

Proposed Action

The U.S. Air Force is proposing to modify existing Military Operations Areas (MOAs) to address existing and future training deficiencies for aircrews stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Luke Air Force Base, and Morris Air National Guard Base.

The Proposed Action includes:

- Adjusting the MOA times of use
- Adjusting the altitudes within existing MOAs to support low-altitude training
- Authorizing supersonic training at lower altitudes in some existing MOAs
- Authorizing use of chaff and lowering the minimum release altitude for flares

The Proposed Action does NOT include:

- Creation of new MOAs
- Changes at any of the bases (personnel, infrastructure, aircraft inventory, or airfield operations)
- Changes to land use beneath the MOAs
- Weapons release in any of the MOAs

WHAT IS THE AIR FORCE PROPOSING?



Why is this Needed?

The MOAs in this region were charted decades ago and have limited capacity to support modern day aircraft and training requirements. Specifically, capacity for low-altitude and supersonic operations is needed to ensure pilots have the training they need for real-world environments.

Because of the limited capacity of the MOAs, certain aspects of training are either curtailed, delayed, or restructured to occur over several training events. This requires more time at a greater cost and results in reduced quality of training.

What is a Military Operations Area?

A MOA is a type of Special Use Airspace that is designated within the National Airspace System to confine non-hazardous military aircraft training activities.

What type of training can occur in a MOA?

MOAs can only be used for non-hazardous activities. Allowable training in a MOA consists of one or multiple aircraft performing various maneuvers to simulate missions required during realworld combat. Each MOA has certain attributes that determine the authorized activities, such as supersonic speed and the use of chaff and flares.



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