

## **Alternative Selection Process**

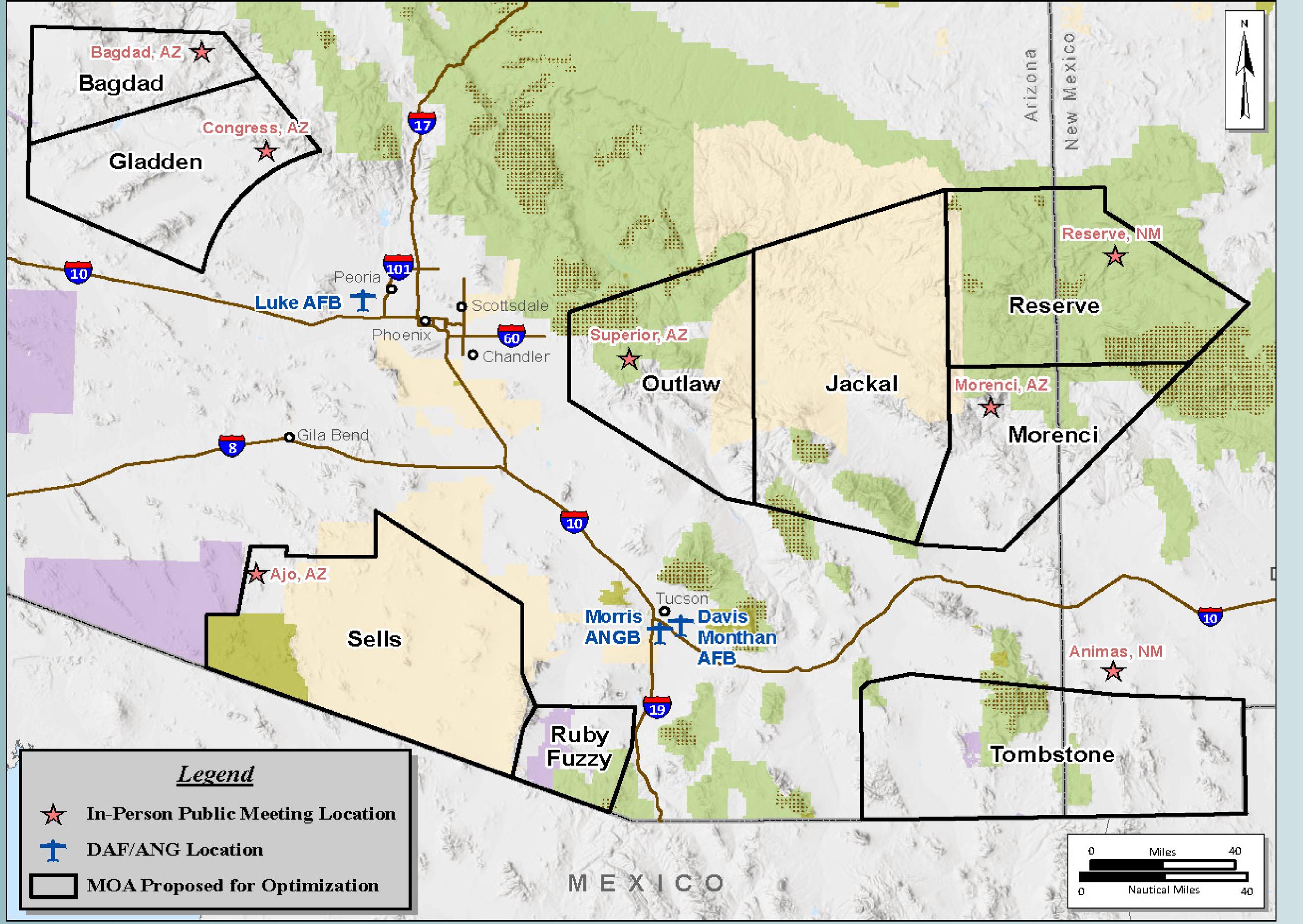
The Proposed Action and any alternatives must meet the following objectives:

- •Only optimize airspace managed by the Air Force. The Air Force cannot modify another service's airspace or rely on its availability to accomplish daily requirements.
- Optimize airspace within a reasonable distance from the bases.
- Improve the existing MOAs to support low-altitude training and supersonic operations at lower altitudes.
- Increase variety of terrain in existing MOAs overflown during low-altitude training to improve training realism.
- •Adjust the published times of use of existing MOAs to better align with how they are used.
- Reduce use of restricted areas for non-hazardous training to improve availability of the high-demand airspace and live-fire ranges at Barry M. Goldwater Range for hazardous training.

### Your Input is Needed!

Scoping is the process of requesting input from the public and other stakeholders on the alternatives to include in the Draft EIS. Reasonable alternatives must meet the objectives defined above.

# WHAT ARE THE PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES? **Alternative 1: No Action** modified and training requirements would remain unmet. **Alternative 2** Bagdad Gladden include:



MOAs.

Under Alternative 3, the horizontal expansion of Tombstone MOA would not occur, but the floor of Tombstone MOA would still be lowered. The floor of Jackal MOA would also be lowered. The other proposed changes would be the same as Alternative 2.

Under Alternative 4, supersonic operations would be authorized down to 10,000 feet AGL in Tombstone, Outlaw, Jackal, Morenci, and Reserve MOAs instead of 5,000 feet AGL. While this option would not fully optimize the airspace for supersonic operations, lowering the authorized altitude would improve the current capabilities. The other proposed changes would be the same as Alternative 2.

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Under the No Action Alternative, none of the existing MOAs would be

Alternative 2 would fully optimize the existing MOAs. Proposed changes

- Updating published time of use to how they are currently used. • Expanding size of Tombstone MOA.
- Lowering the floor of Tombstone, Outlaw, Jackal, Bagdad, and Gladden
- Authorize the use of chaff in the Tombstone MOA.
- Lowering the altitude for releasing flares in Tombstone, Outlaw, Jackal, Bagdad, and Gladden MOAs.
- Authorizing supersonic operations down to 5,000 feet AGL in
- Tombstone, Outlaw, Jackal, Morenci, and Reserve MOAs.

### **Alternative 3**

### **Alternative 4**