

Charter

2007

Denali National Park and Preserve Aircraft Overflights Advisory Council

A. DESIGNATION

The official designation of the Federal advisory committee is the Denali National Park and Preserve Aircraft Overflights Advisory Council (Council).

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), through the Director of the National Park Service, on matters relating to mitigation of impacts from aircraft overflights at Denali National Park and Preserve. The Council will develop voluntary measures for assuring the safety of passengers, pilots, and mountaineers and for achieving desired future resource conditions at Denali National Park and Preserve.

C. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties of the Council are solely advisory and are as stated in paragraph B above.

D. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Council will not exceed 12 members and will be appointed by the Secretary to represent a range of interests concerned with aircraft overflight management in the Park and Preserve.
2. The Council will be appointed as follows:
 - (a) One member to represent the concession-authorized air taxi and scenic air tour operators in Denali National Park and Preserve;
 - (b) One member to represent scenic air tour operators not operating under a National Park Service concession;
 - (c) One member to represent commercial aviation other than air taxi/scenic air tour operators;
 - (d) One member to represent the statewide or national environmental community;
 - (e) One member to represent the local environmental community (area between Willow and Healy);
 - (f) One member to represent local landowners;
 - (g) One member to represent the State of Alaska;

- (h) One member to represent the Federal Aviation Administration;
 - (i) One member to represent the mountaineering and mountain climbing community;
 - (j) One member to represent backcountry users of Denali National Park and Preserve other than climbing interests;
 - (k) One member to represent the general aviation users of park airspace; and
 - (l) One member to represent the U.S. Air Force.
3. Members will be appointed for 4-year terms. Upon establishment of the Council, however, approximately half of the members will be appointed to 2-year terms, determined by a random drawing. Any vacancy on the Council will be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.
 4. If any member fails to attend two successive meetings of the Council, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) may recommend the removal of the member by the Secretary and a replacement named. Members may be appointed for consecutive terms.
 5. Members of the Council serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, members engaged in Council business approved by the DFO will be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service under section 5703 of title 5 of the United States Code.

E. ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

A member may not participate in matters that will directly affect, or appear to affect, the financial interests of the member or the member's family or business. Compensation from employment does not constitute a financial interest of the member so long as the matter before the Council will not have a special or distinct effect on the member or the member's employer, other than as part of a class.

F. ADMINISTRATION

1. **CHARTER.** The Council is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix. The Council may take no action unless the charter filing requirements of Sections 9(c) and 14(b) of FACA have been complied with. The Council is subject to renewal every biennial anniversary of its establishment date, which is the date the first charter is filed.
2. **SUPPORT AND COSTS.** Support for the Council is provided by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. The estimated annual operating cost of the Council is \$60,000, which includes the cost of one-fourth work-year of staff support.


3. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER.** The Council reports to the Director of the National Park Service through the Superintendent of Denali National Park and Preserve in Denali National Park, Alaska. The Superintendent or a Federal employee designated by the Superintendent serves as the DFO for purposes of Section 10 of FACA to oversee the management of the Council.
4. **CHAIRPERSON.** The Council will select from among its members one individual to serve as chairperson for a term to be determined by the Council.
5. **MEETINGS.** The Council will meet approximately two to four times a year upon the call of, or with the advance approval of, the DFO. All meetings of the Council are subject to the provisions of FACA. All meetings are open to the public.
6. **SUBCOMMITTEES.** In carrying out its duties, the Council, in consultation with the DFO, may form subcommittees to compile and conduct research for consideration by the full Council. Membership on subcommittees and meetings of subcommittees are subject to approval by the DFO.

G. DURATION AND DATE OF TERMINATION

It is anticipated that the Council will require approximately 6 years from its establishment to complete its work. All appointments will terminate with the Council.

H. AUTHORITY

The Denali National Park and Preserve Aircraft Overflights Advisory Council is established by authority of the Secretary of the Interior under Section 3 of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-2(c)).



 Secretary of the Interior

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 Date Signed

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Date Charter Filed _____

The filing date of this first charter constitutes the date of establishment of the Denali National Park and Preserve Aircraft Overflights Advisory Council.