



Reporting Information for Commercial Air Tour Operations over National Park Units

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Background

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 contained a new amendment provision to the National Parks Air Tour Management Act (NPATMA) of 2000. The amendment provision required commercial air tour operators conducting air tours over national park units to begin reporting their activity to the FAA and the National Park Service (NPS) starting in calendar year 2013.

This 2014 annual report provides a high level overview of some of the reporting data that the agencies received from the calendar year 2014 reports submitted by commercial air tour operators. Since some of the reporting information may be business sensitive, no operator-specific data is disclosed.

With the submission of the 2014 reports, the agencies now have recent data about the extent of commercial air tour operations over national park units, including temporal information (date and time of day), aircraft type, and number of operations. This information will assist the agencies in implementing other requirements of NPATMA, including prioritizing efforts to develop voluntary agreements at national park units where appropriate.

This 2014 annual report is an abridged version of the 2013 report in that it includes the air tour data, but does not include information on the legislative history, regulatory requirements, development of reporting requirements, or implementation of reporting requirements. For this background, as well as the 2013 data, refer to the 2013 annual report available at:

http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/arc/programs/air_tour_management_plan/documents/FAA-NPS-2013-Report.pdf

Table 1. Reported Commercial Air Tours in 2014^a (Highest to Lowest Number of Operations)

National Park Service Unit	Region ^b	State	Reported Commercial Air Tours ^c				
			Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Total ^d
National Parks of New York Harbor Management Unit (NPNH)	NER	NY,NJ	4,866	11,905	12,056	10,970	39,797
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (HAVO)	PWR	HI	3,342	3,415	3,026	3,617	13,400
Lake Mead National Recreation Area (LAKE)	PWR	AZ,NV	3,045	2,753	3,768	2,594	12,160
Haleakala National Park (HALE)	PWR	HI	1,187	1,289	1,341	1,115	4,932
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (GLCA)	IMR	AZ,UT	189	2,134	1,682	856	4,861
Mount Rushmore National Memorial (MORU)	MWR	SD	4	945	2,617	82	3,648
Rainbow Bridge National Monument (RABR)	IMR	UT	112	752	1,118	417	2,399
Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GOGA)	PWR	CA	338	575	709	381	2,003
Badlands National Park (BADL)	MWR	SD	-	424	893	-	1,317
Glacier National Park (GLAC)	IMR	MT	-	104	637	7	748
Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GRSM)	SER	TN,NC	109	206	309	4	628
Muir Woods National Monument (MUWO)	PWR	CA	100	214	172	109	595
Canyonlands National Park (CANY)	IMR	UT	25	177	205	69	476
Bryce Canyon National Park (BRCA)	IMR	UT	10	132	227	71	440
Cape Hatteras National Seashore (CAHA)	SER	NC	-	90	143	-	233
Bandelier National Monument (BAND)	IMR	NM	22	44	32	27	125
Everglades National Park (EVER)	SER	FL	66	26	-	-	92
Big Cypress National Preserve (BICY)	SER	FL	63	23	-	-	86
Natural Bridges National Monument (NABR)	IMR	UT	4	36	32	12	84
Arches National Park (ARCH)	IMR	UT	4	18	45	16	83
Chaco Culture National Historical Park (CHCU)	IMR	NM	11	22	20	19	72
Canyon De Chelly National Monument (CACH)	IMR	AZ	11	19	16	17	63
Aztec Ruins National Monument (AZRU)	IMR	NM	8	21	14	13	56
Point Reyes National Seashore (PORE)	PWR	CA	11	18	12	13	54
Big Bend National Park (BIBE)	IMR	TX	-	-	-	-	46
Mesa Verde National Park (MEVE)	IMR	CO	5	16	13	10	44
Navajo National Monument (NAVA)	IMR	AZ	4	13	9	10	36
Olympic National Park (OLYM)	PWR	WA	3	4	17	4	28
Hovenweep National Monument (HOVE)	IMR	UT	3	11	8	5	27
Petrified Forest National Park (PEFO)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	20
Pecos National Historical Park (PECO)	IMR	NM	-	-	-	-	17
Acadia National Park (ACAD)	NER	ME	2	-	13	-	15
Capitol Reef National Park (CARE)	IMR	UT	1	5	6	3	15
Fort Union National Monument (FOUN)	IMR	NM	-	-	-	-	14
Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site (HUTR)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	14
Wupatki National Monument (WUPA)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	14
El Malpais National Monument (ELMA)	IMR	NM	-	-	-	-	12
El Morro National Monument (ELMO)	IMR	NM	-	-	-	-	12
Petroglyph National Monument (PETR)	IMR	NM	-	-	-	-	12
Zion National Park (ZION)	IMR	UT	-	3	3	3	9
Colorado National Monument (COLM)	IMR	CO	1	2	3	2	8
Capulin Volcano National Monument (CAVO)	IMR	NM	-	-	-	-	8
Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument (SUCR)	IMR	AZ	-	2	2	2	6
Yosemite National Park (YOSE)	PWR	CA	2	2	-	1	5
Black Canyon Of The Gunnison National Park (BLCA)	IMR	CO	-	1	-	-	5
Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument (GICL)	IMR	NM	-	-	-	1	2
Yellowstone National Park (YELL)	IMR	ID,MT,WY	-	-	1	-	1
Dinosaur National Monument (DINO)	IMR	CO,UT	-	1	-	-	1
Carlsbad Caverns National Park (CAVE)	IMR	NM	-	-	-	-	1
Casa Grande Ruins National Monument (CAGR)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	1
Biscayne National Park (BISC)	SER	FL	-	-	-	-	-
Cedar Breaks National Monument (CEBR)	IMR	UT	-	-	-	-	-
Colonial National Historical Park (COLO)	NER	VA	-	-	-	-	-
Coronado National Memorial (CORO)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	-
Death Valley National Park (DEVA)	PWR	CA	-	-	-	-	-
Devils Tower National Monument (DETO)	IMR	WY	-	-	-	-	-
Dry Tortugas National Park (DRTO)	SER	FL	-	-	-	-	-
Fort Bowie National Historic Site (FOBO)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	-
Fort Davis National Historic Site (FODA)	IMR	TX	-	-	-	-	-
Golden Spike National Historic Site (GOSP)	IMR	UT	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Teton National Park (GRTE)	IMR	WY	-	-	-	-	-
Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve (GRSA)	IMR	CO	-	-	-	-	-
Guadalupe Mountains National Park (GUMO)	IMR	TX	-	-	-	-	-
Hohokam Pima National Monument (PIMA)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	-
Lake Chelan National Recreation Area (LACH)	PWR	WA	-	-	-	-	-
Lassen Volcanic National Park (LAVO)	PWR	CA	-	-	-	-	-

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Montezuma Castle National Monument (MOCA)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	-
Mount Rainier National Park (MORA)	PWR	WA	-	-	-	-	-
North Cascades National Park (NOCA)	PWR	WA	-	-	-	-	-
Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument (ORPI)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	-
Pipe Spring National Monument (PISP)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	-
Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River (RIGR)	IMR	TX	-	-	-	-	-
Saguaro National Park (SAGU)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	-
Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument (SAPU)	IMR	NM	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (SAFR)	PWR	CA	-	-	-	-	e
San Juan Island National Historical Park (SAJH)	PWR	WA	-	-	-	-	-
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (SEKI)	PWR	CA	-	-	-	-	-
Timpanogos Cave National Monument (TICA)	IMR	UT	-	-	-	-	-
Tumacacori National Historical Park (TUMA)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	-
Tuzigoot National Monument (TUZI)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	-
Voyageurs National Park (VOYA)	MWR	MN	-	-	-	-	-
Walnut Canyon National Monument (WACA)	IMR	AZ	-	-	-	-	-
Yucca House National Monument (YUHO)	IMR	CO	-	-	-	-	-
Total^d			13,548	25,402	29,149	20,450	88,725

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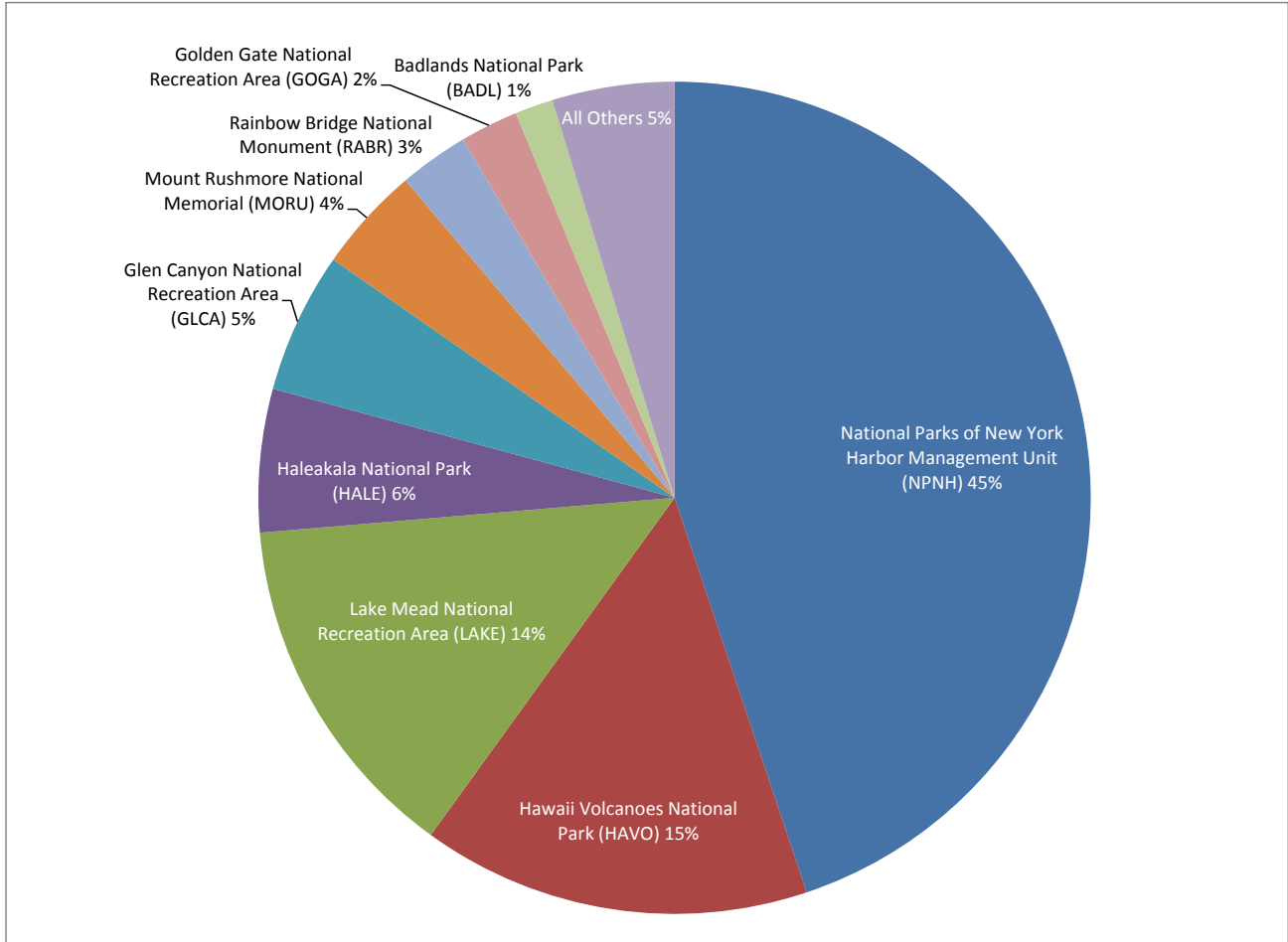
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Table/Figure 3. Reported Commercial Air Tours in 2014 (High-Activity Parks)

National Park Service Unit	Tours	Percent of Total	No. of Operators ^a
National Parks of New York Harbor Management Unit (NPNH)	39,797	45%	3
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (HAVO)	13,400	15%	5
Lake Mead National Recreation Area (LAKE)	12,160	14%	5
Haleakala National Park (HALE)	4,932	6%	3
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (GLCA)	4,861	5%	6
Mount Rushmore National Memorial (MORU)	3,648	4%	2
Rainbow Bridge National Monument (RABR)	2,399	3%	4
Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GOGA)	2,003	2%	2
Badlands National Park (BADL)	1,317	1%	1
All Others	4,208	5%	
Total	88,725		

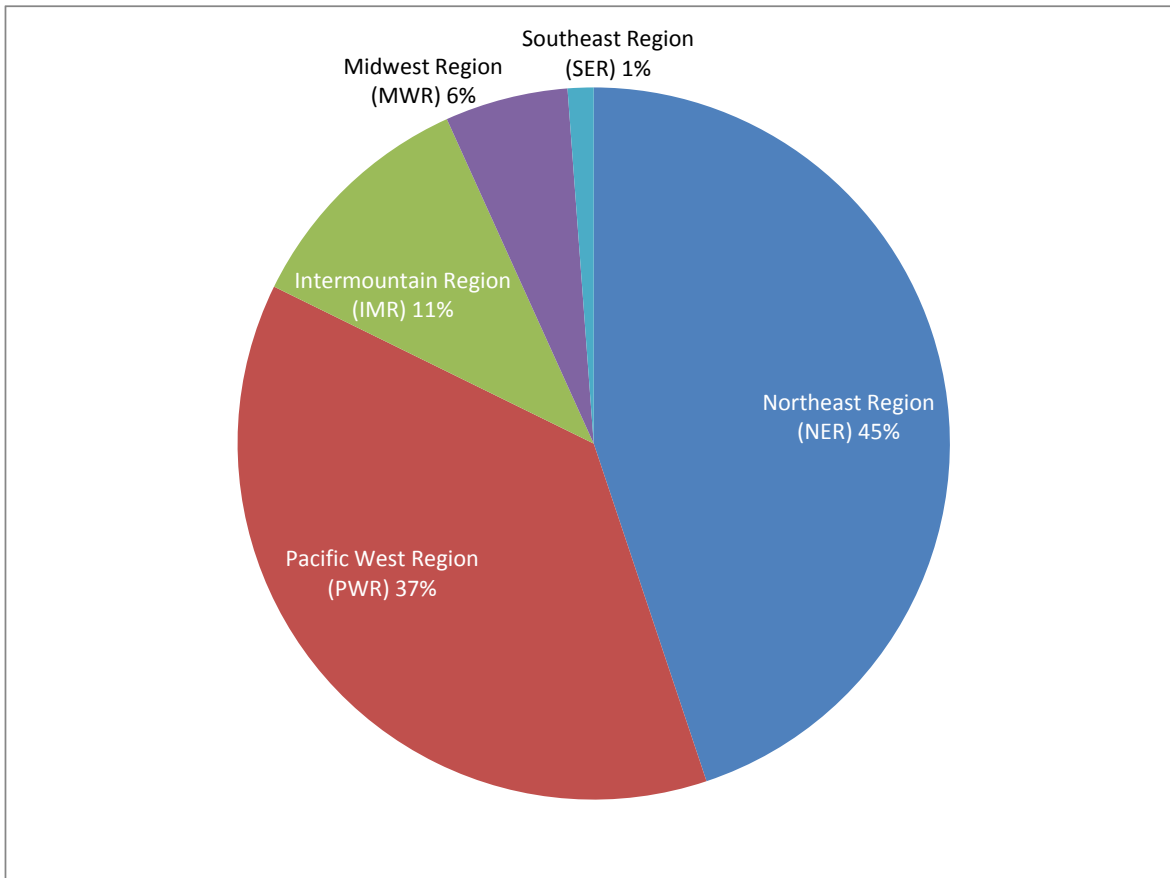
a. Who have reported at least one tour.



Table/Figure 4. Reported Commercial Air Tours in 2014 (by Region)

Region	Tours	Percent of Total	No. of Parks ^a
Northeast Region (NER)	39,812	45%	2
Pacific West Region (PWR)	33,177	37%	8
Intermountain Region (IMR)	9,732	11%	34
Midwest Region (MWR)	4,965	6%	2
Southeast Region (SER)	1,039	1%	4
Total	88,725		50

a. Where at least one tour has been reported



Table/Figure 5. Reported Commercial Air Tours in 2013 and 2014 (by Quarter)

Year	Tours by Quarter			
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
2013	14,755	22,748	24,200	18,718
2014	13,548	25,402	29,149	20,450

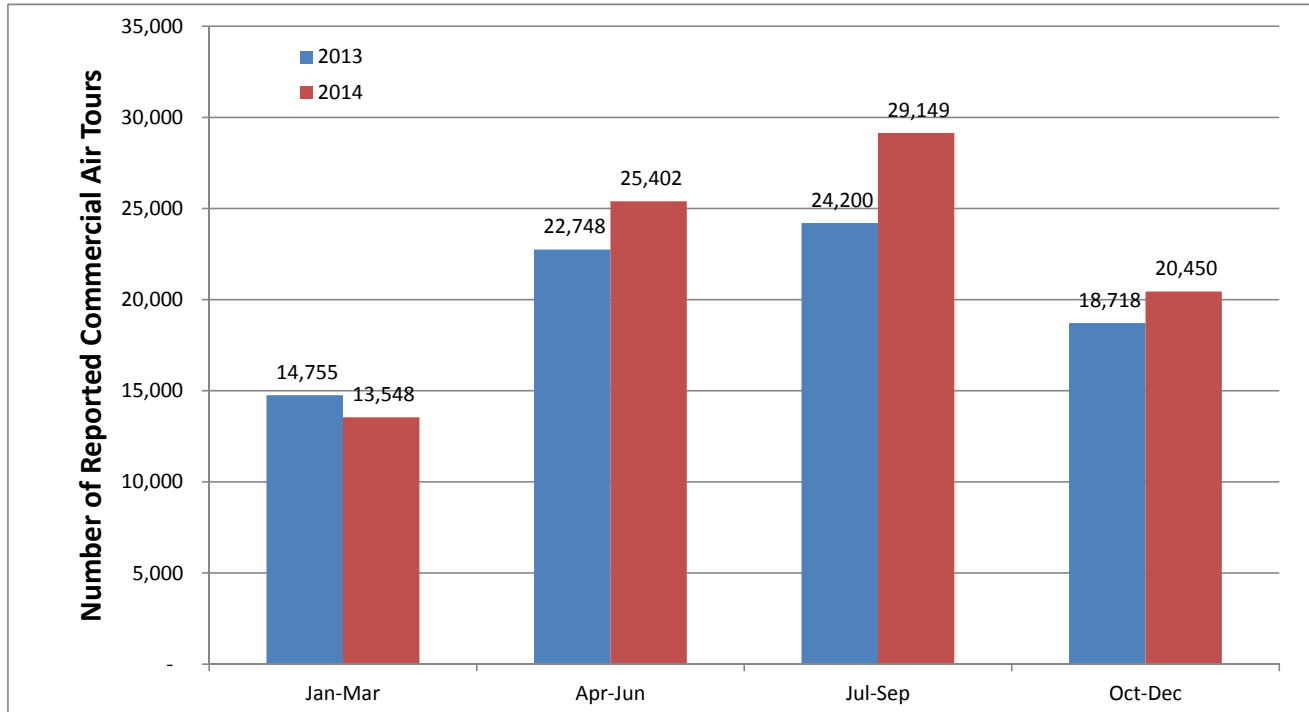


Table 6. Operators Conducting Tours in 2014

This table shows how many parks have the corresponding number of operators. For example, 70% of parks, where at least one flight has been reported, have only 1 active operator, 14% of the parks have 2 active operators, 4% have 3 operators, etc.

No. Oprs.	No. Parks	% of Parks
1	35	70%
2	7	14%
3	2	4%
4	3	6%
5	2	4%
6	1	2%