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Please forward these comments to the Visitor Industry Task Force.

I have lived in Juneau for 35 years and now live in West Juneau. I offer the following comments regarding Cruise Ship Tourism impacts to me personally and the Juneau community in general. I live in Juneau because I value the natural environment, which includes peace and quiet. **My biggest concern is noise from aircraft serving cruise ship tourists.**

I live directly across the channel from the cruise ship docks. During the cruise ship season, which is now half of the year, I am irritated and disturbed at home by the ongoing loud noise of floatplanes during much of the day. Floatplane noise was identified as a major issue to the community years ago, and meaningful measures were implemented at that time, including planes incorporating quieter engines. However, since then, the number of visitors has increased substantially and as a result there is more floatplane traffic compared to 10 or 15 years ago. Now, the noise is as bad as ever! This needs to be addressed.

I am also affected by the excessive helicopter noise, particularly near the Mendenhall Glacier. I can no longer enjoy hiking the West Glacier Trail and Montana Creek Trail for example because of the constant din of helicopters. Again, this issue was addressed to some extent in the past but has re-emerged due to the increased Cruise Ship visitation.

Please consider the problem of excessive floatplane and helicopter noise, and displacement of residents from recreating in areas affected by all the noise.

Thanks,

Carl Schrader

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