

F Street, NW., Washington, DC. If necessary, the hearing will continue on subsequent days. Persons wishing to testify at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention by March 19, 2004. The notification should include: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person presenting the testimony; and (2) a short (one or two paragraph) summary of the presentation, including the subject matter and, as applicable, the product(s) (with HTSUS numbers), service sector(s), or other subjects (such as investment, intellectual property and/or government procurement) to be discussed. A copy of the testimony must accompany the notification. Remarks at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the TPSC. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the hearing should contact the TPSC Executive Secretary.

Interested persons, including persons who participate in the hearing, may submit written comments by noon, April 8, 2004. Written comments may include rebuttal points demonstrating errors of fact or analysis not pointed out in the hearing. All written comments must state clearly the position taken, describe with particularity the supporting rationale, and be in English. The first page of written comments must specify the subject matter, including, as applicable, the product(s) (with HTSUS numbers), service sector(s), or other subjects (such as investment, intellectual property and/or government procurement).

### 3. Requirements for Submissions

In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions, the Office of the United States Trade Representative strongly urges and prefers electronic (e-mail) submissions in response to this notice. In the event that an e-mail submission is impossible, submissions should be made by facsimile.

Persons making submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: "United States-Thailand Free Trade Agreement" followed by (as appropriate) "Notice of Intent to Testify," "Testimony," or "Written Comments." Documents should be

submitted as either WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel. For any document containing business confidential information submitted electronically, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the characters "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the submitter. Persons who make submissions by e-mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. To the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Written comments, notice of testimony, and testimony will be placed in a file open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.5, except business confidential information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Business confidential information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6 must be clearly marked "Business Confidential" at the top of each page, including any cover letter or cover page, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. All public documents and nonconfidential summaries shall be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public, by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An appointment to review the file must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance and may be made by calling (202) 395-6186.

General information concerning the Office of the United States Trade Representative may be obtained by accessing its Internet Web site (<http://www.ustr.gov>).

**Carmen Suro-Bredie,**

*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Environmental Assessments for the Air Tour Management Plan Program at Haleakala National Park, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site, Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, Kalaupapa National Historical Park, and Pu'uuhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare environmental assessments and notice of initiation of public scoping.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), has initiated the development of Air Tour Management Plans (ATMPs) for Haleakala National Park, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site, Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, Kalaupapa National Historical Park, and Pu'uuhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park, pursuant to the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-181) and its implementing regulations contained in Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, part 136, *National Parks Air Tour Management*. The objective of each 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 resources, cultural resources, and visitor experiences of the subject national park unit.

#### DATES:

*Scoping Period:* The 45-day scoping period will be initiated upon publication of this notice. Please submit any written response you may have within 45 days from the date of this Notice, or no later than Monday, April 12, 2004.

*Scoping Meetings:* Public scoping meetings have been scheduled for these projects as follows:

Subject park	Date	Time	Location
Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site .....	Wednesday, March 24, 2004.	4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. ....	Waimea Civic Center Conference Room, 67-5189 Kamamalu Street, Kamuela, Hawaii.
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park .....	Thursday, March 25, 2004.	6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ....	King Kamehameha's Hotel, Kamakahonu Ballroom, 75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

Subject park	Date	Time	Location
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park .....	Friday, March 26, 2004.	6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ....	University of Hawaii at Hilo, University Classroom, Building 301, Room 100, 200 West Kawili St., Hilo, Hawaii.
Pu'uuhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park.	Thursday, March 25, 2004.	6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ....	King Kamehameha's Hotel, Kamakahonu Ballroom, 75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.
Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park ....	Thursday, March 25, 2004.	6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ....	King Kamehameha's Hotel, Kamakahonu Ballroom, 75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.
Kalaupapa National Historical Park .....	Saturday, March 27, 2004.	6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ....	Kaunakakai Elementary School, 30 Ailo Street, Kaunakakai, Molokai.
Kalaupapa National Historical Park .....	Monday, March 29, 2004.	12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ....	McVeigh Social Hall, Kalaupapa National Park, Kalaupapa, Molokai.
Haleakala National Park .....	Tuesday, March 30, 2004.	6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ....	Hana Community Center (Old Hana School Cafeteria), 150 Uakea Road, Hana, Maui.
Haleakala National Park .....	Wednesday, March 31, 2004.	6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. ....	Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center, 91 Pukalani Street, Pukalani, Maui.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit any written response you may have within 45 days from the date of this Notice, or no later than Monday, April 12, 2004. Address your comments to: Docket Management System, Doc No. FAA-2004-17174, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

You must identify the docket number FAA-2004-17174 at the beginning of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that FAA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. You may also submit comments through the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing comments in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets Office is on the plaza level of the NASSIF Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. Also, you may review public dockets on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Additionally, comments will be received and recorded at the public scoping meetings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve May, Air Tour Management Plan Program Manager, Executive Resource Staff, AWP-4, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region. Mailing address: P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, California 90009-2007. Telephone: (310) 725-3808. Street address: 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, California 90261. e-mail: [Steve.May@faa.gov](mailto:Steve.May@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In developing each ATMP and any associated rulemaking actions, the FAA is required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, which calls on Federal agencies to consider environmental issues as part of their decision making process. For the

purposes of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the FAA is the Lead Agency and the NPS is a Cooperating Agency. The FAA Air Tour Management Plan Program Office and the NPS Natural Sounds Program Office are responsible for the overall implementation of the ATMP Program.

Environmental Assessments are being prepared in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1D, Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts. The FAA is now inviting the public, agencies, and other interested parties to provide comments, suggestions, and input regarding: (1) The scope, issues, and concerns related to the development of each ATMP; (2) the scope of issues and the identification of significant issues regarding commercial air tours and their potential impacts to be addressed in the environmental process; (3) the potential effects of commercial air tours on cultural and historic resources; (4) past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions which, when considered with ATMP alternatives, may result in significant cumulative impacts; and (5) potential ATMP alternatives. The FAA requests that comments be as specific as possible in response to actions that are being proposed under this notice.

Public scoping meetings have been scheduled for this project. The purpose of these scoping meetings is to describe the ATMP development and environmental processes, obtain public input regarding the ATMP and potential environmental concerns that may be appropriate for consideration in the Environmental Assessment, and to identify alternatives to be considered. Both oral and written comments will be accepted during these meetings. Agency personnel will be available to record your spoken comments. All recorded and written comments become part of the official record. The public scoping

meetings will consist of a presentation in which the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 is introduced, existing conditions at Haleakala National Park, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site, Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, and Pu'uuhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park are described and the ATMP development process at each park unit is explained. Following the presentation, the floor will be opened for public comments to be received.

Park-specific scoping documents that describe the project in greater detail are available at the following locations:

- Kalaupapa National Park Headquarters, Kalaupapa, Molokai
- Molokai Public Library, 15 Ala Malama, Kaunakakai, Molokai
- Haleakala National Park Headquarters, Mile Marker 11, Crater Road, Kula, Maui
- Hana Public and School Library, Hana, Maui
- Makawao Public Library, 1159 Makawao Avenue, Makawao, Maui
- Kahului Public Library in 90 School Street, Kahului, Maui
- Kalaupapa National Historic Park, P.O. Box 2222, Kalaupapa, Hawaii
- Kihei Public Library, 35 Waimahaihai Street, Kihei, Maui
- Lahaina Public Library, 680 Wharf Street, Lahaina, Maui
- Lana'i Public and School Library, 555 Fraser Avenue, Lana'i City, Maui
- Wailuku Public Library, 251 High Street, Wailuku, Maui
- Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Headquarters, 1 Crater Rim Drive, Hawaii Volcanoes, Hawaii
- Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site Headquarters, 62-3601 Kawaihai Road, Kawaihai, Hawaii
- Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Headquarters, 73-4786

- Kanalani Street, #14, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
- Pu'uhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park, Highway 160, Honaunau, Hawaii
  - Hilo Public Library, 300 Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo, Hawaii
  - Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75–138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
  - Naalehu Public Library, 95–5669 Mamalahoa Highway, Naalehu, Hawaii
  - Pahala Public and School Library, 96–3150 Pikake Street, Pahala, Hawaii
  - Hawaii State Library, 478 South King Street, Honolulu, Oahu
  - FAA Air Tour Management Plan Program Web site, <http://www.atmp.faa.gov/>
  - FAA Docket Management System Web site, <http://dms.dot.gov>

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**Ruth Leverenz,**

*Assistant Administrator for Region and Center Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Meeting of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group Aviation Rulemaking Committee

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in accordance with the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000, announce the next meeting of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group Aviation Rulemaking Committee (NPOAG ARC). The meeting will take place on March 18, 2004, at the Hacienda Hotel in Boulder City, Nevada. This notice informs the public of the date, location, and agenda for the meeting.

**DATES AND LOCATION:** The NPOAG ARC will meet March 18, 2004, at the Hacienda Hotel (meeting room 256), Highway 93 (overlooking Lake Mead), Boulder City, Nevada 89005, telephone 702–293–5000. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barry Brayer, Manager, Executive Resource Staff, Western Pacific Region, Federal Aviation Administration, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250, telephone: (310) 725–3800, or [Barry.Brayer@faa.gov](mailto:Barry.Brayer@faa.gov), or Karen Trevino, National Park Service, Natural Sounds Program, 1201 Oakridge Dr., Suite 350,

Ft. Collins, CO, 80525, telephone (970) 225–3563, or [Karen\\_Trevino@nps.gov](mailto:Karen_Trevino@nps.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000, enacted on April 5, 2000, as Public Law 106–181 (Pub. L. 106–181), required the establishment of a National Parks Overflights Advisory Group within 1 year after its enactment. The NPOAG was to be a balanced group representative of general aviation, commercial air tour operations, environmental concerns, and Indian tribes. The duties of the NPOAG included providing advice, information, and recommendations to the Director, NPS, and to the Administrator, FAA, on the implementation of Public Law 106–181, on quiet aircraft technology, on other measures that might accommodate interests to visitors to national parks, and, at the request of the Director and Administrator, on safety, environmental, and other issues related to commercial air tour operations over national parks or tribal lands.

On March 12, 2001, the FAA and NPS announced the establishment of the NPOAG (48 FR 14429). The first meeting of the advisory group was held August 28–29, 2001, in Las Vegas, Nevada; the second meeting was held October 4–5, 2002, in Tusayan, Arizona; and the third meeting was held October 20–21, 2003 in Jackson, Wyoming.

On October 10, 2003, the Administrator signed Order No. 1110–138 establishing the NPOAG as an aviation rulemaking committee. Current members of the NPOAG ARC are Heidi Williams (general aviation), David Kennedy, Richard Larew, and Alan Stephen (commercial air tour operations), Chip Dennerlein, Charles Maynard, Steve Bosak, and Susan Gunn (environmental interests), and Germaine White and Richard Deertrack (Indian tribes).

##### Agenda for the March 18, 2004, Meeting

The NPOAG ARC will review tribal issues, prevention and mitigation of significant adverse environmental impacts, modifications to interim operating authority, new entrant operators and increased operations of existing operators, and quiet technology. A final agenda will be available the day of the meeting.

##### Attendance at the Meeting

Although this is not a public meeting, interested persons may attend. Because seating is limited, if you plan to attend, please contact one of the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

**CONTACT** so that meeting space may accommodate your attendance.

##### Record of the Meeting

If you cannot attend the meeting, a summary record of the meeting will be made available by the Office of Rulemaking (ARM), 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591. Contact is Linda Williams, (202) 267–9685, or [linda.l.williams@faa.gov](mailto:linda.l.williams@faa.gov).

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**James J. Ballough,**

*Director, Flight Standards Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No.: MARAD 2004–17166]

### Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of draft environmental assessment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Maritime Administration (MARAD), of the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) has made available for review and comment to interested parties the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the transfer and disposal of approximately nine obsolete vessels from the James River Reserve Fleet (JRRF) to the Able UK facility located in Teeside, United Kingdom. The EA studied potential environmental effects associated with the transfer of the obsolete vessels for disposal. The EA considered potential effects to the natural and manmade environments including: air quality; water quality; geology and soils; coastal resources; terrestrial resources; aquatic resources; navigation; hazardous materials; cultural and historic resources; visual and aesthetic resources, among other topics associated with the proposed action.

**DATES:** Comments on this EA must be received by March 29, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Aheron, U.S. DOT, Maritime Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, Tel: 202–366–8887/Fax: 202–366–6988, e-mail: [Deborah.Aheron@marad.dot.gov](mailto:Deborah.Aheron@marad.dot.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL–401, Department of Transportation, 4000 7th St., SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. You may also send