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To Whom it May Concern at FAA:

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I am strongly opposed to the Portal, Rodeo, and the entire Cave Creek Canyon/Chiricahua Mountain being included in an Air Force MOA. On paper our area may look isolated, but in fact it is a booming tourist area.

- Tourist services are our main industry and loud low-flying jets and sonic booms will jeopardize our livelihood.

- Our community is isolated and virtually every serious medical emergency, including numerous rattlesnake bites, must be flown to Tucson, as we are about 3 hours by car or ambulance. Having random jets flying in the airspace we need to keep the helicopters safe is highly dangerous.

- This area is also world famous for its unique birds, reptiles, amphibians and plants, with an important research station in the forest; the loud sonic booms you propose to allow well below your own recommended levels for safety cannot fail to disturb this research and its animals.

- Drought and the risk of fire is a constant huge concern in this area which has sustained many large wildfires in the past. Your plan to drop chaff and flares from as low as 2000' feet and the chance that a fire could be ignited is reckless on your part.

- You propose flying jets down to 100 feet above ground, with supersonic flight at 5,000 feet, would always create dangerous noise levels to the people who live and visit here. And the F35 aircraft is, according to your own statistics, 5 to 10Xs louder than the F16. This would definitely be a safety hazard in our canyon.; steep canyon walls would amplify the sound greatly, and your own regulations show:

§ 91.119 Minimum safe altitudes:

Over other than congested areas. An altitude of 500 feet above the surface, except over open water or sparsely populated areas. In those cases, the aircraft may not be operated closer than 500 feet to any person, vessel, vehicle, or structure.

- 500' is very different from 100'

In conclusion, our area is not suitable for the training of any jet fighters, and especially not the F35 fighters.

Thank you,

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