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Decided: September 5, 2017.

By the Board, Board Members Begeman, Elliott, and Miller.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Meeting of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA and the National Park Service (NPS), in accordance with the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000, announce the next meeting of the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (NPOAG). This notification provides the date, location, and agenda for the meeting.

**DATES:** The NPOAG will meet on October 18 and October 19, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place in the FAA's Regional Office, 6th Floor Executive Conference Room, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, CA 90261. The meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 18, 2017, and from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, October 19, 2017. Although this is not a public meeting, this NPOAG meeting will be open to the public. Because seating is limited, members of the public wishing to attend will need to contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by September 29, 2017, to ensure sufficient meeting space is available to accommodate all attendees.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Keith Lusk, AWP-1SP, Special Programs Staff, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region Headquarters, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Lawndale, CA 90261, telephone: (310) 725-3808, email: [Keith.Lusk@faa.gov](mailto:Keith.Lusk@faa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (NPATMA), enacted on April 5, 2000, Public Law 106-181, required the establishment of the NPOAG within one year after its

enactment. The Act requires that the NPOAG be a balanced group of representatives of general aviation, commercial air tour operations, environmental concerns, and Native American tribes. The Administrator of the FAA and the Director of NPS (or their designees) serve as ex officio members of the group. Representatives of the Administrator and Director serve alternating 1-year terms as chairperson of the advisory group.

The duties of the NPOAG include providing advice, information, and recommendations to the FAA Administrator and the NPS Director on: Implementation of Public Law 106-181; quiet aircraft technology; other measures that might accommodate interests to visitors of national parks; and at the request of the Administrator and the Director, on safety, environmental, and other issues related to commercial air tour operations over national parks or tribal lands.

#### **Agenda for the October 18-19, 2017 NPOAG Meetings**

The agenda for the meetings will include, but is not limited to, an update on ongoing park specific air tour planning projects, commercial air tour reporting, and the Grand Canyon quiet technology seasonal relief incentive.

#### **Attendance at the Meeting and Submission of Written Comments**

Although this is not a public meeting, interested persons may attend. Because seating is limited, please contact Keith Lusk (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** for phone number or email) by September 29, 2017, to ensure sufficient meeting space is available to accommodate all attendees.

Written comments regarding the meeting will be accepted directly from attendees or may be sent to Keith Lusk (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** for address and email).

#### **Record of the Meeting**

If you cannot attend the NPOAG meeting, a summary record of the meeting will be made available under the NPOAG section of the FAA ATMP Web site at: [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/arc/programs/air\\_tour\\_management\\_plan/parks\\_overflights\\_group/minutes.cfm](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/arc/programs/air_tour_management_plan/parks_overflights_group/minutes.cfm) or through the Special Programs Staff, Western-Pacific Region, P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, CA 90009-2007, telephone: (310) 725-3808.

Issued in Hawthorne, CA, on August 31, 2017.

**Keith Lusk,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2017-0167]

#### **Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Request for Waiver of Service Obligation, Request for Deferment of Service Obligation, and Application for Review**

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information collection is for midshipmen or graduates of the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) or cadets or graduates of a State Maritime Academy (SMA) who received Student Incentive Payment (SIP) Program payments to determine if: (1) A waiver should be granted of all or a portion of the service obligation contract in cases where there would be undue hardship or impossibility of performance due to accident, illness or other justifiable reasons; (2) a deferment of all or a portion of the service obligation should be granted for the purpose of entering a marine or maritime-related graduate course of study; or (3) an original decision of items 1 or 2 should be overturned based on a student or graduate's appeal. Their service obligation is required by law. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 13, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2017-0167] through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.