

Meeting Summary
NATIONAL PARKS OVERFLIGHTS ADVISORY GROUP (NPOAG)
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE UPDATE
December 1, 2008
9:00am to 12:00pm (Pacific Standard Time)

ACTION ITEMS

The following action items were reviewed during the conference call. For a detailed list of current and past action items, see Attachment 1.

NPOAG

- Determine criteria for prioritizing National Parks for Air Tour Management Plans (ATMPs).
- Provide advice to FAA on competitive bidding.
- Develop and agree on groundrules.
- Assist in the resolution of agency disagreements.
- Assist FAA and NPS to prioritize National Parks for ATMPs.
- Form subgroups to target National Parks for ATMPs and schedule a conference call to move forward with subgroup efforts to assist in the completion of ATMPs at National Parks.

FAA/NPS

- FAA/NPS will organize the next face-to-face meeting in spring 2009.
- NPS and FAA will recruit tribal representatives to the Advisory Group.
- NPS will send out information regarding past efforts to prioritize parks for ATMPs to all Advisory Group members.
- FAA and NPS will aim to complete a draft Environmental Assessment for Mount Rushmore by this spring.
- FAA and NPS will work to hire a facilitator for future meetings.
- FAA will develop a straw man on competitive bidding procedures for the group to consider at the next meeting.

ATTENDANCE

See Attachment 2 for a list of attendees.

INTRODUCTIONS

Facilitator Bob Wheeler welcomed the Advisory Group to their first conference call, presented protocols for the call, and reviewed the meeting agenda. This conference call was designed to build from the strategic planning work done by the Advisory Group during their September meeting in Port Angeles, Washington, as well as to hear various technical presentations requested by the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group. Specifically, Advisory Group members would hear report outs on actions, consider and approve NPOAG groundrules, further develop Mission, Goals, and Objectives, hear report outs on technical tools and information, and provide input on next steps.

Barry Brayer, Chair of the Advisory Group, thanked the Advisory Group members for their participation in the conference call and encouraged them to send any feedback regarding the effectiveness of the call to him. He noted that the public may also provide input via the FAA website. Barry then reviewed recent and upcoming changes in the Advisory Group. Randy Kenagy replaced Melissa Rudinger as the Advisory Group representative from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). In 2009, many Advisory Group members will complete their terms and a Federal Notice will be published announcing openings on the Advisory Group. Members that wish to continue to serve on the Advisory Group should contact Barry and Karen. The

duration for new terms will be 3 years.

Karen Trevino of the National Park Service also thanked the meeting participants for joining the conference call. She hopes that conference calls will serve as a successful forum for the group although not a replacement for face-to-face meetings. She noted that there will likely be significant changes at many federal agencies after the inauguration of President Obama and this may have impacts for the Advisory Group.

The meeting minute notes from the Port Angeles, Washington NPOAG meeting on September 3 and 4, 2008 were approved by the Advisory Group. Greg Miller requested that the name of his organization (American Hiking Society) be corrected in the final meeting minute notes.

GROUND RULES

At the September meeting, the Advisory Group reviewed and edited sample groundrules to assist the group in determining its roles, responsibilities and decision-making procedures. Advisory Group members discussed these groundrules further during the conference call.

Advisory Group members made several important changes to the groundrules. The group agreed to delete language regarding joint media statements as many members argued that it was not necessary. Members also discussed the decision-making process in detail. Matt Zuccaro noted that the group is designed to provide advice to the FAA and NPS and can't approve or disapprove specific actions of FAA or the NPS. Barry Brayer stressed that it is important for FAA and NPS to hear about disagreements and comments from each of the members. Advisory Group members agreed that the groundrules should state that it is important to report different perspectives held on an issue, the rationale behind the perspectives, and who supports those perspectives.

To review the draft groundrules as further developed by the Advisory Group at this meeting, please see Attachment 3. Statements highlighted in yellow and struck through need further consideration by the Committee. These groundrules will be revisited and adopted at the next meeting.

MISSION, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Advisory Group briefly reviewed and revised the mission, goals and objectives document that was developed during the strategic planning meeting in Port Angeles. Advisory Group members discussed the goal of assisting NPS and FAA in resolving their disputes. Don Barger asked the Group to consider how it could best assist FAA and NPS in this issue. Karen Trevino stated any advice and input from the Advisory Group members is welcome. She has spoken with Barry about their disputes and both she and Barry feel that the two agencies are having more open, frequent dialog at higher levels. She mentioned that a joint meeting of FAA and NPS was scheduled for later that week to further discuss jurisdictional issues. She further noted, however, that it is possible that the dispute between the agencies will need to be resolved at the secretarial level.

Matt Zuccaro asked if there is a formalized list of what the two agencies agree upon other than the MOU. Karen Trevino stated that there is no document or groundrules that articulate what each agency agrees to. She suggested that the FAA and NPS would benefit from the help of the Advisory Group in developing a document that establishes clear groundrules for the FAA and NPS.

Because of time limitations and the need to move onto the technical presentations, the group agreed to defer further discussion of the Mission, Goals, and Objectives until a later time or meeting.

See Attachment 4 for the draft NPOAG Mission, Goals and Objectives. The section highlighted in yellow was discussed by the Group. This document will be revisited at the next meeting for further development.

NPOAG TASKS AND PRIORITIES/NEXT STEPS FOR NPOAG

Because of time constraints the Advisory Group did not discuss the draft document. It is anticipated that the

group will make this one of their focus items for the next meeting. See attachment 5 for the task document that the Advisory Group is considering.

See Attachment 5 for the tasks and priorities developed at the previous meeting.

AVIATION ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN TOOL (AEDT) UPDATE

Christopher Roof of the U.S. Department of Transportation Volpe Center presented an overview of the FAA's Aviation Environmental Design Tool (AEDT). The AEDT is a single, integrated aviation environmental tool that will replace the existing Integrated Noise Model (INM), the Emissions and Dispersion Modeling System (EDMS), and the Noise Integrated Routing System (NIRS). AEDT provides more consistent noise and emissions analysis, cost savings for modeling scenarios and easier communication with stakeholders. It is slated to be completed in 2011. Both the FAA and NPS have sponsored research supporting AEDT.

Karen Trevino asked if AEDT could be used to determine the impact of emission on water quality. Chris stated that AEDT could be used to provide information in that regard. Chris also clarified that the System for Assessing Aviation's Global Emissions (SAGE) program was developed by Volpe and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was directly involved in the development of EDMS.

Barry Brayer thanked Chris for his presentation. He added that the data obtained from AEDT will be very useful in the development of Air Tour Management Plans.

See the following website for Christopher Roof's PowerPoint presentation -

http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/arc/programs/air_tour_management_plan/documents/AEDT-Overview_NPOAG_2008-12-01.ppt

OVERVIEW OF THE HUMAN RESPONSE TO AVIATION NOISE IN PROTECTED NATURAL AREAS WORKSHOP

Amanda Rapoza of the Volpe Center presented an overview of a recent workshop regarding aviation noise in protected natural areas. This workshop was driven by the need to address noise impact analyses as part of National Parks Air Tour Management Plans and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for airport and airspace redesign projects. The workshop brought together experts from a number of relevant fields to discuss research and develop a "road map" for future efforts. Participants determined that more work is needed prior to the development of a comprehensive road map, and identified several next steps that are being pursued by the FAA and NPS. A second expert panel workshop will be held in the second quarter of 2009 to facilitate detailed discussions of future research efforts and develop a comprehensive roadmap.

See the following website for Amanda Rapoza's PowerPoint presentation -

http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/arc/programs/air_tour_management_plan/documents/ExposureWorkshop-Overview_NPOAG_2008-12-01.ppt

AIR TOUR OPERATING AUTHORITY (ATO) REPORTING SYSTEM UPDATE

William Halloran of the Volpe Center presented an update on the Air Tour Operating Authority (ATO) Reporting System. He explained that ATO is a web-based system that enables its users to report, track, and manage air tour operating authority (IOA/OA) information that includes air tour routes, commercial air tour operators, air tour aircrafts, and National Parks that have commercial air tours. The ATO will provide FAA a means to collect, store, and monitor Operating Authority (IOA/OA) data received from Air Tour Operators. It will also provide NPS a means to review IOA/OA data relevant to individual National Parks and provide Air Tour Operators with a convenient method to report IOA/OA information via the Internet.

Several important enhancements have been made to the ATO system. Operators over the Grand Canyon National Park (GCRA) will now have the ability to report their operations information and Air Tour activities. The FAA will be able to track and maintain additional relevant information such as operator aircraft data and

add air tour routes associated with a park.

William Halloran stated that operator data can be entered on a quarterly basis and will be “locked” 30 days after end of quarter. Matt Zuccaro asked why access would be blocked to operators. William Halloran explained that operators are required to report at least quarterly and that they would have over three months to enter the data. Alan Stephen stated that he shared Matt’s concern regarding blocking access to operators. He asked that FAA consider allowing the operators to enter their data past the quarterly deadline.

See the ATMP website for William Halloran’s PowerPoint presentation.

NEXT STEPS AND ADJOURN

Bob Wheeler asked the group for feedback on the conference call format. Most participants agreed that it is a useful format for updates and brief presentations, but it does not supplant face-to-face meetings. Bob then presented possible agenda topics for the next meeting. Agenda items may include:

- Review of action items
- Discussion of NPOAG tribal membership
- Development of tasks and priorities
- Development of work plan and tracking document
- Discussion of criteria for prioritizing National Parks
- Discussion of NPS/FAA relationship
- Communication protocols
- Review of mission, goals and objectives

Bob stated that the group will soon receive a summary and list of action items to assist the Advisory Group in moving forward and preparing for the next meeting.

Karen Trevino suggested that a face-to-face meeting be scheduled in the spring perhaps in Death Valley. The group discussed timing in the spring for a meeting and agreed that mid to late April would be a good time.

Barry noted that all of the presentations from the conference call and meeting materials from the pervious meeting are posted on the ATMP website. He thanked the group for their participation and adjourned the meeting.

**ATTACHMENT 1
Action Items
National Parks Overflights Advisory Group
December 1, 2008**

Action Item	Responsible Party	Due Date	Done?	Comments
<u>NPOAG Membership</u>				
Determine if Native Hawaiians are eligible to fill a Native American position on the NPOAG.	James Whitlow	12/1/08	Yes	Native Hawaiians are not eligible to fill a Native American position on NPOAG
Recruit tribal representatives to the Advisory Group.	FAA/NPS	Next meeting	Ongoing	Rory's term expires in 2009. Federal register notice went out and Rory expressed interest in continuing on NPOAG.
<u>NPOAG Policies/Procedures</u>				
Develop and agree on groundrules.	NPOAG	12/1/08	Ongoing	NPOAG members revised groundrules on 12/1/08. Groundrules will be revisited and adopted at the next meeting
Establish and agree on a common base of information for all group members.	NPOAG	Review at next meeting	Ongoing	Information is available to members on the NPOAG FTP site provided to members at the September meeting.
Develop mission, goals and objectives.	NPOAG	Review at next meeting	Ongoing	
Develop communications protocol.	NPOAG	Review at next meeting	Ongoing	
Develop a work plan and tracking system to ensure tasks are accomplished.	NPOAG	Next meeting	Ongoing	The Facilitation team has developed a format to track tasks in the meeting minutes.
<u>Information/Briefings</u>				
Briefing on the AEDT model at the next NPOAG.	FAA	12/1/08	Yes	Briefing was provided at the December Conference Call

Action Item	Responsible Party	Due Date	Done?	Comments
Post HALE and HAVO Social Science Research reports on ATMP website.	Vicki, NPS, Cindy Orlando, NPS	12/1/08	Yes	Completed
Provide ATOA presentation at next NPOAG meeting.	FAA	12/1/08	Yes	Briefing was provided at the December Conference Call
Ensure that new Advisory Group members are sent a CD with important documents.	FAA/NPS	12/1/08	Yes	Completed
Set the next meeting of the Advisory Group for sometime in December.	FAA/NPS	12/1/08	Yes	Completed
Provide military example of an ATMP resource book.	Karen, NPS	Next meeting	Ongoing	
Send out information regarding past efforts to prioritize parks for ATMPs to the Advisory Group.	NPS	Next Meeting	Ongoing	NPS is working with FAA and VOLPE to get recent information to the Group.
Set up face-to-face meeting of the Advisory Group in Spring 2009.	FAA/NPS		Ongoing	Death Valley may be the meeting location
<u>Long Term Tasks</u>				
Determine criteria for prioritizing National Parks for Air Tour Management Plans.	NPOAG	Review at next meeting	Ongoing	
Assist FAA and NPS to Prioritize National Parks for ATMPs.	NPOAG	Review at next meeting	Ongoing	
Form subgroups to target National Parks for ATMPs and assist in ATMP development.	NPOAG	Review at next meeting	Ongoing	
Encourage FAA to allow operators to enter their ATOA data past the quarterly deadline.	NPOAG	Review at next meeting	Ongoing	

Action Item	Responsible Party	Due Date	Done?	Comments
Assist in the resolution of agency disagreements. Develop groundrules for NPS/FAA	NPOAG	Review at next meeting	Ongoing	Barry and Karen will be meeting in December to discuss this issue. NPOAG needs to discuss how this could best be accomplished and if agency agreements are not furthered how should the NPOAG continue its efforts and be productive.
Develop a resource guide explaining the ATMP process.	NPOAG	Review at next meeting	Ongoing	
Establish criteria and guidance for Park Superintendents and air tour operators for prioritized parks.	NPOAG	Review at next meeting	Ongoing	
Complete a draft Environmental Assessment for Mount Rushmore.	FAA / NPS	Review at next meeting	Potentially Spring 2009	Likely to be completed in Spring
Consult with Park Superintendents to develop criteria for determining where ATMPs are not needed.	NPS	Review at next meeting	Ongoing	NPS is asking Regional Directors to bring in superintendents with expertise to assist in this effort.
Investigate the situation at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and report back to the Advisory Group.	Matt Zuccaro	Review at next meeting	Ongoing	Matt has not been able to visit Hawaii
Hire a facilitator for future meetings and investigate conference call technology.	FAA/NPS	Review at next meeting	Ongoing	Barry and Karen will meet to discuss hiring a permanent facilitator
<u>Straw man Arguments for NPOAG to Consider</u>				
Develop a strawman for NPS procedures and process in handling IOA requests.	Karen, NPS	Next meeting	Ongoing	
Develop a straw man on competitive bidding procedures for upcoming meeting.	FAA	Next Meeting	Ongoing	FAA is putting together information for the next meeting.

**ATTACHMENT 2
MEETING ATTENDEES
National Parks Overflights Advisory Group**

National Parks Overflights Advisory Group Members			
Last	First	Seat	In Attendance?
Barger	Don	National Parks Conservation Association	✓
Brengel	Kristen	The Wilderness Society	✓
Deertrack	Richard	Taos Pueblo Tribe	
Dennerlein	Chip	Formerly with the Siskiyou Project	
Halvorson	Elling	Papillon Airways	✓
Majenty	Rory	Hualapai Nation	
Miller	Gregory	American Hiking Society	✓
Kenagy	Randy	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association	✓
Stephen	Alan	Fixed-Wing Air Tour Operator Representative	✓
Zuccaro	Matthew	Helicopter Association International	✓

Ex-Officio Members			
Last	First	Organization	In Attendance?
Brayer	Barry	Federal Aviation Administration	✓
Trevino	Karen	National Park Service	✓

Others in Attendance

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Staff		
Last	First	Title/Department
Ciesla	Pete	AWP Special Programs Office
Elrod	Norman	Economist
Joly	Paul	National Air Tour Safety Specialist
Lusk	Keith	AWP Special Programs Office
McKee	Roland	All Weather Operations Program Manager
Ellen	Athas	AGC Legal
National Park Service (NPS) Staff		
Last	First	Title/Department
Marin	Lelaina	Natural Sounds Program
Nickey	Larry	Olympic National Park
Turina	Frank	Natural Sounds Program
McCusker	Vicki	Natural Sounds Program

ATTACHMENT 3
DRAFT GROUNDRULES
National Parks Overflights Advisory Group

**Text highlighted below in yellow and struck through and text was discussed at the December 1st conference call. The Advisory Group will revisit and adopt these groundrules at a future meeting.

The purpose of these groundrules is to make explicit the common expectations with which the members enter the process. They describe the purpose of the process, the manner in which the several agencies and interests are structured for effective participation, the responsibilities of the members to one another and to their constituents, the spirit in which they will participate in the process and the responsibility of the meeting leaders to facilitate the process. The intent of these groundrules is to provide a framework for fruitful discussion and exchange that guides rather than constrains interaction.

Participating in this process signals an understanding and acceptance of the groundrules. The groundrules may be amended by consensus of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (Advisory Group).

A. Duties (from the Advisory Group Task Statement)

The Advisory Group shall provide advice, information, and recommendations to the FAA Administrator and the NPS Director including:

- the implementation of the Act and the amendments made to the Act;
- commonly accepted quiet aircraft technology for use in commercial air tour operations over a national park system or tribal lands, which will receive preferential treatment in a given air tour management plan;
- measures that might be taken to accommodate the interests of visitors to national parks;
- consultation on routes or corridors for commercial air tour operations by fixed-wing and helicopter aircraft that employ quiet aircraft technology for tours of the Grand Canyon originating in Clark County, Nevada and local loop tours originating at the Grand Canyon National Park Airport, in Tusayan, Arizona, provided that such routes or corridors can be located in areas that will not negatively impact the substantial restoration of natural quiet, tribal lands, or safety; and
- at the request of the Administrator and the Director, discuss safety, environmental, and other issues related to commercial air tour operations over a national park or tribal lands.

B. Roles and Responsibilities of Advisory Group Members

- Members will explore issues.
- Members will share discussion time, recognizing time limitations and size of the Advisory Group.
- Members commit to search for opportunities and creative solutions.
- All members of the Advisory Group will engage their constituency to the extent that is possible and seek to clearly articulate their constituency's concerns and goals regarding the issues.
- All members recognize the legitimacy of the concerns and goals of others.
- All members will refrain from personal attacks and characterizations during meetings of the Advisory Group and subcommittees.
- Members will enter into a dialogue that includes listening carefully, asking questions, and educating others. The atmosphere will be problem solving, rather than stating positions. The group should frame issues and be solution-oriented.
- ~~On occasion, members will create space and time to talk amongst themselves possibly through subgroups (Agencies need to check with attorneys)~~

C. Role and responsibilities of facilitators

- The facilitators are impartial individuals who guide the process.
- The responsibility of the facilitators is to keep the Advisory Group focused on the agreed upon tasks, to suggest alternative methods and procedures, and to encourage participation by all members. The facilitators will ensure that all members have opportunities and time to speak in meetings.

- The facilitators may discuss issues and approaches with members between meetings in attempt to help the group move forward in their process and tasks.

D. Roles and responsibilities of the FAA and NPS

- Approve or call the meetings of the Advisory Group.
- Approve the agenda.
- Attend all meetings.
- Participate in the meeting as co-chairs.
- Provide meeting support, information, data, and materials as needed by the Advisory Group.
- Adjourn the meeting if such adjournment is in the public interest.
- Maintain required records on costs and memberships.
- Ensure efficient operations.
- Maintain Advisory Group records and make them available to the public.
- Provide copies of reports to appropriate agencies.
- Ensure that the Group Charter is current and has been filed with appropriate authorities.
- Track action items.

E. Meeting content

- Meetings will be task-oriented with specific agendas. Agendas will describe the matter for discussion, the purpose of the discussion and provide such other information necessary to support informed discussion.
- Meeting topics for the next session will be developed at the conclusion of each session. The intent will be to provide a draft agenda to Advisory Group members at least seven days prior to the session.
- It will be the intent to complete and send a draft meeting summary to Advisory Group members within 4 weeks after the session. A final meeting summary will be reviewed and accepted at the next official Advisory Group meeting. Following acceptance, the summary will be made available to the general public and posted on the website.

F. Communication during process

- All of the individuals who are participating in the Advisory Group accept the responsibility to keep their associates and constituency groups informed of the progress of the discussions and to seek advice and comments, to the extent possible.
- ~~A joint statement suitable for discussion with the media may be made at the end of each joint meeting or shortly after the meeting.~~
- It is the intent that most media or other public information requests will be handled and addressed by either the FAA or NPS. However, if an Advisory Committee member is requested to respond to the media or other public request for information, members shall respond within the spirit of the media statement agreed to at the conclusion of each session.
- Members make a good faith commitment to not undermine the Advisory Group process.
- Individual members may communicate with the media or elsewhere as long as they make it clear that the opinions are their own and do not represent NPOAG.
- The Advisory Group has an important role in both advising about and carrying out broader public education about National Park overflights issues.

G. Internal Decision-Making for Making Recommendations to FAA/NPS

- Consensus is defined as agreement of all members, and will be the preferred method of determining Advisory Group agreement on issues. Full consensus involves agreement of all members. Agreement is defined in accord with the following chart in which consensus includes all statements short of formal disagreement or blocking:

Endorse	Endorse with a minor point of contention	Agree with reservations	Abstain	Stand aside	Formal disagreement	Block
"I like it"	"Basically I like it"	"I can live with it"	"I have no opinion"	"I don't like this but I don't want to hold up the group"	"I want my disagreement to be noted in writing."	"I veto this proposal"

(Adapted from: "Facilitator's Guide to Participatory Decision-Making," 1996)

- ~~For when there is consensus and when consensus is not reached,~~ The Advisory Group will report different perspectives held on the issue, and the rationale behind the perspectives, and who supports those perspectives.
- ~~Disagreements will not be presented in terms of the members for or against.~~
- ~~In the absence of consensus, a vote will be taken for the benefit of FAA/NPS.~~
- Meeting summaries and/or reports will capture agreements and differing perspectives. All reports/summaries will be reviewed and accepted by the Advisory Group.

H. Products

- The goal of the process is for the Advisory Group to provide advice, make recommendations to the FAA and NPS regarding the preparation of the Air Tour Management Plans. The Advisory Group will assist the agencies in completing ATMPs for all relevant National Parks.

I. Scheduling and Timelines

- The Advisory Group will establish a work plan with milestones congruent with the provisions of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000.

J. Amendment of Groundrules

- These groundrules may be amended by ~~majority vote among~~ the members of the Advisory Group.

K. Advisory Group Members

The table below lists the members of the Advisory Group as of December 1, 2008. If an Advisory Group member steps down during the process, a replacement will be selected by NPS and FAA.

National Parks Overflights Advisory Group Members (Current as of 12/1/08)			
Last	First	Seat	
Barger	Don	National Parks Conservation Association	
Brengel	Kristen	The Wilderness Society	
Deertrack	Richard	Taos Pueblo Tribe	
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Kenagy	Randy	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association	
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ATTACHMENT 4
MISSION, GOALS, OBJECTIVES
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**Text highlighted below in yellow was discussed at the December 1st conference call. The Advisory Group will revisit all of the goals and objectives at a future meeting.

Mission (From the 2000 Air Tour Management Act)
The advisory group shall provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Administrator and the Director:
(1) On the implementation of this title and the amendments made by this title;
(2) On commonly accepted quiet aircraft technology for use in commercial air tour operations over a national park or tribal lands, which will receive preferential treatment in a given air tour management plan;
(3) On other measures that might be taken to accommodate the interests of visitors to national parks; and
(4) At the request of the Administrator and the Director, safety, environmental, and other issues related to commercial air tour operations over a national park or tribal lands.

Initial Goals	Initial Objectives
Assist NPS/FAA in achieving resolution of jurisdictional issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for resolution of NPS/FAA jurisdictional issues. • Work with the agencies to move relationship beyond the agency MOU. • Increase cooperation between the agencies. • Encourage agencies to resolve, to the extent possible, disagreements ahead of NPOAG meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Document and track NPS/FAA agreements and disagreements ○ Obtain and develop a list of NPS/FAA agreements
Successfully assist in the establishment of ATMPs for all applicable parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in Prioritizing Parks for ATMPs. • Agree on Low Priority Parks. • Establish criteria/guidelines for Superintendents and local operators to resolve issues. • Develop Resource Guide for completing ATMPs.
Define a process that can be used as a template for future ATMPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose a template park for completing an ATMP. • Form balanced subgroups of the Advisory Group to assist in ATMP completion. • Successfully complete the first ATMP. • Agree on a common base of solid scientific data. • Agree on a common set of criteria for evaluating information and for recommending ATMPs.
Complete a set number of ATMPs each year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form balanced subgroups of the Advisory Group to assist in ATMP completion. • Agree on a realistic number of ATMPs to complete each year.
Maximize effectiveness of NPOAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a work plan and ensure tasks are completed. • Establish groundrules, decision-making process. • Develop communications protocol and approach. • Ensure that Native American perspectives are represented at NPOAG. • Form balanced subgroups of the Advisory Group to assist in ATMP completion. • Agree on a frequency of meetings and alternative ways of meeting in order to effectively complete tasks. • For live meetings, schedule at parks that are pertinent to work effort.
Provide useful advice to FAA/NPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advice on quiet technology incentives. • Provide advice on competitive bidding procedures. • Provide advice on agency requested input in a timely manner.

**ATTACHMENT 5
TASKS/PRIORITIES
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Task	Priority	Responsibility	Comments
Assist FAA/NPS in Resolution of Jurisdictional Issues	High +++	NPOAG, FAA, NPS	This is precedent setting – what does this mean for other activities? What can NPOAG do if FAA/NPS are unable to agree?
Establish Groundrules, Decision-Making Process	High +	NPOAG	Related to communication protocol.
Form a Subgroup of the Advisory Group to Assist in ATMP Completion	High+	NPOAG subcommittee	Small group will be assigned to one ATMP area. The group will meet with local representatives of the Parks, FAA and operators and report back to NPOAG. NPOAG will consider, discuss, and make recommendations. Rainbow Bridge, Glen Canyon and Bryce were suggested as initial places for a subgroup to visit.
Determine Low Priority Parks and Establish Criteria/Guidelines for Superintendents	High	NPOAG, FAA, NPS	Within administrative authority of NPS? What are the criteria? Consensus is needed on the likelihood of impacts to a park.
Establish “Refined” Work Plan	High	NPOAG	Track tasks and ensure follow-up.
Bring an ATMP to Conclusion	High	NPOAG, FAA, NPS	Make decision or elevate to CEQ if needed. Bring Superintendent and FAA to the table. Discuss further how best to elevate this.
Improve Native American Representation at NPOAG	High	FAA, NPS	Native American representatives are needed to remind the group of cultural concerns.
Provide Advice on Competitive Bidding Procedures	High	NPOAG	FAA will provide a straw man for discussion.
Assist in Prioritizing Parks for ATMPs	Medium +	FAA/NPS with input from NPOAG	Factors to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where noise monitoring has been done • Various lists already developed from past efforts • Focus on a new park or one in process? • Chart – Parks with OF (????) and Noise
Provide Advice on Quiet Technology Incentives	Low → High	NPOAG	The law may need to change. For some parks, there may not be a meaningful reduction in noise.
Develop a Process for Determining Noise Problems for New Entrants	High for NPS/FAA	NPS	Not a high priority for NPOAG.