed the current level of air tours as the only management option being considered (which is, in effect, the No Action Alternative). In addition, all of the previously issued proposed ATMPs failed to disclose or evaluate potential environmental impacts of the respective proposed actions.

We ask NPS to explain its basis for deciding to prepare EAs for only a few parks while not considering any alternatives to the proposed action and without disclosing the impacts of the proposed action for many other parks where the agencies have been ordered to prepare ATMPs.

3. The newsletter makes no mention of the NPS Organic Act (54 USC §100101) and offers no explanation as to the Act's relevance to the proposed action: As stated in NPS Management Policies 2006 Section 1.4.1: "The most important statutory directive for the National Park Service is provided by interrelated provisions of the NPS Organic Act of 1916 and the NPS General Authorities Act of 1970, including amendments to the latter law enacted in 1978." As further stated in Management Policies Section 1.4.3:

The fundamental purpose of the national park system, established by the Organic Act and reaffirmed by the General Authorities Act, as amended, begins with a mandate to conserve park resources and values. This mandate is independent of the separate prohibition on impairment and applies all the time with respect to all park resources and values, even when there is no risk that any park resources or values may be impaired. . . Congress, recognizing that the enjoyment by future generations of the national parks can be ensured only if the superb quality of park resources and values is left unimpaired, has provided that when there is a conflict between conserving resources and values and providing for enjoyment of them, conservation is to be predominant. This is how courts have consistently interpreted the Organic Act. (Emphasis added)

Given that this EA is or should be 100% about evaluating potential impacts of commercial air tours on natural and cultural resources and visitor experience opportunities within a unit of the National Park System, we fully expect that the NPS conservation mandate, derived from the Organic Act of 1916, would serve as a key basis for the agencies to evaluate impacts to national park resources and values and determine an appropriate level of air tours, if any. To be clear, Chapter 1 of the EA should include a section summarizing applicable laws, including the NPS Organic Act, relevant to the proposed action.

4. The EA should discuss the importance of protecting the exceptional quality of the natural soundscape at HALE from commercial air tour noise as described in the 2015 Foundation Document:

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=306&projectID=55973&documentID=108615>.

Relevant sections of the Foundation Document include the following:

(p. 7) "Natural sounds, panoramic views, and dark night skies greatly contribute to Haleakalā's unique sense of place. Ambient sound levels in the Haleakalā Crater are so low that they approach the threshold of human hearing, and the crater and summit offer world-renowned stargazing opportunities. . . In addition to being highly desired values for visitors, dark night skies and natural soundscapes are vital components of a healthy, intact, biological community. Each plays an important role in wildlife communication and behavior. The preservation of natural sounds, viewsheds, and dark night skies is also critical to effective wilderness management." (Emphasis added)

(p. 8) Wilderness - Approximately 24,000 acres of Haleakalā National Park is federally designated wilderness. The wilderness area includes the majority of the Haleakalā Crater and the Kīpahulu Biological Reserve, which protects one of the most intact rain forest ecosystems in the Hawaiian Islands. The wilderness area also has cultural and spiritual significance to Native Hawaiians, who have used these lands since ancient times, and continue to visit sites and features within the wilderness for traditional practices. Visitors have opportunities to participate in wilderness experiences--from expansive views across undeveloped lands to primitive recreation and solitude.

(pp. 35-36) Appendix B: Analysis of Fundamental Resources and Values states the following about Natural Sounds:

- Extensive acoustical monitoring and related studies demonstrate that sound levels in Haleakalā National Park are remarkably low and dominated by natural sounds. These studies also show that the most common source of noise is from aircraft and that visitors find the aircraft noise annoying.
- Repeated studies establish that ambient sounds levels in the park are among the lowest recorded in any national park. (Emphasis added)
- Natural quiet conditions at the Haleakalā Crater are exceptional. Haleakalā Crater is the quietest area measured in the national park system (approximately 10 decibels). In some cases the sound levels were so quiet that they could not be measured. The lowest sound reading was on Sliding Sands Trail. The highest sound reading was in forested upland near waterfalls (35 decibels). (Emphasis added)

5. Consistent with Management Policies Section 1.5, the EA should include an “appropriate use analysis” for the proposed action: The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (49 USC 40128) does NOT mandate that commercial air tours are appropriate or that air tours should be allowed to occur over units of the National Park System. In fact, section (b)(3)(A) of the Act provides that the agencies “may prohibit commercial air tour operations over a national park in whole or in part.” Under the Act air tours are essentially a discretionary activity subject to agency approval. To our knowledge, NPS has never formally considered or determined whether commercial air tours are an appropriate use of (or over) Haleakalā National Park. We therefore request that the EA include an appropriate use analysis as described in Management Policies Section 1.5.

6. The EA should also include an “impairment determination” for the proposed action, as described in Management Policies Section 1.4.7, which states, in part: “Before approving a proposed action that could lead to an impairment of park resources and values, an NPS decision-maker must consider the impacts of the proposed action and determine, in writing, that the activity will not lead to an impairment of park resources and values. If there would be an impairment, the action must not be approved.” (Emphasis added)

Furthermore, “[t]he impact threshold at which impairment occurs is not always readily apparent. Therefore, the Service will apply a standard that offers greater assurance that impairment will not occur. The Service will do this by avoiding impacts that it determines to be unacceptable. These are impacts that fall short of impairment, but are still not acceptable within a particular park's environment.” Management Policies 1.4.7.1. (Emphasis added)

7. The EA should identify its preparers as well as the respective roles of the NPS and the FAA in the NEPA process: The newsletter solicits public comments that may be submitted electronically, presumably to the NPS, via the park's PEPC website; or in writing (i.e., hard copy), presumably to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), at the Volpe Center. As a result, it is confusing which agency is actually coordinating preparation of the EA and serves as the “lead agency” as described in 40 CFR §1501.7; and which agency serves as the “cooperating agency” as described in 40 CFR §1501.8.

This is a concern primarily if NPS plays a passive “reviewer only” role as a cooperating agency during the preparation of the pending EA, as NPS typically does when it serves as a cooperating agency. Despite NPS's tendency to be passively involved, the NEPA implementing regulations provide for a cooperating agency to play a more active role in the planning process and we strongly encourage NPS to do so in this case. For example, 40 CFR 1501.8(b)(3) provides that each cooperating agency “shall . . . [o]n request of the lead agency, assume responsibility for developing information and preparing environmental analyses, including portions of the environmental impact statement or environmental assessment concerning which the cooperating agency has special expertise.” (Emphasis added)

The NPS Natural Sounds Program clearly has special expertise with regard to measuring and assessing the impacts of air tour noise on park resources and values, including impacts to wildlife, wilderness, and visitor experience. As a result, we would expect the NPS, not the FAA or the Volpe Center, to prepare the analyses of such impacts. Since the primary purpose of the EA is to assess potential impacts of air tours on national park resources and values at HALE, it is imperative that experienced NPS subject matter experts and NEPA practitioners, who regularly evaluate potential resource impacts through the lens of the NPS conservation mandate, are active participants in preparing the various impact analyses for this proposal.

SECTION-BY-SECTION COMMENTS ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

1. Purpose and Need (p. 3): The Purpose and Need, as written, makes sense to us. The Need statement, in particular, is very well written and could serve as a model Need statement for all other park ATMPs.
2. Resources for Consideration in the EA (p. 3): The proposed list of impact topics appears complete to us. The impact analysis for each topic should include a discussion of available data, such as ambient sound surveys, as well as a review of relevant scientific literature related to the impacts of aircraft noise on specific resources. While this may seem like we are stating the obvious, since NONE of the other proposed ATMPs released thus far have contained any such information, we feel we need to say it here.
3. Reference materials to consider when preparing the respective impact analyses include the following:
  - Effects of Aircraft Overflights on the National Park System. Report to Congress 1995:  
<https://www.nonoise.org/library/npreport/intro.htm>
  - An assessment of noise audibility and sound levels in U.S. National Parks:  
<https://sites.warnercnr.colostate.edu/soundandlightecologyteam/wp-content/uploads/sites/146/2020/11/landscapeecology2011b.pdf>
  - Protecting National Park Soundscapes: National Academy of Engineering 2013:  
<https://www.nap.edu/catalog/18336/protecting-national-park-soundscapes>
  - Effects of Noise on Wildlife: [https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/effects\\_wildlife.htm](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/effects_wildlife.htm)
  - A Synthesis of Two Decades of Research on the Effects of Noise on Wildlife:  
<https://sites.warnercnr.colostate.edu/soundandlightecologyteam/wp-content/uploads/sites/146/2020/11/biologicalreviews2015.pdf>
  - Conserving the wild life there in - protecting park fauna from anthropogenic noise:  
<https://sites.warnercnr.colostate.edu/soundandlightecologyteam/wp-content/uploads/sites/146/2020/11/parkscience2009.pdf>
  - A review of the effects of aircraft noise on wildlife and humans 2003:  
[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/8683287\\_A\\_Review\\_of\\_the\\_Effects\\_of\\_Aircraft\\_Noise\\_on\\_Wildlife\\_and\\_Humans\\_Current\\_Control\\_Mechanisms\\_and\\_the\\_Need\\_for\\_Further\\_Study](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/8683287_A_Review_of_the_Effects_of_Aircraft_Noise_on_Wildlife_and_Humans_Current_Control_Mechanisms_and_the_Need_for_Further_Study)
  - Effects of Noise on Wilderness: [https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/effects\\_wilderness.htm](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/effects_wilderness.htm)
  - Noise pollution is pervasive in U.S. protected areas: <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.aah4783>
  - Effects of Noise on Visitors: [https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/effects\\_visitors.htm](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/effects_visitors.htm)
  - Effects of Noise on Cultural-Historic Resources: [https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/effects\\_cultural.htm](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/effects_cultural.htm)
  - HALE Baseline Ambient Sound Levels 2003: <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/DownloadFile/601942>
  - HALE Acoustical Monitoring Report 2008: <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/DownloadFile/446569>
  - HALE Acoustical Monitoring Report 2018:  
<https://sites.warnercnr.colostate.edu/soundandlightecologyteam/wp-content/uploads/sites/146/2020/11/haleakala.pdf>

While the above list is by no means complete, all of the materials listed above are available via links found on the NPS Natural Sounds Program website at: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/sound/index.htm>. However, since NONE of this reference material was mentioned in ANY of the proposed park ATMPs that NPS has issued to date, we feel it is necessary to call this information to your attention now.

4. Alternative 1 - No Action (p. 9-12): Alternative 1 represents a continuation of what is currently flown and/or allowed under existing law including each company's Interim Operating Authority (IOA) as granted by the FAA (70 Federal Register 36456 (June 23, 2005). As stated on p. 9, "the no action alternative provides a basis for comparison but is not a selectable alternative because it does not meet the purpose and need for the ATMP and is not in compliance with the Act." (Emphasis added)

The newsletter also states that the average number of air tour numbers conducted from 2017 to 2019 was 4,824. However, as described under the proposed no action alternative, operators could theoretically fly up to the IOA limit of 25,827 air tours per year. Using the maximum theoretical number of flights that could occur, rather than the actual number of flights occurring in recent year, as the baseline for comparison in the EA makes no sense for several reasons:

First, the "NPS has [already] determined the current level of air tours [i.e., 4,824] is inconsistent with the Park's purpose and values" and dismissed it (the current level of flights) as a viable alternative "because the NPS determined they would result in unacceptable impacts to Park natural and cultural

resources and visitor enjoyment.” (Emphasis added) See Newsletter, Alternatives Considered but Dismissed, p. 7. Second, “[t]he agencies consider the 2017-2019, three-year average, to be the existing baseline for the purposes of understanding the existing number of commercial air tour flights over the Park.” See Newsletter, Number of Flights Each Year, p. 9. (Emphasis added)

In addition, one would reasonably expect that the severity of impacts could be quite different between 4,824 actual flights per year vs. the maximum theoretical number of 25,827 flights allowable under IOAs. The latter number of flights has NOT been occurring and there is no data documenting the actual impacts of such a high number of flights. Comparing the potential impacts of alternatives 2-3 to the extremely high number of flights that are theoretically allowable under IOAs provides no meaningful comparison to a realistic baseline. To illustrate this point, we would expect that the current level of air tours (an average of 4,824 flights per year), with few operating conditions, would have relatively “mild” adverse impacts if compared to the impacts of 25,827 flights per year. Yet, as NPS states in the Newsletter (p. 7), “NPS determined they would result in unacceptable impacts to Park natural and cultural resources and visitor enjoyment”; and “the current level of air tours [i.e., 4,824] is inconsistent with the Park's purpose and values.” (Emphasis added)

Since 4,284 flights per year already surpasses the threshold of “unacceptable impacts” to park resources and values, it would be the most reasonable baseline to consider for comparison to the action alternatives. In addition, there should be considerable data documenting the actual impacts of 4,824 flights per year, which, again, makes it a sound basis of comparison with proposed alternatives 2-3. We therefore strongly recommend that NPS use 4,824 flights per year (not 25,827) as the baseline for its analysis of impacts for alternative 1.

5. Action alternatives (pp. 13-21): In general, alternatives 2-3 provide a range of alternatives as required by NEPA. Of these, alternative 2, no air tours, would undoubtedly cause the least amount of impacts; and alternative 3 would cause the most impacts of the two action alternatives.

As described, alternative 3 would allow “between 1 and below the current condition (4,824) flights per year, dependent on modeling.” We note that 4,824 is the current average number of air tour flights occurring at HALE; and that the Newsletter (p. 7) states that “the current level of air tours is inconsistent with the Park's purpose and values.” (Emphasis added)

“Dependent on modeling” is a key, but very ambiguous, phrase in the NPS description of alternative 3. However such “modeling” is conducted will determine whether the number of air tour flights allowed will be closer to 1 per year or closer to the current level of 4,824. We ask that NPS fully describe in the EA its modeling criteria, desired future conditions, monitoring plan, and other information or considerations that will be factored into the modeling process used to determine an appropriate number of flights. Absent such detail, the term “dependent on modeling” is not meaningful.

Because any alternative that is “dependent on modeling” is rife with uncertainty at this point, we strongly recommend that NPS include a more straightforward alternative (e.g., call it alternative 4) that would “phase down, phase out” air tours at HALE over a 5 year period. In practical terms, based on 4,824 being the current average number of flights annually, the annual cap on the number of flights would be decreased by 965 flights per year for 5 years, resulting in the elimination of air tours after five years. This would allow air tour operators an opportunity to adjust their business operations to the eventual requirement that they conduct all air tours outside of the planning area (i.e., at least 5,000 feet AGL over the park and/or at least ½ mile outside of the park boundary).

6. Minimum altitudes proposed for alternative 3 (p. 20): Alternative 3 would require air tours to fly at a “Minimum 1,500 - 2,000 ft. AGL.” We ask NPS to explain the basis for allowing air tours to fly at only 1,500 feet AGL and question whether that is sufficient to minimize noise impacts over a national park and wilderness. For example, what guideline(s) or studies can you point to that would support 1,500 feet AGL as the minimum altitude?

Instead, we recommend that you consider the following guidance indicating that minimum altitude for air tours, in general, at HALE in all locations should be at least 2,000 feet AGL (not 1,500 - 2,000 feet as proposed):

- FAA Advisory Circular AC No: 91-36D identifies National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, Waterfowl Production Areas and Wilderness Areas as “noise sensitive areas”; and recommends that “pilots

operating noise producing aircraft (fixed-wing, rotary-wing and hot air balloons) over noise sensitive areas fly not less than 2,000 feet above ground level (AGL), weather permitting.” (Emphasis added) See: [https://rgl.faa.gov/Regulatory\\_and\\_Guidance\\_Library/rgAdvisoryCircular.nsf/list/AC 91-36D/\\$FILE/AC91-36d.pdf](https://rgl.faa.gov/Regulatory_and_Guidance_Library/rgAdvisoryCircular.nsf/list/AC%2091-36D/$FILE/AC91-36d.pdf)

- NPS has adopted AC No. 91-36D's recommendation on the NPS “mitigating the impacts of aircraft” webpage, which states: “All aircraft are requested to maintain a minimum altitude of 2,000 feet above the surface of lands and waters administered by the NPS, UFWs, or USFS Wilderness areas.” See:

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/mitigating-the-impacts-of-aviation.htm#:~:text=All aircraft are requested to,UFWs, or USFS Wilderness areas.>

- Numerous other federal land and marine sanctuary management agencies have similarly adopted 2,000 feet AGL as the recommended minimum altitude for aircraft flying over federally protected areas.

- NPS has presented no justification for proposing to deviate from the longstanding minimum altitude standard of 2,000 feet AGL.

7. Annual/Daily Number of Flights (p. 20): Alternative 3 would allow “between 1 and below the current condition (4,824) flights per year, dependent on modeling.” (Emphasis added) As described in Comment # 5 above, we are concerned that “dependent on modeling” is overly vague and rife with uncertainty. We ask that NPS fully describe in the EA its modeling criteria, desired future conditions, monitoring plan, or other information and procedures that will be factored into the modeling process to determine an appropriate number of flights. We also ask that NPS also consider a more straightforward alternative that would “phase down/phase out” air tours at HALE over a five year period by reducing an initial cap of 4,824 flights by 965 flights per year in years 2-5, resulting in the elimination of air tours over a 5 year period. This would provide air tour operators an opportunity to adjust their operations to the eventual requirement that all must fly at least 5,000 feet AGL over the park or remain at least ½ mile outside the park boundary.

8. Proposed Route(s) (p. 20): Alternative 3 would provide “one air tour route, entering the Park on the west near the State Kahikinui Forest Reserve and exiting the Park near the Kīpahulu area and Visitor Center. This route allows operators to fly in one direction.”

In general, the proposed route seems to be an effective way to limit noise impacts of air tours flying over park lands. On the other hand, if alternative 3 allows up to 4,824 air tours “dependent on modeling” on this one route and all such flights are confined to 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (if non-QT) or 11:00 am to 4:00 pm (if QT), then these portions of the park will be hammered on a daily bases with helicopter noise concentrated within the few hours of late morning to mid-afternoon. This possibility raises questions and concerns about the portions of the proposed route that would allow air tour flights over the park. We ask NPS to provide written descriptions in the EA based on the following questions and concerns that are not easily resolved by looking at the route map on p. 19 of the Newsletter:

- In the lower center of the map that contains the text block “Proposed Route (Min. Altitude 2,000 AGL)” the route crosses park land. What is the sightseeing purpose of this portion of the flight? Are there hiking trails or other backcountry uses or sensitive wildlife habitat in this portion of the park that will be adversely impacted by the concentrated daily dose of air tour noise? If there is no compelling sightseeing value of this portion of the route, then is its purpose simply to allow air tours to take a more direct route to reach the Kīpahulu section of the park? If this portion of the route is simply a short-cut for the benefit of helicopter tour operators, how can NPS justify allowing it?

- In the Kīpahulu portion of the map, it appears that the route goes offshore before it reaches the park boundary near the Kīpahulu Visitor Center; then remains at least ½ mile offshore and outside the park boundary. Is that correct? If “yes,” that portion of the proposed route seems appropriate to us. However, the route's distance from the park boundary is difficult to determine from the map.

In any case, please describe in the EA these two portions of the route that appear to cross park lands; and the rationale behind proposing such routing.

9. Last but not least, the EA should identify the NPS “preferred alternative” as well as the “environmentally preferable alternative” as described in the NPS NEPA Handbook 2015, Section 4.3: See: [https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nepa/upload/NPS\\_NEPAHandbook\\_Final\\_508.pdf](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nepa/upload/NPS_NEPAHandbook_Final_508.pdf).

As described in handbook section 4.3(C), &quot;A preferred alternative is the alternative that 'would best accomplish the purpose and need of the proposed action while fulfilling [the NPS] statutory mission and responsibilities, giving consideration to economic, environmental, technical, and other factors' (46.420(d)). It is standard NPS practice to identify the preferred alternative in EAs[.]&quot;

As described in handbook section 4.3 (D), &quot;The environmentally preferable alternative is the alternative developed and analyzed during the NEPA process 'that causes the least damage to the biological and physical environment and best protects, preserves, and enhances historical, cultural, and natural resources' (46.30). An environmentally preferable alternative must be identified in a ROD and may be identified in EAs, FONSI, and draft and final EISs (1505.2(b); 46.450).&quot; (Emphasis added)

The value of NPS identifying both the preferred alternative and the environmentally preferable alternative in this EA is that it would add much needed transparency to what has been a rather murky and not always public process for the past 20 years. While we appreciate that the agencies are now moving forward with the ATMP planning process at HALE, the fact remains that stakeholders had to file litigation in order to force NPS and the FAA to comply with the provisions of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 after many years of ineffective progress by the agencies. Improving transparency in the planning process would be a helpful step toward restoring public confidence that NPS is fully committed to its conservation mandate such that &quot;when there is a conflict between conserving resources and values and providing for enjoyment of them, conservation is to be predominant.&quot;

In closing, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Name:	Tomaino, Ronald J			
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Correspondence:	25 thousand flight a year that nuts keep choppers and there loud noise out of the crater			

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Correspondence ID:	2618	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Sawczynec, Erica A			
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: There is absolutely no reason for air traffic in Haleakala National Park as there are many other ways to explore the wonders the park has had to offer. The crater specially is one of the quietest places in the world and adding any sort of air travel above the park to disturb that ruins the experience for those visiting. The last thing we need in Hawaii is another exploited natural resource when tourists are already happy with the experience that Haleakala National Park has to offer. I grew up in this park, I have spent days, even weeks, in the National Park and not once have I ever thought it would be a good idea to have noisy, invasive, disturbing aircraft flying overhead. This will ruin one of Maui's most beautiful natural wonders. Have we not given the tourists



enough? Think about the residents and how this will change the whole experience of the national park for the worst, not even just for residents but for anyone who visits that isn't wealthy enough. Enough is enough, we don't need this. Protect the National Park and say no to the greed of these tourism companies who have already taken more than enough.

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Correspondence ID:	2619	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	ERNENWEIN, Rick			
Received:	Apr,01 2022 09:58:45			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Comments on February 2022 Newsletter Potential Alternatives for Public Comment for the Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) for Haleakala National Park (HALE)

I will admit upfront that my time to review this document was very limited, so they will not be as detailed as they might have been with more time.

I was involved with NPATMA and ATMPs for many years before I retired from NPS several years ago, so I was very happy to see ATMPs finally coming out for public review in 2021. However, when I read through several of them, I am afraid that I was disappointed that they seemed like summaries or outlines of proposed actions without analysis of impacts or alternatives, or even much detail, inadequate in most ways.

However, with HALE it appears that NPS and FAA are now entering the ATMP process the right way! Thank you! Scoping with the public about Potential Alternatives before proceeding with a true NEPA and NHPA process is what was envisioned when NPATMA was passed (I know because I was involved in that effort). Again, thank you! I am generally quite pleased with the Newsletter as a scoping document for this ATMP process, and look forward to the NEPA/NHPA process to follow!

In the comments below, page numbers refer to pages in the Newsletter.

Range of Alternatives: While I personally like the range of alternatives presented, having examined air tours at HALE and been involved in noise monitoring at HALE many years ago, it is not apparent to me from the Newsletter why there are no additional alternatives in the reasonable range to be evaluated. The Alternatives Considered and Dismissed section (pages 7-8) discusses the impacts of air tours by current levels of air tours in limiting alternatives, but does not seem to rule out all but Alternatives 2 and 3 at lower levels.

Although it seems like a very good choice, why is the route in Alternative 3 the only reasonable route? Couldn't there be another somewhere? Since Alternative 3 (page 16) says that noise modeling will "consider and evaluate various numbers of annual commercial air tours over the Park", does that present an opportunity to consider variations of Alternative 3 with different levels of tour operations?

Purpose and Need (page 3): The Purpose and Need should address the NPS Organic Act and objectives and directives from the HALE Foundation document, General Management Plan, and other HALE decision documents. The subsequent NEPA analysis and ATMP process should also include an appropriate use analysis, impairment determination, and identification of a preferred alternative and environmentally preferable alternative, consistent with NPS Management Policies.

Elements Common to All Alternatives, ATMP Planning Area (page 4): The last sentence of this section indicates that all aircraft operations except commercial air tours would not be regulated by the ATMP. I know there are FAA regulations governing the non-air-tour operations, and I of course defer to FAA on aviation safety. But there is no clear indication in the Newsletter that there are or would be any provisions to prevent everyone except air tours (especially general aviation and military) from flying wherever they want in the ATMP area across or on air tour routes in any direction without being required to communicate with each other. With the high number of air tours at HALE, surely there are and will be some sort of special safeguards related to the ATMP in place to ensure safety. That should be specified for public consideration in the ATMP alternatives.

Alternative 1 (No Action): It is not apparent from the Newsletter why all of the current air tour operations are located in the south part of the park. Is it due to procedures in the HI Manual? An explanation would perhaps explain why the route in Alternative 3 is the only reasonable route to consider.

Alternative 3, Quiet Technology (QT) Incentives (page 17): Unless air tour operators have already converted to QT, I think that more QT incentives than just 2 extra hours to conduct tours 5 days a week will be needed to get tour operators who have not already converted to QT to convert. Could there be a day of the week for QT only, or a route deviation for QT only to get closer to an attraction, or a QT only route? I like the simplicity and protective aspect of the Alternative 3 and its QT incentive, but 2 extra hours, while significant, is not a huge incentive. Also, could there be different defined levels of QT, so the very quietest could do something the others could not? Could there be a QT fee reduction?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and good luck! Rick Ernenwein

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Correspondence: We don't need the noise of helicopters at Haleakala or on the flight path that is directly over my house- keep some peace on this beautiful island

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Name:	Clark, Patricia			
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Correspondence: Keep the park quiet

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Name:	,		
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Correspondence:	A helicopter tour at Haleakala! Horrible idea! Not only is this not needed there is also native and sacred plants and animals that shouldn't be disrupted.		
Correspondence ID:	2625	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Kalish, Terrie S		
Received:	Apr,01 2022 11:40:07		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Seeing our National Parks by air, is the only way visitors from around the world can see the beauty of the treasures. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations. This was an amazing way to soak in the beauty of the islands. Terrie Kalish		
Correspondence ID:	2626	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	, Rob		
Received:	Apr,01 2022 11:53:07		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Good morning. This is a comment requesting that tour helicopters be BANNED. Helicopters are remarkably dirty emitters of greenhouse gases, something the world is desperate to reduce as quickly as possible. Helicopters are also extremely loud; their noise disrupts what would otherwise be peaceful parks and nearby neighborhoods, and can interfere with local native species of wildlife and plants. I understand helicopter proponents: helicopter rides are exhilarating, can quickly cover long distances, and can provide access to terrain that may be too difficult or dangerous to hike. But the thrill of a helicopter tour is not worth the enormous price paid by local people, places, wildlife, and the environment. Ban helicopters, restore peace, restore the environment. Thank you.		
Correspondence ID:	2627	Project: 103365	Document: 118738
Name:	Case, Congressman Ed		
Received:	Apr,01 2022 12:00:49		
Correspondence Type:	Web Form		
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Gates:		
	I write to provide comments on the three Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) Potential Alternatives for Haleakalā National Park ("Park") as described in the Park's February 2022 newsletter. As requested, I include here comments on all three potential alternatives. However, I strongly urge the National Park Services (NPS) to adopt Alternative 2, which would prohibit all air tours within the ATMP planning area.		
	A. Overview		
	Congress passed the National Park Air Tour Management Act of 2000 ("Act") to minimize, mitigate and prevent the adverse effects of aircraft flights over our precious public and tribal lands. Prior to passage of the Act, commercial air tour operations over our national parks and other sensitive lands had increased rapidly, with many areas documenting accelerating increases over the previous decade. The intent of the Act is to prevent the resulting destruction of the natural habitat and visitor experience that was and remains core to the mission of our national parks, one of our country's most widely beloved and supported treasures.		

In the fully twenty years it has taken to commence any serious effort to comply with the Act, the untenable impacts of commercial air tour operations have worsened materially. This comes just as our natural habitats are increasingly threatened by human and environmental factors and the public need for the peace and refuge and natural experience of our national parks has become even more critical.

There is no inherent right of commercial air tour overflight of our national parks and other sensitive lands, no inherent ability to disrupt the park experience, no inherent requirement to forge a compromise solution among competing uses. Commercial air tour overflights of our national parks and other sensitive lands offer no appreciable competing public benefit and in fact are inherently contradictory to the purposes for which our parks were created and are maintained. Our national parks were never intended and are not today intended for profit extraction at the expense of preserving the natural habitat and visitor experience. Even if some contribution to our national parks in terms of understanding and experience for a highly limited number of visitors could be argued from such operations, the volume and benefit of any such contribution is miniscule as compared to the far greater negative impact on the on-ground experience for far more visitors from such operations.

All of these factors are magnified in the case of Haleakalā National Park. This truly precious park was established in 1916 as a part of the Hawai'i National Park and boasts a remarkable ecological diversity, meriting its inclusion as part of an International Biosphere Reserve. In 2019, pre-COVID, nearly one million visitors sought refuge in its natural beauty and scenic landscapes and understanding in its deep religious significance to our host culture.

Yet under current commercial air tour regulations, fully 25,827 tour overflights are permitted annually (or an average of 70 each and every day), at altitudes down to 500 feet above ground (not sea) level. In fact, from 2017 to 2019 an average of 4,823 overflights occurred annually, with fully 4,839 in 2017, easily the second highest National Park after Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (not including non "Park" units in the system). There is no word that better describes the impact of these tours on the Park habitat and experience than "destructive". And for the sake of a mere 1.4% of Park visitors (assuming around three passengers per flight). I fully endorse the NPS' comment that a no-action alternative would "result in unacceptable impacts to Park natural and cultural resources, wilderness character and visitor enjoyment."

For all of these reasons, I strongly urge that in evaluating your three potential alternatives you apply every possible interpretation, decision and effort to impose the maximum limitation of commercial air tour overflights. This should not be a matter of accommodating competing uses but of severely limiting and mitigating one use which is inherently contradictory to and destructive of another, far more important, one: the preservation of natural habitats and cultural heritage and the quality of visitor experiences.

#### B. Comments to Alternative 1

Alternative 1 would take no action. I fully endorse NPS' conclusion that any course of action (including taking no action) that results in authorizing commercial air tours at or above the existing level of operations is unacceptable.

Congress was abundantly clear when passing the Act that the objective of the law was to develop effective measures to mitigate or prevent the significant adverse impact of commercial air tour operations on our national parks' natural and cultural resources. As we have seen over the past two decades, existing air tour operations have resulted in significant negative impacts on the Park's visitor experience, environmental management and cultural protections. These negative impacts are described in detail in the Parks' own document outlining the potential alternatives.

Under the no action alternative, operators would be allowed a number of overflights up to the Interim Operating Authority of 25,827 air tours per year. This number stands significantly above even the number of actual annual overflights since reporting began in 2013. I strongly urge the agencies to reject Alternative 1 on the grounds that it would result in an authorization of commercial air tours at or above existing operations.

#### C. Comments to Alternative 2

Alternative 2, which would prohibit all air tours within the ATMP planning area, best meets the stated purposes of the Park and would result in the greatest protections for its resources.

Our National Park System was established to protect and preserve places of national significance for present and future generations. Hawai'i National Park (later separated into Hawai'i Volcanoes and Haleakalā National Parks) was established by Congress in 1916 with the express direction for the Secretary of the Interior to publish "such

regulations shall provide for the preservation from injury of all timber, birds, mineral deposits, and natural curiosities or wonders" and their retention in their natural condition as nearly as possible. NPS must meet this foundational mandate to retain the natural condition of the Park and protect it from the intrusive human impacts of commercial air tours.

In the Haleakalā National Park Foundation Document (updated September 2015), the Park lists nine fundamental resources and values (FRVs) "essential to achieving the purpose of the park." Among the FRVs are natural sounds, viewsheds and dark night skies; wilderness; ongoing connections to living Hawaiian culture; native Hawaiian biological diversity; and kuleana (the responsibility to present and future generations for stewardship and the respect for all things spiritual and physical). Commercial air tours, in any number, fundamentally impede or damage each of these FRVs, including intrusion on Native Hawaiian cultural ceremonies and practices, interference of acoustic-based bird surveys and unreasonable impacts on interpretive programs and visitor activities throughout the Park. Additionally, the proximity of Park boundaries to the central feature of the Park, Haleakala Crater, means that any flights anywhere close to that boundary, in either height or distance, have an amplifying destructive effect on the peace, quiet and serenity of the Crater proper.

Alternative 2 is the only option put forward by NPS that can meet the legislative mandate and protect the Park's fundamental resources and values. Allowing any number of commercial air tours in the planning area runs directly counter to Congressional intent and interferes with the fundamental resources, values and mission of the Park.

#### D. Comments to Alternative 3

Alternative 3 provides a number of air tour routes to provide aerial access while attempting to protect cultural areas, biological resources, wilderness and visitor experience. This alternative, as outlined above, does not meet the Park's foundational goals and legislative mandates. This alternative rests on a fundamentally flawed assumption: that visitors are entitled to view areas of historic or scenic beauty from the air. First, doing so for this or any other purpose is destructive to the Park. Second, there are sufficient ground and interpretive resources to provide a sufficient education and experience as to the resources of the park, especially as compared to the damage from this particular form of experience. Third, visitors and natural resources are present on the ground and subject to destructive disruption from overflights throughout the Park, so any suggestion that the Park be balkanized into overflight vs non-overflight zones is itself fundamentally inconsistent with the Park in its entirety.

These sections, with some modification, are common to Alternative 3 and Alternative 4. My comments here apply as well to the corresponding sections of Alternative 4.

- **Caps on Numbers of Flights Allowed Annually and Daily.** First, any tour at any time on any day is destructive to the Park experience. It is possible that limitations based on soundscape modelling could mitigate some of those impacts. It is critical to cultural practices, ecological integrity and visitor impact to consider the cumulative impact of air tour interference on any given day.
- **Routes and Altitude.** The minimum above ground level (AGL) altitude over the park should be substantially increased to the maximum of 5,000 AGL to further mitigate ground impacts. Allowing overflights down to an AGL of 2,000 feet significantly impairs the soundscape character of the Kahikinui Forest Reserve and 1,000 ft mean sea level (MSL) over coastal portions could have devastating impacts to the coastal ecosystems. I also reject the argument of tour operators that high minimum altitudes risk their safety and that of other air traffic. First, they are subject to regulation like any other air traffic, and second, if there is any such risk then they should not fly.
- **Time of Day/Day of Week.** The alternative should increase the number of prohibited flight days. To best align with the Park's goals and mandates, the vast majority of the week should be designated as no-fly days. The Park should select only one day during the week, and that a weekday, in which flights are permitted.
- **Quiet Technology (QT) Incentives.** As required by the Act, this alternative seeks to provide incentives for operators using QT aircraft. However, the technology does not yet exist under which destructive impacts are fully mitigated, so QT cannot be used as an excuse to tolerate continued destructive operations.
- **Annual Meeting.** This annual meeting between agencies and commercial air tour operators should also include interested community members. This will further the goal of fostering better relationships between communities and operators in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration Fly Neighborly training.

- **Monitoring and Enforcement.** Operators should be required to use publicly available flight monitoring technology when conducting air tours under the ATMP. There is no justifiable reason for flights operating under the ATMP to block real-time ADS-B Out position and identification. Although the identity of operators and their flight paths are already known, public transparency is crucial to fostering the relationship between neighboring communities, park visitors and the air tour operators.

#### E. Conclusion

Because Haleakalā National Park is among the most impacted national parks by commercial air tour flights, I appreciate the government's increased attention to the Park's ATMP and decision to conduct the full public scoping process. To ensure that natural habitats, cultural practices and visitor experiences are protected, I urge the adoption of Alternative 2 as the only approach that realizes the purposes of the Act and meets the Park's legislative mandate.

I urge your full consideration and adoption into the ATMP of my comments and requested changes. Please contact me through Kainan Miranda at (202) 225-2726 or at [Kainan.Miranda@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kainan.Miranda@mail.house.gov) with any questions.

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Correspondence: Concerning the three option choices for helicopters over the National Parks:

I support : Ban choppers from inside the park's boundaries and keep them above 5,000 feet While this seems harsh for the tour operators, it is past time to think about protecting our natural resources as well as eliminating the nuisance on people who live here.

The second choice would be: Set a single flight plan and reduce the number of tours which seems reasonable if a compromise needs to be made.

Throughout the islands, we have seen how the natural elements thrived during the past two years with less tourists. We need to find a way to continue that forward, positive trend in taking care of our place.

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Correspondence: This is devastating to hear being considered. To further damage this sacred area for the benefit our tourists would be such a shame. They have enough.

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Correspondence ID:	2630	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	rothstein, Kela			
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Correspondence: i do not support this. this is sacred land and a fragile eco system. helicopters and more tourist attractions will continue to ruin this protected place

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Correspondence: i do not support this. this is sacred land and a fragile eco system. helicopters and more tourist attractions will continue to ruin this protected place

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Correspondence ID: 2632 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Robbins, Charles A

Received: Apr,01 2022 12:32:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I wanted to respectfully state my strong support for the "Alternative 2" limit of the ATMP for Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

Hawaii has been our home for 35 years and our family has hiked and camped in Hawaii's National Parks multiple times each year. We have raised three, now grown children with camping and back country exploration part of who they are. Over 150 nights in the parks, hundreds of miles hiked in the parks... the national parks helped form them, one is now a geologist, one finishing her studies in Wildlife Conservation. The beauty and diversity of life, the quietness and solitude and opportunity for our children and hopefully grandchildren to experience the these explicit goals for which our national park system was created is precious to us...without the whining of modernity and for-profit aircraft abusing the stated purposes of our national parks.

In 2000 we strongly supported the passage of the ATMP and are dismayed that not only has a management plan never been issued, but the reasons for it have only gotten worse. Please follow the wishes of Senator Akaka and all of us he represented when the ATMP legislation was passed and help preserve our parks for the purposes for which they were created. Adopt the proposed Alternative 2 of the ATMP.

Respectfully,  
C A Robbins

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Correspondence ID: 2633 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

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Correspondence: We visited Hawaii in June 2021. It was my family's first helicopter ride. Seeing our National Parks by air was the best way to see the beauty. It was truly an experience like no other. We kindly ask you keep the sky's open for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 2634 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: M, Jim

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I spend the winter on the big Island of Hawaii every year. The highlight of my stay is flying over the volcano with my son to see how it changes over time. It has made me and my son aware of the power of nature and we encourage others to take the same flight. The only way to see the volcano is from the air.

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Correspondence ID: 2635 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Schaefer, Steven R

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have flown in Hawaii, on all the Islands, since 1988 and over 30,000 hours airborne. There have evolved regulatory rules during my time here, specifically for helicopters, that appease noise issues around our local communities and Park Area, such as SFAR 71 & FAR Part 136 addressing wildlife impact and noise.

Issues of allowing thoroughfare of flight routes within the Haleakala National Park have been hotly debated and resolved amicably by modification and compromise of Helicopter Tour Operations to their breaking point. If the same annual number of helicopter tourists over the park were allowed to trample through Haleakala Park, what would be the impact on the land, wildlife, and injury potential of the same number of tourists? The data of actual statistics reflect the obvious outcome, total devastation! That is not considering the adverse effects on the performance restrictions and weather of helicopters forced into high altitude environment changes above than below the park. Studies of wildlife around NASA's "pad 39A" launch site have revealed the adaptive ability of wildlife exposed to noise impact, a proven non-issue! The proven safest flight envelope for helicopters and, coincidentally, the quietest routes are NOT flying at higher altitudes, but at lower altitudes above the minimum safe altitude above 600 feet over terrain greater than 60 knots airspeed (adjusted to the limits for each type of helicopter) The politics of flying are not part of any flight manuals!

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Correspondence: Aloha

I have lived on Kaua'i for 40 years. When I first moved here I enjoyed visiting Kalalau Valley on our Na Pali coast. However, about 15 years ago, i was hiking there while one tour helicopter after another flew over. The noise echoing off the canyon walls was like cannon fire! I once lived in a war zone that was quieter! After I finished my hike I left the valley and have never been back. People who have visited there in recent years tell me that the noise has only gotten worse!

This should not be happening in our state and national parks! Staff, visitors, and the creatures that live in the parks do not deserve to be bombarded by noise and other pollution for the pleasure of the few people who can afford air tours. The parks are supported by tax dollars that we ALL pay, and should be for all.

I am sorry for the pilots and other employees who may lose jobs if air tours are banned, but their needs should not take precedence over the rights of everyone else to enjoy the parks in peace.

Give parks back to the people! Ground the air tours!!

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Correspondence: Aloha

I have lived on Kaua'i for 40 years. When I first moved here I enjoyed visiting Kalalau Valley on our Na Pali coast. However, about 15 years ago, i was hiking there while one tour helicopter after another flew over. The noise echoing off the canyon walls was like cannon fire! I once lived in a war zone that was quieter! After I finished my hike I left the valley and have never been back. People who have visited there in recent years tell me that the noise has only gotten worse!

This should not be happening in our state and national parks! Staff, visitors, and the creatures that live in the parks do not deserve to be bombarded by noise and other pollution for the pleasure of the few people who can afford air tours. The parks are supported by tax dollars that we ALL pay, and should be for all.

I am sorry for the pilots and other employees who may lose jobs if air tours are banned, but their needs should not take precedence over the rights of everyone else to enjoy the parks in peace.

Give parks back to the people! Ground the air tours!!

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala has already been saturated with tourists all hours of the day, overwhelming park rangers and local residents. Potential threat to the native nene goose along with other emissions.

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Correspondence ID: 2639 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: ,

Received: Apr,01 2022 13:41:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haleakala is a pristine and unique place for residents and visitors to visit. It houses endangered species and is a place of solice for spiritual reflection. Not to mention, it is seen as a sacred place among Kanaka Maoli. Helicopter tours should not ever be allowed to fly over or within Haleakala crater. I am a supporter of the tightest, most protective plan for preserving Haleakala for generations to come. No more profit over people and resources!

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Correspondence ID: 2640 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: O'Leary, Megan

Received: Apr,01 2022 13:44:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would prefer air tours not fly over Haleakala Crater. By some estimates, it's the quietest spot in the world. Let's keep it that way. I support Alternative 2.

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Correspondence ID: 2641 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Whitney, Lois

Received: Apr,01 2022 14:05:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Helicopters should be restricting from traversing the summit of Haleakalā lower than 1,500 feet (or higher), to limit the noise that enters the Crater. The quiet of the area MUST be preserved!!! It is one of the few places on the island where we can experience that level of silence and solitude. Noise pollution ruins that; and threatens our environment as well. Please also limit flights into 'Iao Valley arms Waihe'e Valley, which are also polluted with noise from very frequent helicopter tours. Invasive and annoying.

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Correspondence ID: 2642 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: RYUGO, RODNEY

Received: Apr,01 2022 14:07:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am against " flights by any mechanized vehicle, helicopter, plane, drone " that creates any NOISE that affects the visitor experience at Haleakala National Park.

It 's all about the MONEY gained from the commercial tours... they profit a lot while ONLY BEING CHARGED \$ 25 @ flight.

Haleakala is SACRED, NO need for visitors viewing from the sky.

They can drive, hike, or shuttle bus up.

Maui County should PROTECT HALEAKALA from such Commercialization.

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Correspondence ID: 2643 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kauhaahaa, Slainden H  
Received: Apr,01 2022 14:58:49  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha, my name is slainden kauha'aha'a and my opinion on the tours around our sacred mountain. Is a head shaker, it's a disturbance of peace and also violating our islands privacy. We already have so much areas that have been taken over, disrupted, and intruded. It's sad that we can't have this area off duties. I understand it's an attraction, tell me what isn't attractive of the island of Maui. But the lookout on the mountain, where we can watch the sunrise is a great connection with the mountain and island already. I don't think we need the helicopter tours, at the end of the day it's about the island. Not the money. Mahalo

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Correspondence ID: 2644 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Desai, Neal  
Received: Apr,01 2022 15:58:31  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To: National Park Service and Federal Aviation Administration  
Re: Scoping comments for the Haleakalā National Park air tour management plan

We are writing to comment on the alternatives for the Haleakalā National Park air tour management plan. Since 1919, the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) has been the leading voice of the American people in protecting and enhancing our National Park System. On behalf of our nearly 1.6 million members and supporters nationwide, we ask you to consider our views. We want to express our strong recommendation to adopt Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative in the final air tour management plan.

As the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (NPATMA) states, "The objective of any air tour management plan shall be to develop acceptable and effective measures to mitigate or prevent the significant adverse impacts, if any, of commercial air tour operations upon the natural and cultural resources, visitor experiences, and tribal lands." In the section "alternatives considered and dismissed" the brochure states, "The NPS determined the current level of air tours is inconsistent with the Park's purpose and values. Existing air tour operations result in frequent and loud noise disruptions in many areas of the Park. Noise from air tours adversely impacts existing Native Hawaiian sacred sites and landscapes. The NPS is required to avoid adverse impacts to sacred sites to the extent possible (NPS Management Policies 5.3.5.3.2). Native Hawaiians have consistently noted the persistent air tours over the Park unreasonably interfere with ceremonies conducted by Native Hawaiian practitioners at these sacred sites." We believe NPS has the authority and duty under NPATMA to decide when air tours are adversely impacting natural and cultural resources, visitor experience and tribal lands and therefore, must recommend no air tours in and around the park.

We appreciate the acknowledgement of 1) the park's purpose to perpetuate endemic Hawaiian ecosystems as well as 2) the requirements under the Wilderness Act. The discussion on helicopter noise studies is critical to understanding the disruptive, damaging effects noise can have on wildlife, ecosystems, and visitors who are trying to enjoy natural sounds found in designated wilderness areas. Haleakalā has an extensive amount of acoustical monitoring data, we believe it is essential to include this information as the agencies develop the air tour management plan in order to judge the impairment of natural sounds in wilderness.

NPCA strongly recommends the agencies conduct thorough outreach to Native Hawaiian communities and individuals as well as the general public. Haleakalā is a sacred place where solemnity and immersion are cherished as values in the park. It is also a place of reverence and awe for Americans who have once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to visit and enjoy. This scoping comment period is being conducted in a short 30-day period. We urge the agencies to develop an outreach plan that is more inclusive and proactively seeks the views of Native Hawaiians and the public rather than expecting people to anticipate and react to another short comment period.

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Correspondence ID: 2645 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Souza, Chanel

Received: Apr,01 2022 16:02:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

Please do not allow this act to go through. Haleakala is a culturally significant space. A space where native birds and plants continue to thrive. A space considered one of the "quietest places on earth". Do not ruin yet another place on Maui for money and human enjoyment. It's not worth it.

Mahalo,  
Chanel Souza

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Correspondence ID: 2646 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: FISHER, GRETCHEN

Received: Apr,01 2022 16:11:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: For 30 years I have had the opportunity to seek refuge in Haleakala Crater. It is one of the last places in Hawaii where one can seek solace and know that the silence will not be interrupted.

Please do not consider changing this. All the wildlife, birds and humans who hold this space sacred will be forever grateful. In a fast changing world it is even more important that this is kept a special place of quiet.

Please no to helicopter tours!

Thank you.

Gretchen

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Correspondence ID: 2647 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kreider, Zena

Received: Apr,01 2022 16:24:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been visiting Haleakala National Park since I was 5 years old. The tranquility of the unique environment of Haleakala Crater is unlike anywhere else. I feel it would be a terrible disservice to the wildlife and visitors if helicopters were allowed to fly over the crater. Please do not let this happen to such a magical place. There are some areas of the world that need to be left undisturbed.

Aloha,

Zena

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Correspondence ID: 2648 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kreider, Zena F

Received: Apr,01 2022 16:25:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been visiting Haleakala National Park since I was 5 years old. The tranquility of the unique environment of Haleakala Crater is unlike anywhere else. I feel it would be a terrible disservice to the wildlife and visitors if helicopters were allowed to fly over the crater. Please do not let this happen to such a magical place. There are some areas of the world that need to be left undisturbed.

Aloha,

Zena

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Correspondence ID: 2649 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kreider, Zena F

Received: Apr,01 2022 16:25:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been visiting Haleakala National Park since I was 5 years old. The tranquility of the unique environment of Haleakala Crater is unlike anywhere else. I feel it would be a terrible disservice to the wildlife and visitors if helicopters were allowed to fly over the crater. Please do not let this happen to such a magical place. There are some areas of the world that need to be left undisturbed.

Aloha,

Zena

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Correspondence ID: 2650 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Blumberg, Rena

Received: Apr,01 2022 16:47:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do NOT allow helicopter flights over Haleakela. This is a sacred place and the sound pollution is a burden on hikers. I have lived on Maui for 50 years and respect the aina and the people. Please NO Helicopters in Haleakela!

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Correspondence ID: 2651 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Scott, Sean D

Received: Apr,01 2022 17:14:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: All helicopter tours should be banned from Haleakala National boundaries and be above 5000 feet from the crater.

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Correspondence ID: 2652 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Franey, Jay W

Received: Apr,01 2022 17:20:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing in support of keeping the sacred quiet of Haleakala crater preserved from intrusive noisy helicopter flight operations. The rare wilderness of the Crater environment is sacred and quiet, one of the few places on Maui where you can escape the modern world of noisy cluttered technology. The absolute worst thing when you find this quiet is to hear a helicopter. Only rescue and maintenance helicopter should be permitted.

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Correspondence ID: 2653 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Ching, Anthony

Received: Apr,01 2022 18:09:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: RE: Comments on potential alternatives for the Haleakalā National Park Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) environmental assessment

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is a global non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which all life depends. TNC has helped protect more than 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i and Palmyra Atoll. TNC manages the 8,951 acres of the Waikamoi Preserve on the slopes of Haleakalā. As a neighboring stakeholder, TNC supports Alternative 2 in the Federal Aviation Administration and National Park Service's Haleakalā National Park ATMP scoping newsletter.

Quiet is an important resource that the National Parks provide, and noise from air tours cause concern over how it affects and interferes with resource management activities. Of particular concern are Hawai'i's endangered forest birds. According to research cited in the scoping newsletter, frequent helicopter noise changes avian vocalizations and could affect breeding success, territory size, and physiology. We have so few of the two endangered birds whose habitat are found within Haleakalā National Park and the surrounding landscape, ākohekohe and kiwikiu, that we should avoid adding to the stressors that are causing them to decrease in number so rapidly. Additionally, the National Park is also monitoring the endangered birds using acoustic devices. The sound of helicopters could interfere with that monitoring.

TNC is currently working with NPS at Haleakalā to recover the endangered forest birds on East Maui. These concerted efforts are needed to prevent extinction in the next few years. The precarious situation of these bird species require that we take steps to provide the most protection possible, which is why TNC supports Alternative 2, the most restrictive option.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share our comments.

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Correspondence ID:	2654	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Hingson, Dick			
Received:	Apr,01 2022 18:16:48			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Thank you finally for completing hopefully the last round of Scoping Document Commenting-- after eighteen-plus years of this! (The first Scoping Document for Haleakala air tours having been released by NPS /FAA in February/March of 2004 with elaborate public hearings at a variety of Hawaii park locations.)

It's time to rapidly draw this prolonged, eighteen-plus years' chapter of Air Tours NEPA to a close.

1) What elements of the Air Tours Alternatives for Haleakala do I think are most important? Why?  
The large reduction of Interim Operating Authority is extremely important. Such reduction of likely unfounded, excessive numbers from the late 1990's is twenty years overdue. Newly reconfigured routes, compared with the original 2004 Scoping Document, are likewise a great improvement, in reducing noise profiles over sensitive areas. A full ban on air tours is one of the Alternatives and would be most consistent with Sierra Club 2001 national conservation policy on \*Air Tours\*, with its appended "Principles of Natural Quiet". Please see comments separately being submitted by the Sierra Club Chapter in Hawaii asserting this national policy on this particular 2022 scoping matter.

2) What other information should the planning team consider when analyzing the alternatives?

A full suite of supplemental noise metrics should be applied, such as are used in Zion National Park Soundscape Management Plan, in resolving the Cal Black Memorial Airport (UT) case, as were proposed for a Mesquite NV Replacement Airport, and as were seen in the Part 150 Study for the Jackson Hole Airport. One gathers from the 2022 Haleakala air tours Scoping Document that similar analysis is, finally, the agreed intent of FAA/NPS in re Haleakala. Location Point noise analyses with supplemental noise metrics is especially important for a credible EA. They should be for Peak Hour, also Peak Day, as that may be the only chance for visitors from so far away to experience the quietness, yet so badly compromised prime location points, upon which individual flight noise levels/impacts exceed NPS standards for "unacceptable" and "impairment"; Lmax is one such metric to be faithfully reported for individual aircraft types and location points; others are Per Cent Time Audible, Noise-Free Interval, (NFI), Leq values, Number of Events Above natural ambient (or, above, say 20 dBA) by hour of day. Leq values should be assessed, not so much for the Park acreage as a whole, but for every say 10,000 acres. Especially for every Wilderness 10,000 acres. To the typical day/overnight visitor, the "Park acreage as a whole" has little meaning! but visitors are attuned to the unique, particular, say popular 10,000-acre square or squares through which they hiked and camped.

Determinations as to unacceptable noise impacts as well as for impairment noise impacts, using this suite of noise metrics, needs to appear in the final EA and ROD. The Preferred Alternative would of be designed so as to avoid any unacceptable noise impacts.

It would also contain full Respite Periods or Days, regularly recurring throughout the year, where no flights are heard/allowed. The respite-days concept is noted and valued, except that one wonders why only a small number of Respite Days, when actually the mirror image would be more appropriate, where all but a handful of days throughout the year are designated full "Respite Days". Discontinuance of air tour flights would be still more appropriate, except perhaps over small boundary peninsular promontories or outlying coastal stretches of a Park, such as noted in Haleakala's 2022 scoping alternative(s).

3) Are there other elements or ideas that should be considered and analyzed that are not already presented and what is missing, and why should it be considered?

No, except any leakage of air tour noise from the southern flank of Haleakala below/through its high crater ridge into the crater should be carefully noted/assessed; aircraft noise spreads easily far onto/across the crater floor itself, where are the most noise-sensitive and popular hiking trails. This might be compared against whatever noise assessment resulted from the Y2004 Scoping Document, above referenced, and within the Haleakala Noise Studies archived on the NPS PEPC site for Haleakala.

4) Are there other resources or important topics that should be considered in the analysis?

No, thank you for the promising completeness of the topics and specific resources listed in the draft.

5) What other comments and suggestions do you have? Refer to and support the Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter comments now submitted on this Haleakala Air Tour Scoping document, which basically advocate complete bans of air tours within the entire national park according to specifics of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

Please do a full Greenhouse Gas Analysis as well as Noise Analysis in the EA for all alternatives actually analyzed..

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Correspondence ID:	2655	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Pisciotta, Ronald			
Received:	Apr,01 2022 19:24:14			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: SHOULD AIR TOURS FLY OVER HALEAKALĀ NATIONAL PARK?

I am NOT in favor of tour flights over Haleakala National Park. I can recall hiking through the crater in the early 1990s with a group of students from Maui H.S. and having to hear the nearly constant drone of helicopters overhead from sunup to sundown. It was awful. Please do not allow those flights to occur again.

Mahalo

Ron Pisciotta

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Correspondence ID:	2656	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Naylor, John			
Received:	Apr,01 2022 19:45:12			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha,

As a resident of the Island of Maui w/ a view of the majestic Haleakala, as as a backpacker who has spent atleast 70 nights in the "Crater" in the camping areas and in the cabins, including service trips w/ previous Haleakala Nat'l Park Superintendent Donald Reeser, I SAY NO FLY OVERS BY AIR TOURS !!! I am pretty confident that Don would agree.

In addition, I have hiked the eleven miles into Kalalau Valley State park on the Na Pali Coast of the Island of Kauai and experienced the constant intrusion of tour helicopters. As one leaves the valley the next one enters ALL DAY LONG. Their timing being like clockwork every 10 minutes, I assume this was "managed" timing.

Haleakala has been called "The Quietest Place on Earth!" Please keep it that way forever.

# I SAY NO FLY OVERS BY AIR TOURS !!!

Very Sincerely,  
John Naylor Makawao

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Correspondence ID: 2657 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Kahawaii, Jackie  
Received: Apr,01 2022 19:48:52  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: What is the purpose of it? Money! Why does the county and state always take what's important to hawaii's culture and make money from it. Haleakala is open to the public if they want to see it they can drive up there and see it. There are some things you should just leave alone. Leave it as it is and let ppl drive to Haleakala.

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Correspondence ID: 2658 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Farnsworth, Janet  
Received: Apr,01 2022 19:57:31  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not fly over Haleakala crater!

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Correspondence ID: 2659 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Weiss, Danny  
Received: Apr,01 2022 20:04:05  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider no helicopter tours below 5,000 ft because it would further harm the threatened and endangered species there including the many rare native birds and plants.

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Correspondence ID: 2660 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Parker, Scott K  
Received: Apr,01 2022 20:09:01  
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Since 2000, commercial air tours over national parks, like Haleakalā have been governed by the National Parks Air Tour Management Act. However, since at least 2019, there have been significant gaps in the ability of the National Park Service and specifically Haleakalā National Park to come into compliance with the act and to honor the environmental, cultural, and spiritual significance that Haleakalā is to the Native Hawaiian community.

With on-the-ground tourism already pushing Haleakalā to maximum occupancy especially at sunrise, restricting access to "ticketed" visitors, Helicopter operators are quick to point out that they provide a viable alternative to accessing the park - leveraging one less camper or hiker making an impact on the ground.

This is a grave misconception however, as air tours impose a heavy burden on park resources. Noise pollution alone from the air - regardless of how far out side the central crater a helicopter may be - leaves a bigger "footprint" than individual hikers. This ultimately ruins the national park experience for anyone within earshot or visibility.

It should be noted that humans are not the only ones bothered by helicopters. Native birds are probably most affected by the noise - because repeated disruptions of feeding, nesting, and resting can lead to higher mortality rates or abandonment of habitat. Especially important as work to ensure the survivability of the Kiwikū is underway.

Finally air traffic towards and away from Haleakalā directly impact the lives of residents in a negative way. With the increase in aircraft noise above properties, residents are unable to enjoy their places of residence and experience negative health and environmental impacts (such as increased stress and disrupted sleep patterns) so that tourists can enjoy another view of our sacred mauna.

While Alternative 3 presented in the ATMP alludes to heightened sensitivity to the park's cultural and natural resources and respect to the spiritual significance of the mauna, there should have been a fourth alternative presented that would have called for no air traffic at all within the ATMP planning area including beyond 1/2 mile outside the park boundary for the reasons shared earlier. Alternative 3 still disregards the significant ecosystem disruptions that will occur to native birds, bat and other wildlife from flights following the planned path at 1,500-2,000 ft. AGL, while also crossing over park boundaries and sensitive ecological areas. This also includes the disruptions that will occur to visitors on the ground within and around Haleakalā and surrounding Native Hawaiian communities during the proposed flight hours. Again, there is a "lesser of two evils" conundrum being forced upon the public by the National Park Service through the Haleakalā ATMP and the alternatives provided.

I am happy to share additional mana'o and perspective if needed.

Mahalo for your time.

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Correspondence ID:	2661	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Munoz, Cord			
Received:	Apr,01 2022 20:10:41			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: There is no point to having them fly anywhere near the crater except to increase the helicopter companies profits. No additional funding goes towards upkeep of the park or conservation efforts. Disgusting that something like this is even under consideration. Please do not allow these flights in any form as it will disturb literally one of the most quiet places on earth. People from all over the world come to enjoy a place so special to Hawaiians as a culture and this would ruin it. If they want to see it and truly experience it's wonder they should have to come see it in person. This prostitution of our island needs to stop.

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Correspondence ID:	2662	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	McCormick, Michael			
Received:	Apr,01 2022 20:19:19			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha National Park Service,

As a senior citizen on Maui and one who has 50+ years of supporting The National Park Service, I PLEAD with your department to severely limit helicopter tours into our Maui National Park boundaries. I was shocked how many helicopter tours I heard and witnessed just before the Covid 19 pandemic began. In addition, on my last trip to Kauai, I witnessed one helicopter after another flying into Waimea Canyon State Park.

I am sincerely hoping the federal government can do a better job of protecting our precious natural environment.

Michael P. McCormick

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Correspondence ID:	2663	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Stolte, James			
Received:	Apr,01 2022 20:24:58			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Aloha,

I really enjoy the serenity and quite of the Haleakala crater. I go there to get away and disconnect. Helicopter



tours operating in the crater or flying over Haleakala would be a shame. I implore you to not allow any companies to operate tours in, around or above Haleakala. Thank you for your time.

James Stolte

Hana, HI

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Name:	Herrick, Taytum
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Correspondence: Aloha,

My name is Taytum Herrick and I was born and raised here on Maui. I would like to that ideally we don't want any more tours on sacred sites such as Haleakala as the NPS stated in Alternative 2 because it does disturb the natural way of life on the slopes of Haleakala. If it is going to dine there should be many rules and restrictions in place, this is not setting a precedence to have other aircrafts flying over and around Haleakala. Please consider not implementing more tours for the sake of our aina, and our money into projects for the community.

Mahalo,

Taytum Herrick

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Correspondence: 1. The objective of this project is stated in &quot;Project Introduction&quot; on page 2. &quot;The objective of this ATMP, under the Act, is to develop acceptable and effective measures to mitigate or prevent the SIGNIFICANT adverse impacts of commercial air tour operations on the Park's natural and cultural landscapes and resources, areas of historic and spiritual significance to Native Hawaiians, Wilderness character, and visitor experience.&quot; [Emphasis added to the word &quot;significant&quot; which is clearly the requirement of the Act.]

The project &quot;Need&quot; states, &quot;The Act requires that the FAA and the NPS develop acceptable and effective measures to mitigate or prevent SIGNIFICANT adverse impacts, if any, of commercial air tour operations on natural and cultural landscapes and resources, Wilderness character, visitor experience, and Native Hawaiian Traditional Cultural Properties including Native Hawaiian sacred landscapes, sites, and ceremonial areas.&quot; [Emphasis again on mitigating or preventing &quot;significant&quot; adverse impacts, if any.]

The Air Tour Act [49 USC 4012] states, &quot;An air tour management plan for a national park - shall justify and document the need for measures taken pursuant to subparagraphs (A) through (E) and include such justifications in the record of decision.&quot;

Based on the stated "objective", "need", and "justification" required for measures taken, LEVELS of SIGNIFICANCE must be established and fully explained for this project in the proposed EA, to establish compliance.

2. The scoping document proposes several &quot;Alternatives Considered and Dismissed&quot; prematurely and inappropriately.

The Newsletter states that &quot;These alternatives were dismissed from further consideration because the NPS determined they would result in UNACCEPTABLE impacts to Park natural and cultural resources and visitor enjoyment as defined in NPS Management Policies 2006 1.4.7.1. and do not meet the purpose and need for the plan.&quot; [Emphasis added to the term "unacceptable".]

The Newsletter further states, "The NPS has determined that the current level of air tours cannot be mitigated to avoid or prevent UNACCEPTABLE impacts and therefore any alternative that would maintain or increase the current number of air tours over the Park does not meet the purpose and need for the ATMP." [Emphasis added.]

NPS Management Policies 2006 1.4.7 states, "In making a determination of whether there would be an impairment, an NPS decision-maker must use his or her professional judgment. This means that the decision-maker must consider any environmental assessments or environmental impact statements required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA); consultations required under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), relevant scientific and scholarly studies; advice or insights offered by subject matter experts and others who have relevant knowledge or experience; and the results of civic engagement and public involvement activities relating to the decision. The same application of professional judgment applies when reaching conclusions about "unacceptable impacts."

Therefore, the "dismissal of alternatives" are premature and contrary to NPS own directive, prior to completing the EA/ROD.

3. The scoping document states, "The NPS determined the current level of air tours is inconsistent with the Park's purpose and values." How was this determined prior to analyzing impacts in the EA? Again a premature determination.

4. The "Monitoring and Enforcement" section describes air tour operators requirement to report operations on a semi-annual basis.

Alternative 3 will require air tour operators to additionally...

- a) "equip all aircraft used for air tours with flight monitoring technology"
- b) "use flight monitoring technology during all air tours"

These measures should be considered recommendations, as they may require legislation and/or rulemaking, outside the scope of this park's project.

The economic impacts of a) and b) (above) need to be addressed in the EA/ROD.

5. The scoping document recognizes the requirement for quiet technology incentives. The purpose of "incentives" is to encourage air tour operators to invest in, maintain, and operate extremely expensive aircraft. The EA must therefore include an analysis of the economics to determine if the incentives are realistic and meaningful.

6. The Air Tour Act requires "(3) Contents.-An air tour management plan for a national park- (D) shall include incentives (such as preferred commercial air tour routes and altitudes, relief from caps and curfews) for the adoption of quiet aircraft technology by commercial air tour operators conducting commercial air tour operations over a national park"

ONLY alternative 3 provides quiet technology incentives.

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Correspondence ID:	2666	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Dugan, Dan			
Received:	Apr,01 2022 22:10:03			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: The mission of the NPS includes the preservation of "the natural soundscapes" that are "inherent components of 'the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life' protected by the NPS Organic Act." (Director's Order #47). Overflight of a national park at any altitude should be forbidden. The only exceptions should be for emergencies, and those parks whose interpretation includes aviation; for example, air shows at Crissy Field in the GGNRA. We ask the NPS to make this regulation, and the FAA to enforce it. [Signed] The Officers and Directors of the Nature Sounds Society

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Correspondence ID:	2667	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Sutrov, Steven F			

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Correspondence Type:

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Correspondence: Haleakala National Park has been my family's special backyard for almost 50 years. We have hiked, camped, and stayed at the cabins in the Crater often. Before the last two years we were going in every four to six months. Our two daughters were taught to be self sufficient, independent, and inspired by the beauty and quiet on this special Park. We just hiked out yesterday after three days of another special life long memory. On March 28th 2022, about 10:15 AM the peace was shattered just inside, just above the Crater rim over Kapalaoa Cabin by the noise and sighting of a helicopter. Without my binoculars or camera there was no documenting this, or chance for enforcement.

The soundscape is everything up there. There is no justification for catering to the Amusement Park mentality in or within miles of Haleakala National Park.

Any tour helicopter should have easily visible identifiable markings on their underbelly. The general public should also be able to help control this greedy venture that turns this protected sensitive wilderness area into something much less. There is no self enforcement, there is no other enforcement.

Please don't ever allow overflights of tour helicopters over or within visible or audio distance of the wilderness areas of Haleakala National Park. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:

2668 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

Masters, Paciencia P

Received:

Apr,01 2022 23:10:38

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Correspondence: I, and neighbors around me, are highly concerned about the amount of helicopter traffic there is above our homes. Just today I counted 10 helicopters going overhead near our homes here in Keokea...I stopped counting at 2pm. Now it is 6:42pm, and there is another one going around the Southwestern side. The helicopter noises start at before 8am and its very active in the mornings before noon....then more in the afternoon.

The helicopter noises start early in the morning, completely breaking the beauty and silence of every single morning, and throughout the day the mechanical loudness completely drowns out the bird songs. We cannot even hear each other speak...we have to raise our voices in conversation.

About a week ago one of the helicopiters was flying much lower and closer to our home than usual, it was \*extremely\* loud. I found out that it was Blue Hawaiian that is taking tourists to some spot on on the upper slopes of Haleakala. The person who runs the company, Eric Hamp was very helpful and courteous, and assured me that usually the helicopter operators are at the legal distance above land --and he would check into the situation, which he did.

I'm very grateful that we have good people, like Mr. Hamp, running these companies. But there is the glaring fact that ... what is our island coming to if we can no longer hear the birds.

And maybe more important....what is happening to the habitat of these birds, some of which are endangered? I have read about studies done in the oceans where the sound of motor boats impede whales and other sea animal from surviving in their natural way. And I wonder how all this noise affects our creatures of the air and the land.

We who live here in this beautiful place, carefully taking care of the aina, and helicopter noises start early in the morning, completely drowning out the bird songs of our land. We have planted a lot of trees during the past 30 years of living here, and there are so many birds singing in the morning...it's such a shame that you can't even hear the birds. The sounds of helicopters are taking over the bird songs. This is not \*Pono\* to many of us..

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Correspondence ID:

2669 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name:

Masters, Paciencia

Received:

Apr,01 2022 23:23:22

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence: Hello, I just sent you my comments. With this comment I send it to you separately because I would like to request to withhold my personally identifiable information from public review...although I understand that you cannot guarantee that.

I don't want to be receiving any kind of complaints and whatever else from those who are working at helicopter and tourist businesses. My speaking out could make me a target for who knows what during this time in our society when there are such strong biases on all sides.

If you need to connect with me personally regarding anything I wrote, I would be glad to talk with anyone from the National Park Service.

Paciencia Masters

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Correspondence ID:	2670	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Chong, L. P			
Received:	Apr,01 2022 23:27:49			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Thank you for this opportunity to be able to submit comments on the potential alternatives for the Haleakala National Park ATMP. The website making this possible is replete with much appreciated information, reflecting many hours of study and research.

Based on this published information, I believe that the most prudent choice among the alternatives would be Alternative #2.

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Correspondence ID:	2671	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Perez, Albert A			
Received:	Apr,01 2022 23:38:52			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Overall Comments

The ATMP Public Comment Process

Comments that are not deemed "substantive" should not be discouraged.

The fact that people support or oppose particular Alternatives is valuable information that should inform the agencies' appreciation of the values placed on various ideas, facts, or assumptions.

Wilderness Area

From the Wilderness Act of 1964:

#### DEFINITION OF WILDERNESS

(c) A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size as to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.

Air based tours have no place in the Haleakalā Wilderness

The air tourist does not get to experience the profound silence of the crater, the air on one's skin, the smells of the earth and the plants. This is where the helicopter industry argument that we need to provide air tours to accommodate the disabled and the elderly falls apart. All that the air tourist experiences is the sight of the crater, and maybe some serene symphony music through their headset that belies the cacaphony that they are inflicting

on those on foot or horseback who have earned their way into what should be a quiet wilderness environment. By going in on horseback, people with disabilities will still be able to experience the silence, the sights, and the smells, all without disturbing others.

The experience of the air tourist can easily be replicated with a video - with no impact on wilderness users and wildlife, and with no safety risk to pilot, passengers, or the people and animals on the ground. The price of such a video would also be much lower, thus making it more accessible to people who lack the means to pay for an expensive air tour.

Significantly, the 1973 Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Proposed Wilderness Classification of Haleakala National Park anticipated that "Use of the Haleakala Wilderness will generally be limited to those physically fit to hike or who have the funds to hire horses and/or pack animals. That large segment of the public who are dependent on mechanical or motorized travel will be excluded, a continuation of the status quo at Haleakala." Congress was aware of these factors when it approved the proposal for wilderness designation.

### Quiet

Haleakalā is one of the quietest places on Earth. Sound carries really far in this environment. The air can be still where you are, yet you can hear the sound of the breeze on the other side of the crater.

Approaching hikers can be heard at long distances.

You can hear the sound of the blood rushing past your ears as you hike.

Helicopter noise carries throughout the crater, even if the helicopters are just barely visible while peeking over the rim. Helicopter noise eliminates the opportunity to experience the profound silence that is so much a part of this particular wilderness area.

Please see the following article: <https://hanahou.com/14.4/quiet>

### Disturbance of nēnē and other wildlife

When I was doing my noise study in 1985 (see below), I noticed that the nēnē would become disturbed by the sound of a helicopter, and that they would take several minutes to settle down when it was gone. This unnecessary expenditure of energy on the part of the nēnē reduces the chances of survival and reproduction of this iconic species.

### Helicopter Tour Company Myths

Helicopter tour companies are fond of saying that they shouldn't be forced to fly high because it spreads the sound out over a wider area. What they fail to mention is that when helicopters fly at higher altitudes, the sound pressure level perceived by ground-based humans and wildlife is lower, and thus has less impact. Higher altitudes generally mean lower impact over a wider area, and lower altitudes generally mean higher impact over a narrower area.

However, any sound that reaches the interior of the crater will reverberate off the walls of the crater and reach far and wide within the Designated Wilderness area. In order to maintain the primeval character of the Haleakalā Wilderness, no aircraft noise should be permitted within audible range of any part of the wilderness area.

Prior to the imposition of restrictions on tour aircraft flights within the park, I conducted a study of aircraft noise within the Haleakalā Wilderness Area (Perez, A. and Quinn, M., Aircraft Noise in Haleakala National Park, October 11, 1985). We found that 85 percent of flights made through the wilderness area were made by tour helicopters, at altitudes ranging from 80 feet to 3,000 feet AGL. The residual sound level was measured at 25 to 30 dBA; peak sound levels generated by aircraft flights ranged from 30 to 80 dBA, and averaged 60 dBA, all measured from designated trails within the park. As a measure of "loudness," this was about nine times the residual sound level. Helicopters that flew low caused disturbance to trail users, nēnē geese, and rare forest birds. At times they caused trail horses to spook and nearly throw their riders, including at least one who was almost bucked off the Halemau'u switchback trail.

At such low altitudes, fatalities are more likely in the event of a crash; in the event of engine failure, the pilot does not have enough time to being autorotation before the helicopter hits the ground. On September 26, 1985, one person was killed and several injured when a helicopter crashed just outside the national park boundary. It is just by chance that the crash did not occur within the Haleakalā Wilderness.

The noise of helicopters can be more persistent than that of fixed wing aircraft, because of helicopters' ability to hover. Even if the pilot maintains a high altitude, the intense silence of the park is shattered for long periods by the chopping sound of the rotor, which drifts in and out depending on air densities and wind currents. When several helicopters are in the park together, the reverberations against the cliffs dominate the attention of all park users,

especially those who have come seeking solitude and silence. Echoes from the cliffs produce a “surround-sound” effect which markedly changes the character of the area and causes the forest birds and nēnē geese to become very excited.

A survey performed during the study found that 61.3 percent of park users said they came to the crater for silence and/or solitude. 40.9 percent indicated that their main source of dissatisfaction within the crater was helicopter noise.

#### Enforcement

Semi-annual reporting of flight monitoring data as an attachment to the operators' semi-annual reports will be extraordinarily ineffective at changing behavior and enforcing compliance, due to the lag time between violation and consequence. Instead, transponders should be required aboard all tour aircraft, so that aircraft identifying numbers, their altitude, geographic coordinates and direction will be continuously broadcast and captured by an automated monitoring network; violators can be immediately identified and notices of violation issued.

#### Alternative 1

This is apparently not an option, as it doesn't meet the purpose and need. I concur. However, it is still worth noting that we cannot assume that the current Interim Operating Authority will remain the same indefinitely. If Alternative 1 is adopted, and the IOA is amended, the number of helicopter tours could increase significantly.

#### Alternative 2

This Alternative is preferable to the other two, but is not perfect.

The fact that tour aircraft could still fly over the park at 5,000' AGL remains a problem. In particular the Designated Wilderness would be subject to visual impacts as a result of helicopter sitings, even if the sound does not reach wilderness users. The primeval character recognized by the Wilderness Act would be compromised with this type of visual intrusion. There could also be safety impacts in the event of mechanical failure of an aircraft if it were to then land inside the crater. Also, noise impacts might still be possible, depending on wind speed and direction; helicopter noise carried to the crater floor by downdrafts could then be heard throughout the wilderness area.

#### Alternative 3

This Alternative is unacceptable. It would concentrate helicopter tours and their noise over the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands at Kahikinui, the Hawaii Land Trust Nu'u Refuge, and over Kipahulu. Upon exiting the ATMP Planning Area, the tour helicopters would then fly over the Hana coast, creating constant disturbance for residents of this peaceful area, and eliminating their right to quiet enjoyment of their properties.

From a safety perspective, Alternative 3 is also dangerous. Concentrating helicopter tours along one flight path will not provide adequate safe options for navigation; if adverse weather conditions force the tours to turn around, they will then risk colliding with tours coming from behind. If pilots are given the option of deviating from the specified flight path, the purpose of having a defined flight path will be defeated.

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Correspondence ID:	2672	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Pinto, Erin			
Received:	Apr,01 2022 23:39:19			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative 2 and prohibit air tours from ATMP planning area. Please protect the park from noise, pollution, disturbance of people and wildlife on the ground.

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Correspondence ID:	2673	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Apana, Malia			
Received:	Apr,01 2022 23:45:51			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: My family and I used to be frequent visitors of the Park, before helicopter tours destroyed the incredible peace and natural beauty of the place. We believe that if this ATMP is truly to develop acceptable and effective measures to mitigate or prevent the significant adverse impacts that is being caused by commercial air

tour operations on Haleakala National Park's natural and cultural landscapes and resources, wilderness character, visitor experience, soundscapes, and Native Hawaiian Traditional Cultural Properties including Native Hawaiian sacred landscapes, sites, and ceremonial areas, there should be NO flights allowed within the Park. Alternative 2 should be selected to protect each of the important values listed above. It will also provide people like us, who visit the park and used to find peace and solace there, the opportunity for solitude and the enjoyment of natural sounds unmarred by helicopter noise intrusion.

We understand that this will likely affect the income of helicopter companies who have benefited from flying many thousands of highly disruptive tours to and in the Park every year (COVID years excepted). Alternative 2 is the only option to prevent significant impacts to the Park and its visitors.

If the rare and meaningful values identified in the documents are not deemed to be important enough to justify Alternative 2, we suggest an alternative that would strictly limit the number of flights per day to less than 10, in addition to limiting the number of days per week, and the times of day that helicopter tours are allowed. We believe that if Alternative 3 is very restrictive in terms of total number of flights per day, along with restricting the hours to between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. with possible exceptions for QT from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and NO flights on Wednesday and Sunday, it may be workable. However, the number of flights MUST be significantly reduced to a maximum number per day that is protective of the values that allow the area to flourish and its visitors to have the experience they expect and should receive. Thank you.

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Correspondence ID:	2674	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	McClelland, Mary T			
Received:	Apr,01 2022 23:50:26			
Correspondence Type:	Web Form			

Correspondence: There is a unique guardianship Americans have entrusted to the National Park Service: to preserve and to protect our national treasures -- some of the nation's most natural, peaceful, beautiful and historic places, while ensuring visitors a high -quality experience. That experience is primarily the natural world including natural sounds.

For more than 20 years NPS has been prevented from protecting what they are mandated to protect by allowing commercial sightseeing aircraft to pollute every natural sound they pass over, making solitude, peace and quiet and reflection impossible. Overflights in the most precious quiet we have remaining are an inconsistent use of our National Parks. The Hawaii Parks are a prime example. Visitors travel to Hawaii National Parks seeking escape from the noise of modern life, not to experience more of it.

No flights, option # is the most appropriate solution to this troubling pollution of the only natural places we have left to experience today and preserve for the future.

Alternative 2 would prohibit all tours within one-half mile of the park boundaries and below 5,000 feet above ground. That is the closest to the Alternative we think is most appropriate - no tours as Representative Case has advocated for.

We should enact full protections for our National Parks and ban tours outright in the ATMP for the Hawaii National Park areas.

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Correspondence ID:	2675	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Cypher, Mahealani			
Received:	Mar,18 2022			
Correspondence Type:	Other			

Correspondence: I saw no problems with everything you folks are planning, but do have a comment about the air tour management plan.

Here is my mana`o:

The sight and sound of aircraft flying over the park can sometimes be disturbing and distracting to those visiting the area, especially to native cultural practitioners who visit certain areas for pule (prayer) interaction and religious ceremony.

As a compromise, would it be possible for you folks to set a certain schedule during which NO flights are allowed over park properties; perhaps even 2 days a week when such flights are completely kapu (forbidden)? I would suggest you reach out to the Hawaiian civic clubs on Maui and the Maui Council to seek their input, perhaps they could suggest certain times (before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m.?) when aircraft noise would be kapu?

Hope this helps. Please cut and paste to your comment page.

A hui hou,  
Mahealani Cypher  
Ko'olau Foundation

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Correspondence ID:	2676	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	Onad, Amit			
Received:	Apr,01 2022			
Correspondence Type:	Other			

Correspondence: Amit Onad  
Montessori School of Maui  
koaclass@momi.org

Hello, I am an eighth-grade student currently attending Montessori School of Maui, and I had some comments regarding the potential alternatives for the Air Tour Management Plan. Most importantly, is the preservation of native and cultural sites within the park. Additionally, the experience of visitors is significant because of how it reflects on the overall tourism rates and income. This proposed ATMP is a decision that will not only affect the visitors of the park now, but that will shape the future preservation and experience of many more in years to come. Not only are the emissions from commercial aircrafts contributing to the climate crisis, but by not restricting and observing the flight routes we would be actively contributing to more noise pollutions, more disruptions to cultural sites, and risk endangerment of native species. I am in agreement for annual meetings to discuss flight routes, preservation of the land, and other pressing topics. These meetings that would be held and discussed with air tour operators and agencies would ensure that ATMP is up to date and is meeting the needs and wants of all parties involved. Overall, alternative 3 will most likely suffice the goals we are striving to reach. Thank you for your time and I hope you consider my comments in response to these alternatives.

Sincerely,  
Amit Onad

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Correspondence ID:	2677	Project: 103365	Document:	118738
Name:	DeLisa, Jonah			
Received:	Apr,01 2022			
Correspondence Type:	Other			

Correspondence: Jonah DeLisa  
Montessori School of Maui  
jonahd@momi.org

I think that the second alternative for the air touring changes would be the most beneficial because of the less noisy and polluted habitat for the parks native species. One issue that I have with the second alternative is that the area where air tours can happen is greatly reduced which may impact the experience of the tour. This may not be a big issues because parts of the flight paths are located outside of the ½ mile buffer zone of the park and the tours are still able to be done in the park if over 5000 feet above ground level.

This is not an issue for the third alternative's air tour rides as they cannot fly over important landmarks that might



disturb animals, but I think that these measures aren't enough to fully ensure that animals won't be disturbed by noise from the helicopters. I think that in order to keep wildlife as well as park visitors happy, alternative C is a good option. It is beneficial for native wildlife that may be sensitive to noise, it has simple rules for air tours and may even bring down annual tours which would slightly cut down on carbon emissions.

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Correspondence ID: 2678 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Santin, Nicolas  
Received: Apr,01 2022  
Correspondence Type: Other  
Correspondence: Nicolas Santin  
Montessori School of Maui  
2933 Baldwin Avenue  
Makawao, HI, 96768

I believe that it is great that there is finally work being done to help preserve Maui's precious ecosystem. Alternative 3 is the best option in my opinion since it reduces the amount of daily and annual flights, only permits one route that goes under 5,000 feet in altitude, and it has days that there are no flights so that the public can enjoy quieter days I see this alternative as the only alternative that would still have air tours and will majorly help the visitors, locals, animals, and cultural sites. I believe that the Key aspect of this alternative is the route and elevation that the planes or helicopters will be flying at with the route it will only disturb very little of the park and with the elevation it will disturb less.

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Correspondence ID: 2679 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Tsuji, Russell Y  
Received: Apr,01 2022  
Correspondence Type: Other  
Correspondence: April 1, 2022  
Volpe National Transportation Systems Center  
Ms. Kaitlyn Rimol, V-326  
Attn: Haleakala National Park ATMP  
55 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02142

Dear Ms. Rimol:  
SUBJECT: Haleakala National Park Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) Environmental Assessment (EA) located on the Island of Maui on behalf of the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service  
Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject matter. The Land Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) distributed or made available a copy of your request pertaining to the subject matter to DLNR's Divisions for their review and comments.

At this time, enclosed are comments from the Chairperson and Engineering Division on the subject matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Darlene Nakamura at (808) 587-0417 or email: [darlene.k.nakamura@hawaii.gov](mailto:darlene.k.nakamura@hawaii.gov). Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Russell Y. Tsuji  
Land Administrator

Enclosures:  
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Correspondence ID: 2680 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Steinfeld, Miracle

Received: Apr,01 2022

Correspondence Type: Other

Correspondence: Firstly, I've lived exactly next door (Kaupo side) for 32 years. Beside the noise and sense of intrusion caused by helicopter tours-what's 1,000% worse is the Parks own Helicopter flying next to my home. I am a cancer survivor who has to breathe the gas fumes and sometimes not be able to hear my doctors on my phone. With so many acres-it seems unfair for you guys to fly close to ANYBODIES house. Not to diminish how obnoxious it is to hear the helicopters at the base yard. As far as the tours go- they are just plain obnoxious. Maybe better use for them would be to kill all the so called feral cows that ruin our plants on a daily basis. Come on guys-Need you to care MORE about your impact on this community. I have lived here for 37 years! Never have I experienced you guys actually doing anything to solve these issues, so I am endlessly frustrated.  
- Miracle Steinfeld

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Correspondence ID: 2681 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Kalalau, Mack

Received: Apr,01 2022

Correspondence Type: Other

Correspondence: No National Parks Air Tour Management Act applied to conduct commercial air tours. None commercial in to the lands around the National Parks and Parks natural and cultural resources. Native Hawaiian sacred landscapes, sites, and ceremonial areas, wilder character, and visitor none.

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Correspondence ID: 2682 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: Wilke, Rebecca

Received: Mar,27 2022

Correspondence Type: Other

Correspondence: Helicopters destroy the serene quiet and cover the noises of wildlife that you to to Haleakala to enjoy. We are avid hikers and backpackers and other hikes we have done on this Hawaiian Island and others have been marred by roar of helicopters flying overhead like clockwork every 30 minutes. It was really disappointing.

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Correspondence ID: 2683 Project: 103365 Document: 118738

Name: DeMello, Debbie

Received: Mar,21 2022

Correspondence Type: Other

Correspondence: Superintendent  
Haleakala National Park  
P.O. Box 369  
Makawao, HI 96768

RE: Singular Flight Path

Dear Superintendent:

From the late 1970's until now, the helicopter companies have continually insisted on disturbing the natural quiet of the Haleakala National Park for their financial gain. Their noise mitigation measures have only happened as a result of extreme public frustration finally forcing a change of their arrogant attitude and noisy flight paths. I fully support the implementation of a singular flight path and ultimately a reduction of the volume of air tours allowed near this pristine environment.

Aloha and thank you in advance for making Haleakala Crater quieter.

Sincerely,  
Debbie DeMello  
P.O. Box 1862  
Makawao, HI 96768

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Correspondence ID: 2684 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Judson, Dan  
Received: Mar,21 2022  
Correspondence Type: Other

Correspondence: March 21, 2022  
Superintendent  
Haleakala National Park  
P.O. Box369  
Makawao, HI 96768

RE: Singular Flight Path

Dear Superintendent:

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I can be reached at (808) 283-2090 if you have any questions or concerns.

Aloha and thank you in advance for making Haleakala Crater quieter,  
Dan Judson  
P.O. Box 115  
Makawao, HI 96768

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Correspondence ID: 2685 Project: 103365 Document: 118738  
Name: Alice Evans, Mary  
Received: Apr,11 2022  
Correspondence Type: Other

Correspondence: STATE OF HAWAII OFFICE OF PLANNING  
& SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
April 6, 2022

Volpe National Transportation Systems Center  
Ms. Kaitlyn Rimol, V-326  
55 Broadway  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142

Attn: Haleakala National Park ATMP

Subject: National Environmental Policy Act - Early Consultation Request,  
Haleakala National Park, Air Tour Management Plan

Aloha Ms. Rimol,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on your early consultation request for the proposed Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP), for Haleakala National Park. The notification request was sent via memo dated February 28, 2022.

It is our understanding that the National Park Service (NPS) is initiating a scoping process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to address long-term air tour operations against public use needs of this national park.

The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 requires the federal aviation administration (FAA), in cooperation with the NPS, to develop an ATMP for parks and tribal lands where operators have applied to conduct commercial air tours. The objective of this A TMP, under the Act, is to develop acceptable and effective measures to mitigate significant adverse impacts of commercial air tour operations on the natural and cultural resources, Native Hawaiian sacred sites and ceremonial areas, wilderness character, and visitor experience of Volcanoes National Park.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) has reviewed the transmitted material, and has the following comments to offer:

1. Resources for Consideration for the NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA)

As listed in the F AA/NPS February 2022 Newsletter on the A Ttv1P study, page 3 lists the issues that will be examined in the EA. Impacts and issues of critical interest for OPSD include biological resources; climate (climate change and proposed adaptation strategies); coastal resources; cultural resources; recreational uses by the public; socioeconomics; visual effects; and water resources. We reserve comment on these topics until the Draft EA is available for public review.

2. Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), Federal Consistency

The national CZMA requires that federal actions be consistent with approved state coastal programs enforceable policies. Federal actions include activities performed by a federal agency; activities that require federal permits or approvals; or state and local government projects that receive federal financial assistance. As this action is proposed by the National Park Service, it may be subject to a CZMA federal consistency review.

OPSD is the lead state agency with the authority to conduct CZMA federal consistency reviews. We recommend that your agency consult with our office on the applicability of CZMA federal consistency requirements as it pertains to this project.

3. Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program

The CZM area is defined as "all lands of the State and the area extending seaward from the shoreline to the limit of the State's police power and management authority, including the U.S. territorial sea" under Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) § 205A-1.

Pursuant to HRS § 205A-4, in implementing the objectives of the CZM program, agencies shall consider ecological, cultural, historic, esthetic, recreational, scenic, open space values, coastal hazards, and economic development. The Draft EA would benefit from the inclusion of a discussion on the project's consistency with the policies of the Hawai'i CZM Program, HRS§ 205A-2, as amended. In particular, the objectives that appear to be pertinent to this management plan study include recreational resources; historic resources; scenic and open space; economic uses; managing development; and public participation.

The objectives and supporting policies of the Hawai'i CZM Program serve as the foundation of the enforceable policies of the State of Hawai'i, as listed in HRS§ 205A-2. Disclosure of impacts on CZM objectives and supporting policies, as it relates to HRS Chapter 343 requirements, will aid the State in determining impacts to the resources of the coastal zone, and mitigation measures on the subject lands involved for this proposed action.

If you have any questions, please contact Joshua Hekekoa on Environmental Assessment concerns as they relate to this OPSD response letter at (808) 587-2845 or Debra Mendes on CZMA federal consistency at (808) 587-2840.

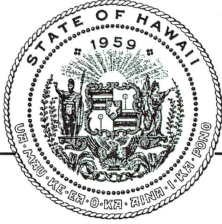
Sincerely,  
Mary Alice Evans  
Director

Demographics - Demographics Report - PEPC ID: 103365

**Final EA – Additional Appendix Materials**

**Appendix K – CZMA Compliance**

*Conditional Concurrence Letter from the Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management Program  
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Dear Mr. Elmore:

**Subject:** Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management Program Federal Consistency  
Review for Haleakalā National Park Air Tour Management Plan at  
Haleakalā National Historic Park, Haleakalā, Island of Maui

The Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program has completed the federal consistency review of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposed implementation of the air tour management plan (ATMP) for Haleakalā National Historic Park (Park). This federal consistency covers the following project elements as represented in the CZM federal consistency application and supporting information:

The proposed action is to implement the preferred alternative ATMP for the Park which describes the conditions for the conduct of air tour operations over the Park including: routes, altitudes, time-of-day restrictions, restrictions for particular events, maximum numbers of flights, and other provisions. The preferred alternative ATMP would limit the number of authorized commercial air tours to 2,142 each year with daily limits; prohibit air tours on Sundays and Wednesdays; prohibit flights on six days of the year based on the Hawaiian Moon Calendar and Makahiki Season; prohibit flights on two historically significant Hawai'i State holidays; and allow the National Park Service to establish additional temporary no-fly periods that apply to commercial air tours for other special events or planned Park management; designates a single one-way route from east to west over the southern area of the Park; prohibits aircraft from hovering; permitting air tours only conducted from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, unless they are flown using aircraft that qualify for the quiet technology incentive, in which case they may be conducted from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; helicopter operators would be required to complete the FAA introduction to Fly Neighborly training; and helicopter operators would be required to attend annual meetings with Park staff and local FAA staff.

The Hawai'i CZM Program published a public notice in the State Environmental Review Branch publication, "The Environmental Notice," on May 23, 2023, with the public review and comment period concluding on June 7, 2023. During the public notice period no public or agency comments were received.

We conditionally concur with the determination by the Federal Aviation Administration that the proposed activity will be undertaken in a manner consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Hawai'i CZM Program. The following conditions shall apply to this consistency concurrence:

1. The proposed activity shall be carried out as represented in the CZM federal consistency application and certification. Any changes to the proposed activity shall be submitted to the Hawai'i CZM Program for review and approval. Changes to the proposed activity may require a full CZM federal consistency review, including publication of a public notice and provision for public review and comment. This condition is necessary to ensure that the proposed action is implemented as reviewed for consistency with the enforceable policies of the Hawai'i CZM Program. Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 205A Coastal Zone Management, is the federally approved enforceable policy of the Hawai'i CZM Program that applies to this condition.
2. The mitigation measures for protected terrestrial/marine species that were represented in the Draft Environmental Assessment for an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park, which was included as supplemental information in support of the CZM consistency determination, shall be fully implemented. This condition is necessary to ensure consistency with Hawai'i CZM Program federally approved enforceable policies HRS Chapter 205A Coastal Zone Management, Section 205A-2 Coastal Ecosystems, HRS Chapter 195D Conservation of Aquatic Life, Wildlife, and Land Plants, and HAR Chapter 124 Indigenous Wildlife, Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Injurious Wildlife, Introduced Wild Birds, and Introduced Wildlife.
3. The proposed activity shall be in compliance with the requirements of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) consultation under HRS Chapter 6E Historic Preservation / Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act that was initiated by the FAA on March 29, 2021. This condition is necessary to ensure consistency with Hawai'i CZM Program federally approved enforceable policy HRS Chapter 6E Historic Preservation.

If the requirements for conditional concurrence specified in 15 CFR § 930.4(a), (1) through (3), are not met, then all parties shall treat this conditional concurrence letter as an objection pursuant to 15 CFR Part 930, subpart C. The Federal Aviation Administration shall immediately notify the Hawai'i CZM Program if the conditions are not acceptable in accordance with 15 CFR § 930.4(a)(2). Otherwise, acceptance of the conditions shall be presumed at the end of the 90-day federal consistency notification period on August 8, 2023.



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This CZM consistency conditional concurrence does not represent an endorsement of the proposed activity, nor does it convey approval with any other regulation administered by any state or county agency. Thank you for your cooperation in complying with the Hawai'i CZM Program. If you have any question, please contact Debra Mendes of our CZM Program at (808) 587-2840 or [Debra.L.Mendes@hawaii.gov](mailto:Debra.L.Mendes@hawaii.gov)

Mahalo,



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