

Air Force Hearing
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First, I am proud to have served in the USAF for five and a half active years.
Being 85 years old I presume that I am still a Captain in the reserves.

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I moved out to the Rodeo/Animas desert region to avoid the air, sound, and congestion pollution of cities – probably like many residents here. It is healthy, peaceful and quiet here and hopefully it will remain this way.

As I understand aviation fuel was exempt from the legislation to prohibit lead from gasoline. Low flying aircraft will increase air pollution.

Low flying aircraft will increase the noise pollution enough to endanger the hearing capacity of citizens.

Low flying aircraft will cause the value of real estate to plummet causing tax revenue to drop to a dangerous level, especially in Hildago County.

Low flying aircraft will disturb the rancher's cattle, possibly causing stampedes.

Low flying aircraft will reduce the income of the area by reducing tourism.

Low flying aircraft may have an environmental effect on wildlife so an environmental impact statement should be made.

Vibrations caused by aircraft may reduce our food supply by damaging greenhouses.

Effect of children: When I was 4-5 years old WW II planes would fly low over the house and caused me to have nightmares for years and caused me to cry while writing this.

So I would like for the Air Force to adopt my alternative:

Fly along the US-Mexican border where a no person zone is to help prevent five challenges:

- 1) It would intimidate illegals from crossing the border and through the use of cameras in the aircraft insurgents could be relayed to the Border Patrol
- 2) Citizens can remain in a healthy and quiet environment
- 3) The area and counties will remain with healthy revenues
- 4) The Air Force can have a place for training that will not infringe upon the rights of others
- 5) Keep our children from having trauma experiences.

Thank you for considering this alternative to flying over our populated areas.