DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending February 15, 2014

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation’s Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Date Filed: February 10, 2014.
Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: March 3, 2014.
Description: Application of North Cariboo Flying Service Ltd. requesting an amended foreign air carrier permit and an exemption to engage in on-demand large aircraft charter transportation of passengers and property between point(s) in Canada and point(s) in the United States, as well as other charters.

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List of Units of the National Park System Exempt From the Provisions of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, Transportation; National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: List of Exempt Parks.

SUMMARY: The National Parks Air Tour Management Act (NPATMA) requires the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Park Service (NPS) to develop an air tour management plan for units of the national park system where an operator has requested authority to provide commercial air tours. The FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (2012 Act) amended various provisions of NPATMA. One provision exempted national park units with 50 or fewer annual flights from the provisions of NPATMA and requires FAA and NPS to jointly publish a list of exempt parks. By Federal Register notice (See 77 FR 75254, December 19, 2012), FAA and NPS published an initial list of exempt parks in 2012. This notice provides the annual updated list of parks that are exempt from the provisions of the NPATMA.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Authority

1. NPATMA (Pub. L. 106–181, codified at 49 U.S.C. 40128) requires the FAA and NPS to develop an air tour management plan for units of the national park system where an operator has requested authority to provide commercial air tours. The FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (2012 Act) amended various provisions of NPATMA.

2. This Federal Register Notice addresses the following 2012 Act amendment provisions (which are codified at 49 U.S.C. 40128(a)(5)):
   a. Exempt national park units that have 50 or fewer commercial air tour operations each year from the requirements of NPATMA.
   b. Authorize NPS to withdraw the exemption if necessary to protect resources and values or visitor use and enjoyment.
   c. Require FAA and NPS to publish a list each year of national parks covered by the exemption.

II. List of Exempt Parks

1. This list is based on interim operating authority (IOA) data available to FAA and NPS. At these parks, the current combined IOA of all air tour operators is 50 operations or fewer annually. Exempt parks are as follows:
   - Big Bend National Park, TX
   - Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, CO
   - Capulin Volcano National Monument, NM
   - Carlsbad Caverns National Park, NM
   - Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, AZ
   - Coronado National Memorial, AZ
   - Devils Tower National Monument, WY
   - Dinosaur National Monument, UT/CO
   - El Malpais National Monument, NM
   - El Morro National Monument, NM
   - Fort Bowie National Historic Site, AZ
   - Fort Davis National Historic Site, TX
   - Fort Union National Monument, NM
   - Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, NM
   - Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, CO
   - Guadalupe Mountains National Park, NM
   - Hohokam Pima National Monument, AZ
   - Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, AZ
   - Kings Canyon National Park, CA
   - Mojave National Preserve, CA
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   - Pecos National Historical Park, NM
   - Petrified Forest National Park, AZ
   - Petroglyph National Monument, NM
   - Pipe Spring National Monument, AZ

   The following applications, or motions to modify without further proceedings.

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   Date Filed: February 10, 2014.
   Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: March 3, 2014.
   Description: Application of Azerbaijan Airlines requesting a foreign air carrier permit and exemption authority to engage in (1) scheduled air transportation of passengers, property and mail between any point or points in Azerbaijan, via intermediate points, and any point or points in the United States; and (2) charter air transportation of passengers, property and mail between any point or points in Azerbaijan and any point or points in the United States, as well as any point or points in the United States and any point or points in a third country or countries subject to pertinent national, bilateral and international rules and regulations.

   Date Filed: February 10, 2014.
   Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: March 3, 2014.
   Description: Application of Gem Air LLC requesting authority to operate scheduled passenger service as a commuter air carrier between Salmon, ID and Boise, ID.

   Date Filed: February 12, 2014.
   Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: March 5, 2014.
   Description: Application of North Cariboo Flying Service Ltd. requesting an amended foreign air carrier permit and an exemption to engage in on-demand large aircraft charter transportation of passengers and property between point(s) in Canada and point(s) in the United States, as well as other charters.

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      - Petroglyph National Monument, NM
      - Pipe Spring National Monument, AZ
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Saguaro National Park, AZ
Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument, NM
San Juan Island National Historical Park, WA
Sequoia National Park, CA
Tumacacori National Historic Park, AZ
Walnut Canyon National Monument, AZ
Wupatki National Monument, AZ

2. The list of exempt parks published in this notice is the same as the initial list published on December 19, 2012. The list is based on IOA operational numbers only, since this is the only data currently available to FAA and NPS on the number of air tour operations at parks. The 2012 Act also included a provision that requires air tour operators to report their air tour operations over national parks. These reporting requirements were initiated on January 1, 2013. The full set of reporting data for 2013 will be available for FAA and NPS review in early 2014. Based on a review of the 2013 data, FAA and NPS will publish an updated list of exempt parks based on the actual operations conducted in the most recent calendar year.

III. List of Exempt Parks for Future Years

The FAA and NPS will publish a list of exempt parks annually. The list could change from year to year since parks may be added to or removed from the exempt list based on the previous year’s number of annual operations. In order to continue to be exempt, a park must have 50 or fewer annual commercial air tour operations in any given calendar year. The list could also change if NPS withdraws an exempted park. NPS is authorized to withdraw a park from the exempt list if NPS determines that an air tour management plan or a voluntary agreement is necessary to protect park resources and values or park visitor use and enjoyment. Pursuant to the 2012 Act, the NPS shall inform the FAA in writing of each determination to withdraw an exemption. At parks that lose exempt status, operators will return to IOA requirements until an air tour management plan or a voluntary agreement has been established.