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Federal Aviation Administration
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(sent by email to 9-natl-csa-public-notice-airspace@faa.gov)

Dear Mr. Acevedo:

We are writing to get an update on the FAA's Case no. 24-AWP-91NR, the proposal to amend Special Use Airspace military operations areas Tombstone A, Tombstone B, Tombstone C, Outlaw, Jackal, Morenci, Reserve, Baghdad 1, Gladden 1, Sells 1, Ruby 1, Fuzzy; establish military operations areas Tombstone D, Tombstone E; and remove military operations areas Jackal Low in Arizona/New Mexico.

In particular, we would like to know:

- What is the status of this case?
- Has the FAA made a recommendation or comments to the Department of Air Force? Can you share those comments?
- Have the comments submitted by members of the public on this case been shared publicly?
- Have you evaluated or ruled on our request for Avoidance Zones?
- What are the next steps?

In addition, we would like to report some recent instances of flights that are dangerous, a nuisance, and may be in violation of FAA regulations. Attached is a list of several recent incidents. (These are all new reports since the ones we sent with our comments to you on September 12, 2025.)

Of particular concern was a C-130 that flew very low over houses and over a portion of Portal that is outside the Tombstone MOA on January 20, 2026 at approximately 15:00. Video of this flight is available at www.peacefulchiricahuaskies.com/c130-on-jan-20-2026

In addition, we have recently been told by Davis-Monthan Air Force Base that while “[t]he 355th Wing (Davis-Monthan) owns the Tombstone MOA...it is controlled by the FAA, and it is in joint-use with other military installations who train in the region.” As such, they have asked that we send complaints of dangerous or nuisance flights to other agencies, including Fort Huachuca and the FAA (c/o 9-awa-noiseombudsman@faa.gov) and ask that they address them.

We will do this to the extent we can; however, **it is not clear who actually manages the airspace of the Tombstone MOA.** Is it the FAA?

We have sent previous reports to the FAA, but have not received any response. Are we sending them to the right place? What is the process for handling these?

This is particularly a problem now that we are seeing a large number of flights including Chinooks and reportedly C-130s that are coming through places other than Davis-Monthan such as Fort Huachuca as a part of new border militarization efforts. This is likely to worsen with impending deployments of drones by not only the military but also Cochise County law enforcement.

We appreciate any assistance you can lend in what is an increasingly dangerous situation.

Sincerely,

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