Sedona Sky is Getting Quiet

Yavapai County and the City of Sedona, along with the Sedona Airport Authority and the two helicopter companies offering tours in Sedona have agreed to a “No-Fly” zone encompassing the entire City of Sedona. Under the agreement, several major resorts and neighborhoods outside the city limits are also included where tour helicopters will no longer fly.

Mike Yarbrough, Chair of Keep Sedona Beautiful Noise Abatement Committee, said, “This agreement represents a concerted and cooperative effort by many people and organizations to improve the experiences of residents and visitors to this area to helicopter tours.” Mike went on to explain, “The impressive aspect of reaching this agreement was the input and involvement of a multitude of interested parties. This included Yavapai County, the City of Sedona, the Sedona Chamber of Commerce, Representative Tom O’Halleran’s office, the Sedona Airport Board, Keep Sedona Beautiful and, of course, the helicopter tour operators. Each of these participants were instrumental in making it clear that a joint agreement to modify the helicopter tours in the area to alleviate noise in residential areas was being a good neighbor and good business.”

As Sedona works to safely reopen following the coronavirus shutdown, civic leaders continue to achieve Sedona’s sustainability goals. “As we recover, Sedona becomes better than ever,” Sedona Mayor, Sandy Moriarty said. “This agreement makes us even more desirable as a home for our residents and a destination for travelers.”

A map of the ‘no-fly’ zones was also released today. visitsedona.com/fly-friendly/

Other key points in the agreement:

- Regular tour flights will occur only between 8 a.m. and dusk
- Flight paths and altitudes will be electronically documented and archived
- A protocol for noise complaints will be publicized, go to www.SedonaAirNoise.com
- Operators will not hover over or near sensitive archeological sites or at any time during tour operations
• Operators will be sensitive to the impact of noise on heritage site such as ruins and areas sacred to indigenous peoples and to neighborhoods.

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