

South Dakota FAASTeam presents:

2023 Black Hills Aerial Safety Council Meeting

Now is your opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to help maintain safe air-tour operations over the Black Hills and surrounding National Parks. The 23 members of the Black Hills Aerial Safety Council (BHASC) have voluntarily agreed to participate in the annual meeting.

Please register online to participate at the meeting.

Aviation Safety is the number one priority for all of us, and your participation at this meeting is greatly appreciated (see attachment for detailed agenda).

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS) has been taking pro-active steps with raising greater awareness with the air-tour operators and to address all safety concerns. The BHASC was established in 1998, and since that time the members have been instrumental in creating a positive safety culture. Our main objective is foster, cultivate, and provide open communication to discuss a variety of topics which help mitigate and prevent adverse impacts on natural/cultural resources, visitor experiences, and tribal lands.

Topics to be discussed are: Summer Season Concerns & Issues Flight Routes and

Event Details

Wed, May 24, 2023 - 09:00 MDT
Mount Rushmore Administration

Building / Conference Room

13000 Highway 244

Building 31

Keystone, SD 57751



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* NOTE: There are five National Parks that are members of the Black Hills Aerial Safety Council. Your participation at this meeting demonstrates a mutually shared interest with preserving our environment while collectively finding solutions to minimize complaints and providing safe commercial air-tour operations.

Having a Positive Safety Culture involves everyone to be part of the solution(s).

"Prior to attending this event or any safety seminar, please review and abide by the current CDC, State, and Local Health Guidelines."

Directions: This 2023 Black Hills Aerial Safety Council Meeting will take place at the Mount Rushmore Administration Building in the Downstairs Conference Room. When driving to Mount Rushmore from Keystone on SD Highway 244, continue around the parking area and go straight through the traffic light, continue around the corner and you will find the drive on the right-side taking you up to the Administration Building. At the security gate, press the button and let the agent know you are there for this meeting.

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