

# Air Force Proposes to Create Low Elevation Supersonic Airspace & Dramatically Increase Combat Training Across SE Arizona/SW New Mexico

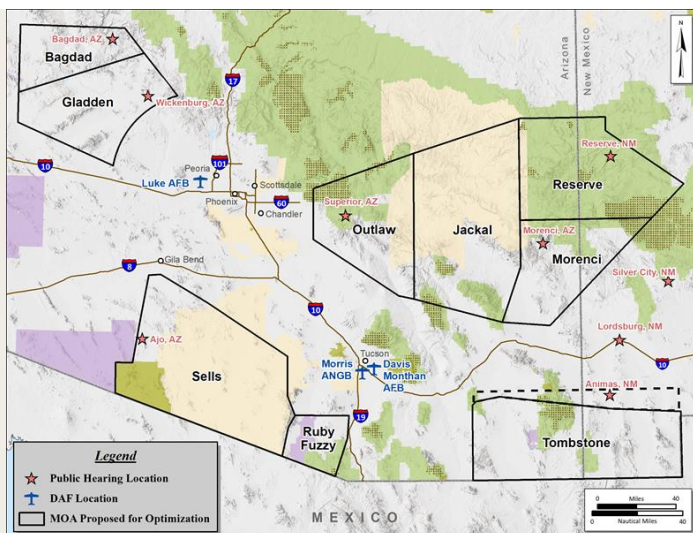
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The U.S. Air Force is proposing to modify ten existing Military Operations Areas (MOAs) across southern Arizona and New Mexico as part of their Special Use Optimization Strategy to expand low elevation combat training.

The plan will authorize thousands of additional low-elevation fighter jet maneuvers and low elevation supersonic flights that cause sonic booms and impact dozens of rural communities, significant portions of the Coronado National Forest, multiple national wildlife refuges, the entire Chiricahua Wilderness Area, and portions of the Chiricahua National Monument. The proposal would turn an enormous swath of public, tribal and private lands in SE Arizona and SW New Mexico into a low elevation military training ground without regard for the economic, social, and cultural impacts on rural communities.



The Tombstone MOA would see:

- A dramatic 132% increase in flights to 8,000 per year
- Training flights as low as 100 feet AGL
- Sonic booms from as low as 5,000 feet
- Up to 30,000 flares released as low as 2,000 feet
- Up to 7,000 chaff bundles released as low as 2,000 feet
- Expansion to include Portal

**Tell the Air Force that expanding military combat training over rural communities and tribal and public lands is not acceptable.**

**The Air Force should restrict its lower elevation and supersonic flights, and other combat training, such as dropping chaff and flares, to the Barry M. Goldwater Range where it's already happening.**

**The Air Force must not shift the burden of risk to rural and tribal communities in southern AZ and NM.**

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