

location, teleconferencing will be available.

**Public Participation:** This study group meeting is open to the public, subject to the capacity of the meeting room. Access to the meeting building is controlled; persons wishing to attend should contact Tricia Smeltzer or Niesha Toms of the Department of State Legal Adviser's Office at [SmeltzerTK@state.gov](mailto:SmeltzerTK@state.gov) or [TomsNN@state.gov](mailto:TomsNN@state.gov) and provide your name, address, date of birth, citizenship, driver's license or passport number, e-mail address, and mailing address to get admission into the meeting. Persons who cannot attend but who wish to comment are welcome to do so by e-mail to Michael Dennis at [DennisMJ@state.gov](mailto:DennisMJ@state.gov). A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should advise those same contacts not later than October 21, 2011. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled. If you are unable to attend the public meeting and you would like to participate by teleconferencing, please contact Tricia Smeltzer 202-776-8423 or Niesha Toms at 202-776-8420 to receive the conference call-in number and the relevant information.

Dated: October 6, 2011.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Membership Availability in the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group Aviation Rulemaking Committee—Representative of Native American Tribes

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as required by the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000, established the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (NPOAG) in March 2001. The NPOAG was formed to provide continuing advice and counsel with respect to commercial air tour operations over and near national parks. This notice informs the public of a vacancy (due to completion of membership on April 2, 2012) on the NPOAG (now the NPOAG Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC)) for a

representative of Native American tribal concerns and invites interested persons to apply to fill the vacancy.

**DATES:** Persons interested in serving on the NPOAG ARC should contact Mr. Barry Brayer in writing and postmarked or e-mailed on or before November 30, 2011.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (the Act) was enacted on April 5, 2000, as Public Law 106-181. The Act required the establishment of the advisory group within 1 year after its enactment. The advisory group was established in March 2001, and is comprised of 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 chairman of the advisory group.

The advisory group provides "advice, information, and recommendations to the Administrator and the Director—

(1) On the implementation of this title [the Act] 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."

Members of the advisory group may be allowed certain travel expenses as authorized by section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code, for intermittent Government service.

By FAA Order No. 1110-138, signed by the FAA Administrator on October 10, 2003, the NPOAG became an Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC). FAA Order No. 1110-138, was amended

and became effective as FAA Order No. 1110-138A, on January 20, 2006.

The current NPOAG ARC is made up of one member representing general aviation, three members representing the air tour industry, four members representing environmental concerns, and two members representing Native American interests. Current members of the NPOAG ARC are: Heidi Williams, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Alan Stephen, fixed-winged air tour operator representative; Elling Halvorson, Papillon Airways, Inc.; Matthew Zuccaro, Helicopter Association International; Chip Dennerlein, Siskiyou Project; Gregory Miller, American Hiking Society; Dick Hingson, Sierra Club; Bryan Faehner, National Parks Conservation Association; Rory Majenty, Hualapai Nation; and Ray Russell, Navajo Parks and Recreation. Rory Majenty of the Hualapai Nation is the current NPOAG member with the expiring term on April 2, 2012.

In order to retain balance within the NPOAG ARC, the FAA and NPS invite persons interested in serving on the ARC to represent Native American tribes, to contact Mr. Barry Brayer (contact information is written above in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Requests to serve on the ARC must be made to Mr. Brayer in writing and postmarked or e-mailed on or before November 30, 2011. The request should indicate whether or not you are a member of an association or group related to Native American tribal issues or concerns or have another affiliation with issues relating to aircraft flights over national parks. The request should also state what expertise you would bring to the NPOAG ARC as related to tribal concerns. The term of service for NPOAG ARC members is 3 years.

Issued in Hawthorne, CA on October 11, 2011.

**Barry Brayer,**

*NPOAG Co-Chairman, Manager, Special Programs Staff, Western-Pacific Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 333X)]

#### Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Forsyth County, NC

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152