

Resolution #3
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

PROTECT THE QUIET OF DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

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Background: The Air Tour Management Act of 2000 required all commercial airplane and helicopter tour operations to apply to the Federal Aviation Administration for authority to conduct air tours. Death Valley National Park is currently undergoing an Air Tour Management planning process and could be the first national park to develop such a plan. Currently the maximum number of air tours authorized by law in Death Valley is 67, but the actual number of tours is less because the demand is not there. The Death Valley National Park's General Management Plan states: "Perhaps the Park's greatest assets today are the clear air, vast open spaces that stretch toward distant horizons, and the overwhelming silence."

Resolution: The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs supports a Death Valley Air Tour Management Plan that minimizes the number of air tours and preserves the wonderful silence of Death Valley National Park.

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