

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR PLAYAS SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE IN NEW MEXICO PROPONENT IS DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA

A Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared to analyze the potential impacts associated with the establishment of airspace in the form of a permanent military operations area (MOA), which is a type of special use airspace (SUA), and air traffic control-assigned area (ATCAA) centered over the Playas Training and Research Center (PTRC) in Grant and Hidalgo Counties, New Mexico.

The EA, prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality regulations, and Air Force instructions implementing NEPA; evaluates potential impacts of the alternative actions on the environment including the No-Action Alternative. Based on this analysis, the Air Force has prepared a FONSI.

The Final EA and FONSI, dated September 2021, are available for review at the following locations: Lordsburg-Hildago Library, 208 East Third St., Lordsburg, NM 88045; Silver City Public Library, 515 W College Ave., Silver City, NM 88061; and Marshal Memorial Library, 110 S. Diamond St., Deming, NM 88030.

Electronic copies of the documents can also be found on the Davis-Monthan AFB website at www.dm.af.mil. Please direct further questions to Mr. Kevin Wakefield, EIAP Program Manager, 3775 South Fifth Street, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 85707-3012, or by email or phone at kevin.wakefield.1@us.af.mil or (520) 228-4035.

The United States Air Force is aware of the potential impact of the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on the usual methods of access to information and ability to communicate, such as the mass closure of local public libraries and challenges with the sufficiency of an increasingly-overburdened internet. The Air Force seeks to implement appropriate additional measures to ensure that the public and all interested stakeholders have the opportunity to participate fully in this EA process. Accordingly, please do not hesitate to contact us directly at the email address or telephone number provided above.

PRIVACY ADVISORY NOTICE

This Final EA and proposed FONSI are provided in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the President's Council on Environmental Quality NEPA Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] §1500-1508), and 32 CFR §989, and the Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP). The EIAP provides an opportunity for public input on Air Force decision-making, allows the public to offer inputs on alternative ways for the Air Force to accomplish what it is proposing, and solicits comments on the Air Force's analysis of environmental effects.