Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Special Use Airspace

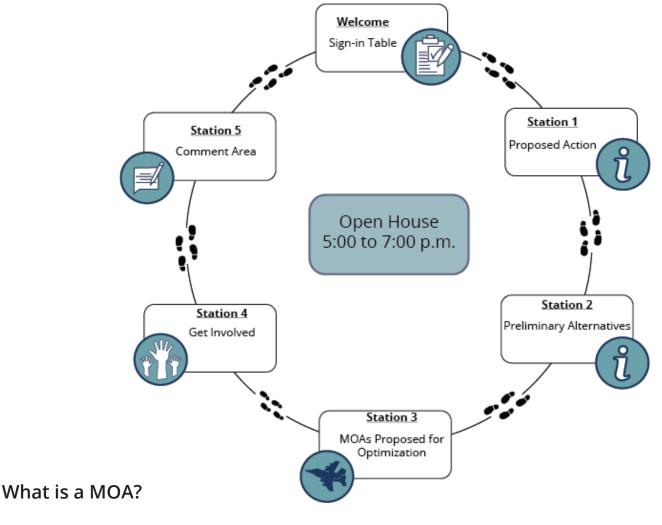






The U.S. Air Force intends to prepare an EIS for their proposal to modify existing Military Operations Areas (commonly referred to as MOAs). The MOAs are located throughout southern Arizona and a small portion of western New Mexico and support training for aircrews stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Luke Air Force Base, and Morris Air National Guard Base in Arizona.

The Air Force is holding open-house public meetings to provide information, answer questions, and seek public comments on the proposal and preliminary alternatives to include in the Draft EIS. You are invited and encouraged to speak with any of the Air Force representatives here about the proposal; please visit the poster stations for additional information.



A MOA is a type of Special Use Airspace designated by the Federal Aviation Administration to confine non-hazardous military aircraft training activities. MOAs are used for more active military flying than just transiting an area, such as air combat maneuvers, air intercepts, and low-altitude tactics.



The Environmental Impact Analysis Process

The Air Force initiated scoping by publishing a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The **Public Scoping Period** is the first of two opportunities for public involvement in the EIS process. At this stage, the Air Force is seeking comments on the preliminary alternatives, possible measures to minimize and/or avoid adverse environmental impacts, and any other information relevant to the Proposed Action. Your input will be considered in the development of the alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS and the scope of analysis of the Draft EIS.



After the Public Scoping Period concludes, the Air Force will consider public comments received and will prepare the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS will be made available on the project website and in local libraries. The Draft EIS **Public Review and Comment Period** is the second opportunity for public involvement. Formal Public Hearings will be held to solicit comments on the analyses presented in the Draft EIS. After the Draft EIS public comment period, the Final EIS will be prepared and made available on the project website and in local libraries, initiating the 30-day waiting period. After the waiting period, the Record of Decision will be made available on the project website.

How to Provide Comments

You may submit comments in any of the following ways:

- 1. Fill in a comment sheet at the public meeting.
- 2. Submit an electronic comment via the website: **www.ArizonaRegionalAirspaceElS.com**
- 3. Mail written comments to:
 Arizona Airspace EIS, c/o Cardno
 501 Butler Farm Rd. Suite H Hampton VA 23666

Comments must be submitted or postmarked by March 4, 2022.

Please visit the project website for more information:

www.ArizonaRegionalAirspaceEIS.com