

## **1999 Voluntary Compliance Guidelines: Flightseeing Issues**

1. Operators agree that tour flight departures will not be scheduled prior to 8:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m. Regularly-scheduled tour flights will be completed by 9:00 p.m. (Non-tour operations will occur outside these hours.)
2. All companies conducting air tours will operate in a manner that minimizes impacts to back-country users and wildlife.
3. All helicopter flightseeing operators will abide by the principals of the Helicopter Association International (HAI) Fly Neighborly Program and instruct pilots in its local application. In addition to the air tour routes, minimum altitudes of 1,500 feet will be utilized over all residential areas (except during landing and take-off, or when lower altitudes are required by the Juneau Control tower, weather conditions, or to insure safety of flight).

## **Proposed Voluntary Compliance Measures for the 2000 Tourism Season**

1. Pilots will raise their altitude in the Gastineau Channel (float planes returning from Taku Glacier and helicopters crossing the channel) and fly 500' higher.
2. Operators will increase efforts with route management to minimize impacts by using less disturbing routes whenever possible (weather and operational constraints permitting).
3. The departure from the airport to the west will be routed directly over the beacon to the north of the cut in order to avoid having aircraft drifting too far to the north (unless otherwise directed by the Air Traffic Control Tower).
4. Operators have identified voluntary "low use zones" and will avoid the following areas in the proximity of the tour routes:
  - a. Perseverance /Granite Creek Basin Area
  - b. Peterson Trail/Lake Area
  - c. John Muir cabin
  - d. Eagle River/Eagle Glacier Cabin Area.
5. Operators will increase emphasis on training pilots to make sure they are using routes as designed to minimize impacts.
6. Operators will increase coordination efforts among themselves to encourage adherence to the guidelines and improve the effectiveness of the Voluntary Compliance Program.