

"Airspace Study 24-AWP-91-NR, Arizona RSOP proposal"

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I strongly oppose the Air Force Proposal for Increased Training in the Tombstone MOA.

These changes will dramatically and dangerously impact our communities.

Increased fire risk from unextinguished flares, the human and environmental health dangers of chaff (https://cswab.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Chaff-Human-and-Environmental-Health-Issues-Paper-Arfsten-et-al-2001-1.pdf, severe noise nuisance from low-flying aircraft and sonic booms, decreased property value, impacts on quality of life, economic impacts on tourism — as well as cumulative impacts on public health and wildlife, not to mention our own peace being continuously disrupted.

I live in the Cochise Stronghold canyon which, surrounded by mountains of rock, is one huge echo chamber. The sound of aircraft sounds and reverberates here like you can't imagine.

The AF Proposal will inevitably have a disruptive impact upon the residents living here in the canyon,

the Meditation Retreat Center (Dharma Treasure), the Airbnb accommodations, the Forest Service campgrounds, hiking and horse trails.

Cochise Stronghold is considered a world class rock climbing destination.

Is the Air Force going to be liable for rock climbers scaling Rockfellow Dome (or other rock formations) in Cochise Stronghold who fall and are injured, or fall to their deaths, as the result of the proposed increased Air Force activity in the canyon?

Is the Air Force going to be liable if a horse gets spooked and throws off its rider in the Cochise Stronghold, causing injuries or death as the result of the proposed increased Air Force activity in the canyon?

Is the Air Force going to be liable for elderly residents, like myself, who could easily suffer a heart attack from hearing

and feeling the shock of a supersonic F-16 aircraft roaring over the canyon.

Believe me, I've heard and felt such potential impacts.

Is the Air Force going to be liable for damage done by wildfires from unextinguished flares, by the human and environment health dangers of chaff, by decreased property values, by economic impacts on tourism, by cumulative impacts on public health and wildlife?

If the Air Force must have increased training, I propose that training take place in potentially more remote, less sensitive, less vulnerable areas than the Tombstone MOA, areas that that don't risk all the detrimental and dangerous

impacts that such training would necessarily have upon the areas of the Tombstone MOA?

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