

## PROPOSED GRAND CANYON FLIGHT RULES

Open Letter to Pilots

Apparently, the National Park Service (NPS) thinks GA is disturbing the “natural quiet” over the Grand Canyon even though their sound measurements do not support that contention! The unfounded belief has resulted in a proposal to change the Special Flight Rules Area (SFRA) around the Grand Canyon. And, this will adversely affect any pilot attempting to overfly the Canyon while enroute to their destination elsewhere. The Arizona Pilots Association (APA) has reviewed the NPS’ Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and is *quite* concerned about the proposed airspace changes. As a result, they’ve drafted a letter to their membership and AZ’s pilot population as a whole. Would you please take a moment and review the attachments?

- *Grand Canyon SFRA letter to GA Pilots, pgs. 1 & 2* -- This is APA’s letter to its membership and AZ pilot population.
- *NPS releases DEIS on Overflights* – 4-page news release from National Park Service
- *NPS Preferred Alternative SFRA* – Map showing how NPS wants to change the Special Flight Rules Area (SFRA) around the Grand Canyon

If you are similarly concerned about the impending airspace changes, please contact our U.S. Senators and/or Representatives to express your dismay. (Contact information is on page 2 of APA’s letter.) The period for public comment ends on June 20<sup>th</sup>. *So, if this proposed change disturbs you, please act now!*

Thanks for your consideration

Blue skies

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**PS** – In addition to contacting our elected representatives regarding this issue, **please consider forwarding this letter to other pilots in your email directory**. GA is represented by no one but us...and APA... in this matter. (Although AOPA participated in the “conversation”, they seem content with the alternative presented in attached map. Have they forgotten that most of us don’t fly pressurized turbines?!) If we are concerned about these proposed changes, we must speak up and be heard...