

CULTURAL RESOURCES SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AFB	Air Force Base
DAF	Department of the Air Force
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ROI	region of influence
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer

1.0 TRIBAL CONSULTATION

To support this Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the Department of the Air Force (DAF) consulted on a government-to-government basis with potentially affected tribes in the region of influence (ROI) for the 492nd Special Operations Wing Beddown. The ROI includes Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (AFB), the area surrounding the base and the airspace and ranges proposed for use. Table 1 contains a summarized list of DAF communication with tribes in the ROI for Davis-Monthan AFB. All tribes listed in Table 1 received a letter requesting government-to-government consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Follow-up correspondence was conducted for tribes that did not respond to initial consultation and coordination efforts. This additional outreach included additional telephone and email letter correspondence. Section 106 consultation is considered complete and Davis-Monthan AFB will continue to coordinate with interested tribes throughout the EIS process.

Table 1. Native American Tribes Consultation

Tribe	Summary Response	Section 106 Letter	Follow-Up Correspondence (email/phone calls)
Ak-Chin Indian Community	None to date	9/27/24	UPS package signed for on 9/30/24 by Thomas. Called 10/17/24, confirmed receipt. Called on 11/6/24 and spoke was told a formal response will be sent out. No additional correspondence received.
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Arizona	None to date	9/27/24	Called 10/10/24. Letter received. Called on 11/6/24, could not leave voice mail. No additional correspondence received.
Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	None to date	9/27/24	Called 10/17/24. Letter was emailed on 10/17/24. Called on 11/6/24, left voice mail. No additional correspondence received.
Gila River Indian Community	Concur with findings but defer to Tohono O'odham Nation	9/27/24	Called 10/17/24. Letter received. Received letter dated 10/21/24. Concur with findings.
Hopi Tribe of Arizona	None to date	9/27/24	Called 10/17/24. Left voice mail. Certified mail received on 10/2/24. Called on 11/6/24, left voice mail. No additional correspondence received.
Jicarilla Apache Nation	This EIS would not affect them and no concerns.	9/27/24	Certified mail received on 10/2/24. Called 10/17/24. Left voice mail. Called on 11/6/24, left voice mail. Barbara Long spoke with the THPO in November 2024. The THPO stated that this

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Tribe	Summary Response	Section 106 Letter	Follow-Up Correspondence (email/phone calls)
			EIS would not affect them and they have no concerns. No additional correspondence received.
Mescalero Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation	None to date	9/27/24	Called on 10/17/24. Letter received. Called on 11/6/24, left voice mail. No additional correspondence received.
Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona	Concur but concerned about low flight decks, supersonic flight and chaff and flare	9/27/24	Email dated 10/25/24. Concur but concerned about low flight decks, supersonic flight and chaff and flare. No additional correspondence received.
Pueblo of Zuni	None to date	9/27/24	Certified mail received on 10/4/24. Called 10/15/24. Left voice mail. Called on 11/5/24 and left voice mail. No additional correspondence received.
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona	None to date	9/27/24	UPS signed for on 9/30/24 by Soliz. Called 10/17/24. Left voice mail. Called on 11/5/24 and left voice mail. No additional correspondence received.
San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona	Concur with findings.	9/27/24	Called 10/17/24. Left voice mail. No additional correspondence received.
Tohono O'odham Nation	No comments or concerns	9/27/24	Letter was emailed on 10/15/24. Called 10/15/24. Called on 11/5/24 and spoke with THPO. No additional correspondence received.
Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona	None to date	9/27/24	UPS signed for on 9/27/24 by Richard. Called 10/17/24. Left voice mail. No additional correspondence received.
White Mountain Apache Tribe	No adverse effect	9/27/24	Letter dated 6/6/24 states no adverse effects. Letter dated 10/17/24 states no adverse effects. No additional correspondence received.
Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Indian Reservation, Arizona	None to date	9/27/24	UPS package signed for on 9/30/24 by Smith. No additional correspondence received.

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Tribe	Summary Response	Section 106 Letter	Follow-Up Correspondence (email/phone calls)
California Valley Miwok Tribe, California	No comments or concerns	9/27/24	Letter dated 10/7/24 states no comments. No additional correspondence received.
Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Indian Reservation, California	Defer to local tribes.	9/27/24	UPS signed for on 9/30/24 by Ashley Jones. Called 10/11/24. Will check mail and reply. Called on 11/5/24 and spoke with new CRM Daniel Tsosie who stated that this action is out of their territory and that they defer to local tribes. No additional correspondence received.
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation, California	No comments or concerns	9/27/24	Called 10/10/24 and 10/17/24. Left voice mail. Called on 11/4/24 left voice mail. Letter returned undeliverable 11/5/24. Called Chairman Lodge on 11/14/24 and he stated that they have no issues with the action. No additional correspondence received.
Cocopah Tribe, Arizona	Defer to local tribes	9/27/24	Letter dated 10/3/24 stated they defer to local Tribes impacted by this project. No additional correspondence received.
Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation, Arizona and California	None to date	9/27/24	UPS package signed for on 9/27/24 by LaFoon. Called 10/15/24. Left voice mail. Called on 11/4/24, left voice mail. No additional correspondence received.
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Arizona	None to date	9/27/24	UPS package signed for on 9/30/24 by Devita. Called 10/15/24. Will check for the letter. Called on 11/4/24 and spoke with tribal secretary, left message. No additional correspondence received.
Havasupai Tribe, Arizona	None to date	9/27/24	Certified mail received on 9/30/24. Called 10/17/24. Left message with tribal secretary for Chairwoman Jones. Called on 11/4/24, left voice mail. No additional correspondence received.

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Tribe	Summary Response	Section 106 Letter	Follow-Up Correspondence (email/phone calls)
Hualapai Tribe, Arizona	Further consultation is not required but continue to send project information.	9/27/24	Called 10/10/24. Letter received. Received questionnaire dated 10/22/24. Further consultation is not required but continue to send project information. No additional correspondence received.
Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, Utah	None to date	9/27/24	UPS package signed for on 9/30/24 by Stella. Called 10/11/24. Letter received. Called on 11/4/24 and left voice mail. No additional correspondence received.
Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, Oklahoma	Would like to be included in Sect 106 Consultation	9/27/24	Certified mail received on 9/30/24. Called on 10/17/24. Left voice mail. Barbara Long emailed on 11/20/24 and received no response. No additional correspondence received.
Moapa Band of Paiute Indians, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah	None to date	9/27/24	UPS package signed for on 9/27/24 by Heily. Called 10/10/24 and 10/17/24. Left voice mail. Called on 11/4/24 and left voice mail. No additional correspondence received.
Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado	None to date	9/27/24	Certified mail picked up on 10/11/24. Called on 10/10/24. Called 11/4/24, left voice mail. No additional correspondence received.
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Utah	Defer to local tribes	9/27/24	Called on 10/17/24. Will look for letter. UPS package signed for on 9/30/24 by Daxley. Called on 11/4/24 and was told that they are deferring to local tribes and will not be making a formal response. No additional correspondence received.
Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, California and Arizona	No comments or concerns	9/27/24	Email dated 10/17/24. No additional correspondence received.
San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, Utah	None to date	9/27/24	Certified mail received on 10/2/24 No additional correspondence received.

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Tribe	Summary Response	Section 106 Letter	Follow-Up Correspondence (email/phone calls)
Ute Mountain Ute, Utah	None to date	9/27/24	Certified mail received on 10/2/24. Called on 10/16/24. Called on 11/4/24, received busy tone, unable to leave message No additional correspondence received.
Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe, Arizona	No comments or concerns	9/27/24	Email dated 10/17/24. No additional correspondence received.

1.1 Example Tribal Scoping Letter



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
355TH WING (ACC)
DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE ARIZONA

09 May 2024

Colonel Scott C. Mills
Commander
355th Wing
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Peter Yucupicio
Chairman
Pascua Yaqui Tribe, AZ
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Dear Chairman Yucupicio

The United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental consequences that could result from the 492nd Special Operations Wing (492 SOW) Beddown at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB), Arizona.

The proposed action analyzed in this EIS addresses several strategic basing actions associated with DMAFB, Air Force Special Operations Command, and Air Combat Command (ACC). The strategic basing actions include the beddown of the 492 SOW, activation of an ACC Intelligence Squadron, and the transfer of Special Tactics and Special Operations Theater Air Operations Squadrons to DMAFB. The EIS will also analyze the retirement of A-10 aircraft from DMAFB.

The DAF will host public scoping meetings in the DMAFB local area. The dates, times, and locations of the scoping meetings are listed on the website below. The purpose of the meetings and the scoping period is to solicit comments to help effectively define the full range of environmental issues to be analyzed in the EIS. Comments provided to the DAF during the scoping period will be considered in the preparation of the Draft EIS. Additional information can be found on the project website at www.492sow-beddown-eis.com.

As a follow-up to this letter, the DAF will be sending you a separate letter that will outline the details of the proposal and formally request Government-to-Government consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. In the meantime, if you have any comments or questions, please contact Ms. Barbara Long, Cultural Resources and National Environmental Policy Act Manager, at 3775 South Fifth Street, DMAFB, AZ, 85707-3012, or by email at barbara.long.3@us.af.mil or by phone (520) 228-4035.

To facilitate the incorporation of your comments into the Draft EIS, we request that comments be submitted to the project website or by mail to the address above by June 14, 2024. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely


SCOTT C. MILLS, Colonel, USAF
Commander

1.2 Example Tribal Section 106 Letter



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
355TH WING (ACC)
DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA

10 September 2024

Colonel Scott C. Mills
Commander
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Jeffrey Blythe
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)
Jicarilla Apache Nation
PO Box 507
Dulce NM 87528

Dear Dr. Blythe

The purpose of this letter is to invite your Tribe to participate in consultation with Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

The United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (Title 42 United States Code Section 4321 et seq.) (NEPA) to analyze the potential environmental consequences that could result from the beddown of the 492nd Special Operations Wing (492 SOW) at DMAFB, Arizona (Attachment 1). Therefore, the DAF is engaging early with all Native American Tribes who may have a vested interest in this undertaking.

The Proposed Action analyzed in the EIS addresses several actions associated with Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) and Air Combat Command (ACC) occurring on DMAFB. The actions include the beddown of the 492 SOW; the transfer of Special Tactics and Special Operations Theater Air Operations Squadrons to DMAFB; activation of an ACC Intelligence Squadron; and facilities and infrastructure construction, renovation, and demolition projects. This EIS will analyze Phase 2 of the A-10 retirement from DMAFB, which would result in a net decrease of operations in the Special Use Airspace over southern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico. The analysis will include "interim conditions," defined as the timeframe between the Phase 1 and Phase 2 A-10 retirements, along with alternatives to the Proposed Action including the No Action Alternative. Additional information about the Proposed Action can be found on the project website, <http://www.492sow-beddown-eis.com>.

Under the Proposed Action, when compared to interim conditions, there would be a net annual decrease of 8,828 aircraft operations in the airspace and ranges proposed for use once the

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A-10 aircraft are retired and the 492 SOW is fully operational. Compared to interim conditions, munitions use within Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range would be reduced by 768,185 rounds per year, and the use of defensive countermeasures (chaff and flares) would decrease by 45,680 per year. The reduction in aircraft operations, munitions, and defensive countermeasure use would reduce the amount of noise occurring below the airspace proposed for use and on existing ranges (Attachments 2 and 3). Under the No Action Alternative, the noise reductions would be less than under interim conditions.

The DAF has proposed that the Area of Potential Effect (APE) is the areas of ground disturbance associated with construction, demolition, and renovation at DMAFB and the primary ranges and airspaces proposed for use. Based on the areas and facilities identified on Attachment 2 and the lack of archaeological sites, DMAFB has determined that there are no historic properties located within the DMAFB APE. A number of properties eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places exist in the portion of the APE beneath existing airspace (Attachment 3). We have made a determination that no adverse effects would occur to historic properties in this portion of the APE.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA, we invite you to provide information on any properties of historic, religious, or cultural significance that may be affected by the proposed undertaking, including compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. The DAF will also be inviting the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and New Mexico Historic Preservation Division (HPD) as consulting parties.

For questions or comments, please contact Ms. Barbara Long, DMAFB Cultural and Natural Resources and NEPA Program Manager, via email at barbara.long.3@us.af.mil or by phone at (520) 228-4035. For matters related to government-to-government consultation, you may contact me directly at (520) 228-3551. Please take this opportunity to complete the Response and Preferences Form (Attachment 4) to state whether your Tribe is interested in consulting on the Proposed Action. Please return this completed form in the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope (Attachment 5).

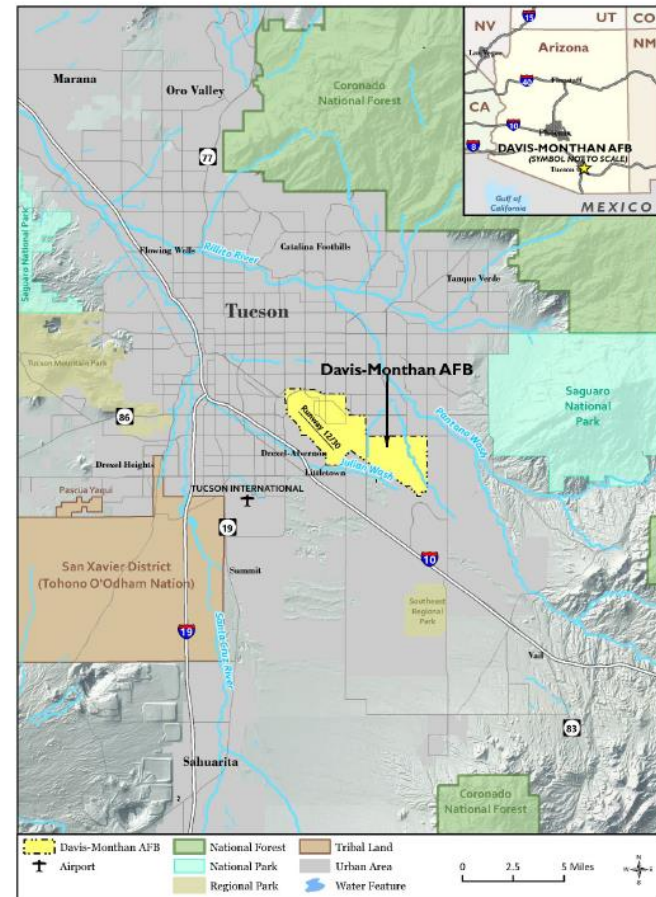
Sincerely


SCOTT C. MILLS, Colonel, USAF
Commander

5 Attachments:

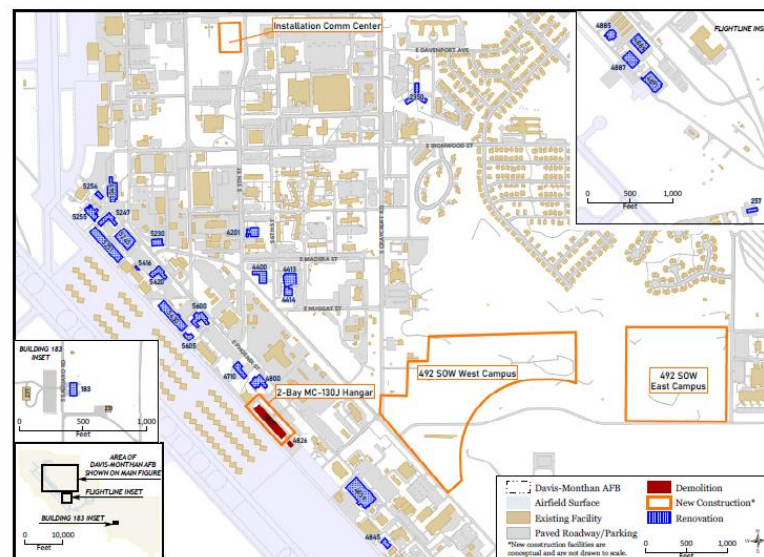
1. Regional Location Map – Davis-Monthan AFB
2. APE Davis-Monthan AFB
3. Davis-Monthan AFB Airspace APE
4. Response and Preferences Form
5. Stamped, addressed return envelope

ATTACHMENT 1

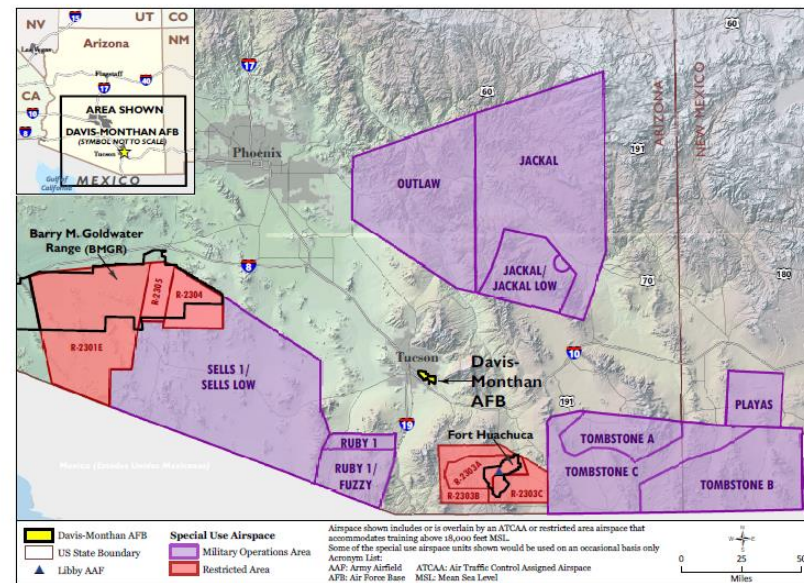


492nd Special Operations Wing Beddown at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
Environmental Impact Statement

ATTACHMENT 2



ATTACHMENT 3



ATTACHMENT 4

SECTION 106 CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Project Name: Proposed 492 SOW Beddown Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

Please check the appropriate response(s) from the list below and use the back of this form or additional sheets if you wish to make comments. You may also respond via e-mail to Barbara.long.3@us.af.mil:

____ We have no traditional religious, cultural properties, or other interests that may be affected by the proposed project and further consultation is not required.

____ There are or may be issues of concern associated with this proposed project and we wish to be included as a Section 106 Consulting Party. We prefer:

____ Meeting with the Air Force at a Tribal facility.

____ Communicating with the Air Force by scheduled teleconference.

____ We want to continue to receive project information by mail and participate in the public involvement process.

Name of designated contact for this proposed project:

____ Phone: _____

Please print email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Additional comments or concerns may be written below or by separate attachment:

Please mail response in provided postpaid envelope to:

Colonel Scott C. Mills
Commander
355th Fighter Wing
3405 S. Fifth St
Davis-Monthan AFB AZ 85707

Or, e-mail to: Barbara.long.3@us.af.mil

ATTACHMENT 5

492nd SOW Beddown EIS
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1.3 Native American Tribes Mailing List

Table 2. Native American Tribes Mailing List

Name	Tribe
The Honorable Robert Miguel	Ak-Chin Indian Community
Ms. Elaine Peters	Ak-Chin Indian Community
The Honorable Lemuel Vincent	Ak-Chin Indian Community
The Honorable Sandra Pattea	Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Arizona
Ms. Clissene Lewis	Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Arizona
The Honorable Paul J. Russell	Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Arizona
The Honorable Jennifer Heminokeky	Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
Mr. Leland Michael Darrow	Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
The Honorable Pamela Eagleshield	Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
The Honorable Stephen R. Lewis	Gila River Indian Community
Ms. Reylynne Williams	Gila River Indian Community
Mr. Larry Benallie, Jr.	Gila River Indian Community
Mr. Stewart Koyiyumtewa	Hopi Tribe of Arizona
The Honorable Timothy Nuvangyaoma	Hopi Tribe of Arizona
The Honorable Craig Andrews	Hopi Tribe of Arizona
Dr. Jeffrey Blythe	Jicarilla Apache Nation
President	Jicarilla Apache Nation
Vice-President	Jicarilla Apache Nation
Ms. Holly Houghten	Mescalero Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation
The Honorable Thora Padilla	Mescalero Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation
The Honorable Duane Duffy	Mescalero Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation
Dr. Karl Hoerig	Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona
Mr. Peter Yucupicio	Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona
The Honorable Julian Hernandez	Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona
Dr. Kurt Dongoske	Pueblo of Zuni
The Honorable Arden L. Kucate	Pueblo of Zuni
The Honorable Cordelia Hooee	Pueblo of Zuni
Mr. Shane Anton	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona
The Honorable Martin Harvier	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona
The Honorable Terry Rambler	San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona
The Honorable Tao Etpison	San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona
Ms. Vernelda Grant	San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona
Mr. Peter Steere	Tohono O'odham Nation
The Honorable Verlon J. Jose	Tohono O'odham Nation
The Honorable Carla L. Johnson	Tohono O'odham Nation
The Honorable Calvin Johnson	Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona
The Honorable Charles Lopez	Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona
Ms. Jeri DeCola	Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona
The Honorable Kasey Velasquez	White Mountain Apache Tribe
The Honorable Jerome Kasey, III	White Mountain Apache Tribe
Mr. Mark Altaha	White Mountain Apache Tribe
Mr. Vincent Randall	Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Indian Reservation, Arizona

Table 2. Native American Tribes Mailing List

Name	Tribe
The Honorable Tanya Lewis	Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Indian Reservation, Arizona
The Honorable Ricardo Pacheco	Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Indian Reservation, Arizona
The Honorable Silvia Burley	California Valley Miwok Tribe, California
The Honorable Anjelica Paulk	California Valley Miwok Tribe, California
Ms. Mildred Burley	California Valley Miwok Tribe, California
The Honorable Marcus Cuero	Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Indian Reservation, California
Mr. Benjamin Dyche, Vice Chairman	Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Indian Reservation, California
Mr. Daniel Tsosie	Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Indian Reservation, California
The Honorable Glenn Lodge	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation, California
Mr. Sheridan Silversmith	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation, California
Mr. Ron Escobar	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation, California
The Honorable Sherry Cordova	Cocopah Tribe, Arizona
The Honorable Neil White	Cocopah Tribe, Arizona
Mr. Frank Reece	Cocopah Tribe, Arizona
The Honorable Amelia Flores	Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation, Arizona and California
The Honorable Dwight Lomayesva	Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation, Arizona and California
Mr. Brian Etsitty	Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation, Arizona and California
The Honorable Tim Williams	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Arizona
The Honorable Shane Lewis	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Arizona
Ms. Charlotte Knox	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Arizona
The Honorable Bernadine Jones	Havasupai Tribe, Arizona
The Honorable Armando Marshall	Havasupai Tribe, Arizona
The Honorable Duane Clark	Hualapai Tribe, Arizona
Mr. Ronald Quasula Sr	Hualapai Tribe, Arizona
Ms. Ka-Voka Jackson	Hualapai Tribe, Arizona
The Honorable Roland Maldonado	Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, Utah
The Honorable Carmen M. Bradley	Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, Utah
Mr. Daniel Bullets	Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, Utah
The Honorable Darwin Kaskaske	Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, Oklahoma
The Honorable Marlon Frye	Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, Oklahoma
Mr. Eddie Anico	Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, Oklahoma
The Honorable Vickie Simmons	Moapa Band of Paiute Indians, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah
The Honorable Kami Miller	Moapa Band of Paiute Indians, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah
Mr. Darren Daboda	Moapa Band of Paiute Indians, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah
The Honorable Buu Nygren	Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado
The Honorable Richelle Montoya	Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado

Table 2. Native American Tribes Mailing List

Name	Tribe
Mr. Richard M. Begay	Navajo Nation, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado
The Honorable Corrina Bow	Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Utah
The Honorable Tamra Borchardt-Slayton	Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Utah
Ms. Autumn Gillard	Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Utah
The Honorable Jordan D. Joaquin	Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, California and Arizona
The Honorable Ina M. Hall	Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, California and Arizona
Ms. H. Jill McCormick M.A.	Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, California and Arizona
President	San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, Utah
Vice-President	San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, Utah
Mr. Johnny Lehi Jr.	San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, Utah
The Honorable Manuel Heart	Ute Mountain Ute, Utah
Mr. Terry Knight Sr.	Ute Mountain Ute, Utah
Mr. Selwyn Whiteskunk	Ute Mountain Ute, Utah
The Honorable Robert Ogo	Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe, Arizona
Ms. Clissene Lewis	Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe, Arizona
Ms. Linda Ogo	Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe, Arizona

1.4 Tribal Responses



Received from Tribal Admin 05/17/24 *W*
E-mailed 08/01/24 *W* (initials & date)
Scanned 08/01/24 *W* (initials & date)

SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE
Historic Preservation & Archaeology Department
P.O. Box 0
San Carlos Arizona 85550
Tel. (928) 475-5797, apachevern@yahoo.com

Tribal Consultation Response Letter

Date: May 17, 2024
Contact Name: Scott C. Mills (520) 228-4035/Barbara.long.3@us.af.mil
Company: Department of the Air Force – Davis-Monthan
Address: 3405 South Fifth Street Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ 85707-3012
Project Name/#: Preparing an Environmental Impact Statement for the 492nd Special Operation Wing (492 SOW) Beddown

Dear Sir or Madam:

Under Section 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are replying to the above referenced project. Please see the appropriate marked circle, including the signatures of Vernelda Grant, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), and the concurrence of the Chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe:

☐ **NO INTEREST/NO FURTHER CONSULTATION/NO FUTURE UPDATES**

We defer to the Tribe located nearest to the project area.

☒ **CONCURRENCE WITH REPORT FINDINGS & THANK YOU**

☒ **REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

I require additional information in order to provide a finding of effect for this proposed undertaking, i.e.

Project description ___ Map ___ Photos ☒ Other We look forward to a face-to-face

☐ **NO EFFECT**

meeting w/you regarding DNAB reports.
I have determined that there are no properties of religious and cultural significance to the San Carlos Apache Tribe that are listed on the National Register within the area of potential effect or that the proposed project will have no effect on any such properties that may be present.

☐ **NO ADVERSE EFFECT**

Properties of cultural and religious significance within the area of effect have been identified that are eligible for listing in the National Register for which there would be no adverse effect as a result of the proposed project.

☐ **ADVERSE EFFECT**

I have identified properties of cultural and religious significance within the area of potential effect that are eligible for listing in the National Register. I believe the proposed project would cause an adverse effect on these properties. Please contact the THPO for further discussion.

We were taught traditionally not to disturb the natural world in a significant way, and that to do so may cause harm to oneself or one's family. Apache resources can be best protected by managing the land to be as natural as it was in pre-1870s settlement times. Please contact the THPO, if there is a change in any portion of the project, especially if Apache cultural resources are found at any phase of planning and construction. Thank you for contacting the San Carlos Apache Tribe, your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

DIRECTOR/THPO:

Vernelda J. Grant
Vernelda J. Grant, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

06/20/24
Date

CONCURRENCE:

Terry Rambler
Terry Rambler, Tribal Chairman

7/3/24
Date



White Mountain Apache Tribe
Office of Historic Preservation
PO Box 1032
Fort Apache, AZ 85926
Ph: (928) 338-3033 Fax: (928) 338-6055

To: Scott C. Miles, Colonel, USAF Commander
Date: June 06, 2024
Re: 492nd Operations Wing Beddown at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
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The White Mountain Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office appreciates receiving information on the project dated: May 09, 2024. In regards to this, please refer to the following statement(s) below.

Thank you for allowing the White Mountain Apache tribe the opportunity to review and respond to the above preparation of an EIS for the proposed 492nd Operations Wing beddown at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona.

Please be advised, we have reviewed the information provided, we have determined the proposed project plans will have "**No Adverse Effect**" to the tribe's traditional cultural resources and/or historic properties. No further comments at this point.

Thank you for the continued tribal engagement and consultation, and collaborations in protecting and preserving places of cultural and historical importance.

Sincerely,

Mark Altaha

White Mountain Apache Tribe – THPO
Historic Preservation Office



THE COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE

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October 3, 2024

Department of the Air Force
355th Wing
3405 S. Fifth Street
Davis-Monthan AFB AZ 85707

Attention: Colonel Scott C. Mills

RE: Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) Environmental Impact Statement


Dear: Colonel Mills,

On behalf of the Cocopah Indian Tribe, I would like to express our gratitude for your diligent consultation efforts regarding the Environmental Impact Statement on the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC). It is greatly appreciated that the Department of the Air Force has reached out to the Cocopah Indian Tribe specifically to solicit our input and address concerns pertaining to cultural resource issues within the project scope.

After thorough consideration, the Cocopah Indian Tribe has decided to defer the decision-making process to the local tribes that stand to be directly impacted by this project. This decision stems from our belief in the importance of localized decision-making where the outcomes have direct implications on the involved communities. Nevertheless, we remain deeply invested in the progression of the Environmental Impact Statement on the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) and its potential effects on cultural resources.

However, should there be any inquiries or a need for further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Cultural Resource Department. We are committed to providing support and are prepared to address any future concerns or questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


José Guzmán
Cultural Resource Interim Manager

CCR # 083-24-002

CALIFORNIA VALLEY MIWOK TRIBE

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October 7, 2024

Barbara Long, PMAES, DAFC
Cultural / Natural Resources & NEPA Manager
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Davis-Monthan AFB AZ 85707-3012
Email: Barbara.long.3@us.af.mil

Re: United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an EIS in accordance with NEPA to analyze the potential environmental consequences that could result from the beddown of the 492nd Special Operations Wing (492 SOW) at DMAFB, Arizona

Dear Barbara,

The California Valley Miwok Tribe is in receipt of a letter signed by the honorable Scott C. Mills, Colonel, USAF Commander, dated September 10, 2024. It is the understanding of the Tribe that the United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an EIS in accordance with NEPA to analyze the potential environmental consequences that could result from the beddown of the 492nd Special Operations Wing (492 SOW) at DMAFB, Arizona.

Due to the fact that the undertaking is in the state of Arizona and not in state of California, the California Valley Miwok Tribe has no comments or concerns with the United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) proposed /preparing of an EIS in accordance with NEPA to analyze the potential environmental consequences that could result from the beddown of the 492nd Special Operations Wing (492 SOW) at DMAFB, Arizona.

Respectfully,

Silvia Burley, Chairperson

Anjelica Paulk, Vice Chairperson



From: Jill McCormick <historicpreservation@quechantribe.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 1:29 PM
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Cc: WAKEFIELD, KEVIN L CIV USAF ACC 355 CES/CEIE <kevin.wakefield.1@us.af.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: [EXTERNAL]:AFSOC DP & EIS (FA002124F0002) Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe

Good afternoon,
This email is to inform you that the Ft. Yuma Quechan Tribe Historic Preservation Office do not wish to comment on this project.

Jill

*Thank you,
Jill McCormick, M.A.*

Historic Preservation Office
Ft. Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe
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From: LONG, BARBARA E CIV USAF ACC 355 CES/CEI <barbara.long.3@us.af.mil>
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Dear Ms. Long,
Thank your for the email to Doctor Jerry Brown.
We received your letter, maps and consultation questionnaire for this project.

We note no sites in the APE would be directly affected.
The sites on the ground under the flight paths you have determined will not be adversely effected.
We reviewed the project at our last staff meeting and our Director Linda Ogo did not have any comments at that time.

If you don't hear directly from Ms. Ogo in the next few days you could put us down as no comments or concerns for this undertaking.

Please keep us informed as the EIS and other components move forward.

Sincerely,

Greg Glassco

Compliance Officer

Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe



White Mountain Apache Tribe

Office of Historic Preservation

PO Box 1032

Fort Apache, AZ 85926

Ph: (928) 338-3033 Fax: (928) 338-6055

To: Scott C. Mills, Colonel, USAF Commander

Date: October 17, 2024

Re: *EIS for the potential bed-down of the 492nd Special Operations Wing at DMAFB*
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The White Mountain Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office appreciates receiving information on the project dated; September 10, 2024. In regards to this, please refer to the following statement(s) below.

Thank you for allowing the White Mountain Apache tribe the opportunity to review and respond to the above proposed beddown of the 492 SOW, the transfer of Special Tactics and Special Operations Theatre Air Operations Squadrons to DMAFB, activation of an ACC Intelligence Squadron, and facilities and infrastructure construction, renovation, and demolition projects, on the DMAFB, in Pima County, Arizona.

Please be advised, we have reviewed the information provided, and we have determined the proposed projects at DMAFB will have a "***No Adverse Effect***" to the tribe's cultural heritage resources. We concur with the proposed projects, and further consultation for the proposed project is not necessary.

Thank you for the continued tribal engagement and consultation, and collaborations in protecting and preserving places of cultural and historical importance.

Sincerely,

Mark Altaha

White Mountain Apache Tribe – THPO
Historic Preservation Office



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

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TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

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October 21, 2024

Colonel Schott C. Mills, Commander
United States Air Force
355th Wing
3405 South Fifth Street
Davis-Monthan AFB Arizona 85707-3012

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Beddown 492nd Special Operations Wing
(492 SOW), Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB), Tucson, Pima County, Arizona

Dear Colonel Mills,

The Gila River Indian Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office (GRIC-THPO) has received your consultation documents dated September 10, 2024. The Department of the Air Force (DAF), The Air Force Special Operations Command (AFAOC) and Air Combat Command (ACC) are planning the beddown of the 492 SOW; the transfer of Special Tactic and Special Operations Theater Air Operations Squadrons to DMAFB; activation of the an ACC Intelligence Squadron; facilities and infrastructure construction, renovation, and demolition projects; and a decrease of operation in Special Use Airspace over southern Arizona. The DAF is preparing a draft EIS for further review and comment.

The DAF has defined the area of potential effect (APE) as the DMAFB and training airspace operation areas located over ten (10) Arizona counties and three (3) New Mexico Counties. The DAF is assessing potential project effects to architectural resources, archaeological resources, traditional cultural properties, and airspace and ranges. There are 138 existing buildings considered in the analysis. Twelve (12) of the buildings are Register eligible. Twenty-one (21) archaeological sites have been identified and evaluated. Two (2) of the sites are Register eligible. No TCPs have been identified or documented on the DMFAB. One-hundred and twenty-nine (129) National Register listed sites have been identified in areas underneath the training airspaces.

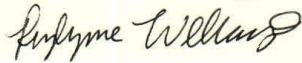
Impacts to historic properties and traditional cultural properties were evaluated for areas located on the DMAFB and beneath the Military Operations Areas (MOA). The MOAs are identified as the Outlaw MOA, Jackal and Jackal Low MOAs, Barry M. Goldwater Range-East (BMGR-East), Fort Huachuca, Ruby/Fuzzy MOA, Sells 1 and Sells Low MOAs, Tombstone A/B/C MOAs, and Playa MOA. The DAF advises that identification of historic properties, Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs), and areas of cultural significance have been conducted in consultation with the Tribes. In addition, the National Register of Historic Places and State Registers of Historic places were also referenced to identify listed properties of historic and cultural significance. The DAF has made a finding of no adverse effect for this undertaking.

The GRIC-THPO concurs with a finding of no adverse effect. Adequately evaluating and assessing potential impacts to historic properties within this kind of aerial undertaking is difficult and imprecise. Direct adverse impacts to historic properties and TCPs are not likely to occur. The Register eligible buildings located on the DMAFB will not be affected by this undertaking.

The Sells, Ruby/Fuzzy, Tombstone A/B/C, Fort Huachuca, and BMGR-East air spaces are located within the consultation area of the Tohono O'odham Nation (TON). We defer the TON as leads in the consultation process for these air spaces. The GRIC-THPO will continue to participate in the consultation for this undertaking. The project areas are within the ancestral lands of the Four Southern Tribes (Gila River Indian Community; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Tohono O'odham Nation).

Thank you for consulting with the GRIC-THPO. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office at 520-562-7162.

Respectfully,



Reylynne Williams
Interim Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Gila River Indian Community

SECTION 106 CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Project Name: Proposed 492 SOW Beddown Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

Please check the appropriate response(s) from the list below and use the back of this form or additional sheets if you wish to make comments. You may also respond via e-mail to Barbara.long.3@us.af.mil:

☒ We have no traditional religious, cultural properties, or other interests that may be affected by the proposed project and further consultation is not required.

☐ There are or may be issues of concern associated with this proposed project and we wish to be included as a Section 106 Consulting Party. We prefer:

☐ Meeting with the Air Force at a Tribal facility.

☐ Communicating with the Air Force by scheduled teleconference.

☒ We want to continue to receive project information by mail and participate in the public involvement process.

Name of designated contact for this proposed project:

Ka-Voka Jackson, THPO Phone: 928-769-2223

Please print email: ka-voka.jackson@hualapai-nsn.gov

Signed: [Signature] Date: 10/22/2024

Additional comments or concerns may be written below or by separate attachment:

Please mail response in provided postpaid envelope to:

Colonel Scott C. Mills
Commander
355th Fighter Wing
3405 S. Fifth St
Davis-Monthan AFB AZ 85707

Or, e-mail to: Barbara.long.3@us.af.mil

From: Karl Hoerig <khoerig@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov>
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Cc: WAKEFIELD, KEVIN L CIV USAF ACC 355 CES/CEIE <kevin.wakefield.1@us.af.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: 492 SOW Beddown Section 106 letters

Dear Barbara,

Yes, we have received communications relating to the 492nd SOW Beddown EIS. The PYT THPO concurs with USAF determination of "no historic properties affected" for the proposed construction activities on DMAFB.

We continue to have concerns regarding increased indirect effects to cultural resources located on or near the Ruby 1, Ruby 1/Fuzzy, and Tombstone A, B, and C Special Use Airspaces resulting from lower flight decks, supersonic flight, and use of chaff and flares.

With best regards,
Karl

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SECTION 106 CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Project Name: Proposed 492 SOW Beddown Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

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Name of designated contact for this proposed project:

Eddie Moose Anico Phone: _____

Please print email: MooseAnico@gmail.com

Signed: [Signature] Date: Oct, 24, 2024

Additional comments or concerns may be written below or by separate attachment:

Kickapoo Tribe all in Near Douglas, Arizona
and Sonora Mexico.
the Kickapoo tribe are ~~not~~
a Federally recognized tribe
Thank you Eddie Moose Anico

Please mail response in provided postpaid envelope to:

Colonel Scott C. Mills
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Davis-Monthan AFB AZ 85707

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2.0 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO) SCOPING LETTERS

2.1 Arizona State Historic Preservation Office Scoping Letter



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEER CENTER
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO LACKLAND TEXAS

May 7, 2024

Mr. Nicolas Post
Air Force Civil Engineer Center NEPA Division (AFCEC/CIEE)
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Ms. Kathryn Leonard, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
AZ State Historic Preservation Office
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Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Ms. Leonard,

The United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental consequences that could result from the 492nd Special Operations Wing (492 SOW) Beddown at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB), Arizona.

The Proposed Action analyzed in this EIS addresses several programmatic basing actions associated with DMAFB, Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC), and Air Combat Command (ACC). The programmatic basing actions include the beddown of the 492 SOW, activation of an ACC Intelligence Squadron, and the transfer of Special Tactics and Special Operations Theater Air Operations Squadrons to DMAFB. The EIS will also analyze the retirement of A-10 aircraft from DMAFB.

The DAF will host public scoping meetings in the DMAFB local area. The dates, times, and locations of the scoping meetings are on the website listed below. The purpose of the meetings and the scoping period is to solicit comments to help effectively define the full range of environmental issues to be analyzed in the EIS. Written comments provided to the DAF during the scoping period will be considered in the preparation of the Draft EIS. Additional information can be found on the project website at www.492sow-beddown-eis.com.

Please provide any comments by June 14, 2024, in writing to Mr. Nicolas Post, U.S. Air Force Civil Engineer Center, AFCEC/CIEE; 13397 Lakefront Drive; Suite 100 Earth City, MO 63045 or submit them via the project website. We appreciate your participation and input on this action.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nicolas Post", is located below the "Sincerely" text.

Nicolas Post, GS-13, DAF
Program Manager, NEPA Division

2.2 New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office Scoping Letter



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEER CENTER
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO LACKLAND TEXAS

May 7, 2024

Mr. Nicolas Post
Air Force Civil Engineer Center NEPA Division (AFCEC/CIEE)
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Mr. Jeff Pappas, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)
New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office
Bataan Memorial Bldg., 407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Mr. Pappas,

The United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental consequences that could result from the 492nd Special Operations Wing (492 SOW) Beddown at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB), Arizona.

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Nicolas Post, GS-13, DAF
Program Manager, NEPA Division

2.2.1 New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office Scoping Letter Response



Michelle Lujan-Grisham
Governor

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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May 15, 2024

Nicholas Post
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RE: 492 SOW/DM beddown (HPD log 122487)

Dear Mr. Post,

On behalf of the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), I want to thank the Air Force for giving the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) an opportunity to comment on the EIS under development for the proposed 492 SOW beddown at Davis Monthan Air Force Base (DM). I did a quick review of the public information boards for the public scoping meetings and have a few comments.

The SHPO is primarily interested in activities in the Tombstone B and C MOAs that include the development of austere airfields, helicopter landing zones, drop zones, personnel recovery and free ground or dismounted maneuver. In addition, if there are plans for the development of ground facilities or extensive ground maneuver in these MOAs, we recommend that the Air Force develop and execute a Programmatic Agreement, per 36 CFR 800.14, to complete the National Historic Preservation Act's Section 106 consultation (aka 54 USC 306108) in advance of the NEPA Record of Decision.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me directly at 505-827-4225 or email me at bob.estes@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Bob Estes Ph.D.
Historic preservation Specialist/Archaeology

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3.0 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO) SECTION 106 LETTERS

3.1 Arizona State Historic Preservation Office Section 106 Letter



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
355TH FIGHTER WING
DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA**

Colonel Scott C. Mills
Commander
355th Fighter Wing
3405 S. Fifth Street
Davis-Monthan AFB AZ 85707

Kathryn Leonard
State Historic Preservation Officer
1110 W. Washington Street Suite 100
Phoenix AZ 85007

Dear Ms. Leonard

The purpose of this letter is to invite your office to participate in consultation with Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB) pursuant to Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act* (NHPA).¹

The United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental consequences that could result from the beddown of the 492nd Special Operations Wing (492 SOW) at DMAFB, Arizona (see Attachment 1).

The Proposed Action analyzed in the EIS addresses several actions associated with Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) and Air Combat Command (ACC) occurring on DMAFB. The actions include the beddown of the 492 SOW; the transfer of Special Tactics and Special Operations Theater Air Operations Squadrons to DMAFB; activation of an ACC Intelligence Squadron; and facilities and infrastructure construction, renovation, and demolition projects (i.e., Phase 1). In addition, the EIS will analyze Phase 2 of the A-10 retirement from DMAFB, which would result in a net decrease of operations in the Special Use Airspace (SUA) over southern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico. The EIS analysis will include "interim conditions," defined as the timeframe between the Phase 1 and Phase 2 A-10 retirements, along with alternatives to the Proposed Action including the No Action Alternative. Additional information about the Proposed Action can be found on the project website, <http://www.492sow-beddown-eis.com>.

The Area of Potential Effect (APE) is defined as the areas of ground disturbance (approximately 50 meters) around each location associated with construction, demolition, and renovation at DMAFB and the primary ranges and airspaces that would be used by AFSOC pilots (see Attachments 2, 3, and 4). The DAF does not know of any properties of religious and

¹ Title 54 *United States Code* Section 306108, as implemented by Title 36 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 800.

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cultural significance within the APE. The DAF has invited tribal nations associated with DMAFB and the subject SUA to consult on this undertaking.

Implementation of the proposed 492 SOW Beddown and transfer of ACC IS personnel would include the construction of 9 new facilities, demolition of 2 buildings, and 28 renovation projects. All buildings within the physical APE have been recorded and evaluated for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility, none of which are eligible. There are 12 NRHP-eligible buildings within the visual APE (approximately 800 meters) of one building with proposed renovations. These 12 buildings are covered under the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Program Comment for World War II and Cold War Era Army Ammunition Production Facilities and Plants. None of the facilities proposed for renovation, modification, or demolition under the Proposed Action are eligible or potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP. Additionally, no impacts to archaeological resources would be anticipated to result from implementation of the Proposed Action. All areas of the installation proposed for construction have been disturbed by previous construction or have been inventoried for archaeological resources. There are no NRHP-eligible archaeological sites within the physical APE.

Under the Proposed Action Alternative, as compared to interim conditions, there would be a net annual decrease of 8,828 operations in the airspace and ranges proposed for use once the A-10 aircraft are retired and the 492 SOW is fully operational. Compared to interim conditions, munitions use within Barry M. Goldwater Range would be reduced by 768,185 rounds per year and the use of defensive countermeasures (chaff and flares) would decrease by 45,680 per year. The reduction in aircraft operations, munitions, and countermeasure use would reduce the amount of noise occurring below the airspace proposed for use and on existing ranges. However, when compared to the No Action Alternative, the noise reductions would be less than what would occur compared to interim conditions.

DMAFB has determined that implementation of the undertaking would have no adverse effect on historical properties. Based on the areas and facilities identified on Attachments 2 and 4 and the lack of archeological sites, DMAFB has determined there are no historic properties affected within the portion of the APE located at DMAFB. A number of NRHP eligible properties exist in the portion of the APE beneath the existing airspace (Attachment 3). DMAFB has made a determination that no adverse effects would occur to historic properties in this portion of the APE. The finding of no adverse effects has been made based on the reduction in operations, munition usage, and noise levels previously described. We request your concurrence on these determinations. If we do not hear from you within 30 days after you receive this letter, we will assume that you concur with the finding of no historic properties affected determination. We intend to notify your agency when the Draft EIS is available and welcome comments and input at that time as well. Please inform us if someone else within your agency other than you should receive such notifications.

For questions or comments, please contact Ms. Barbara Long, DMAFB, Cultural Resources and NEPA Manager, via email at Barbara.long.3@us.af.mil or by phone at (520) 228-4035.

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Sincerely

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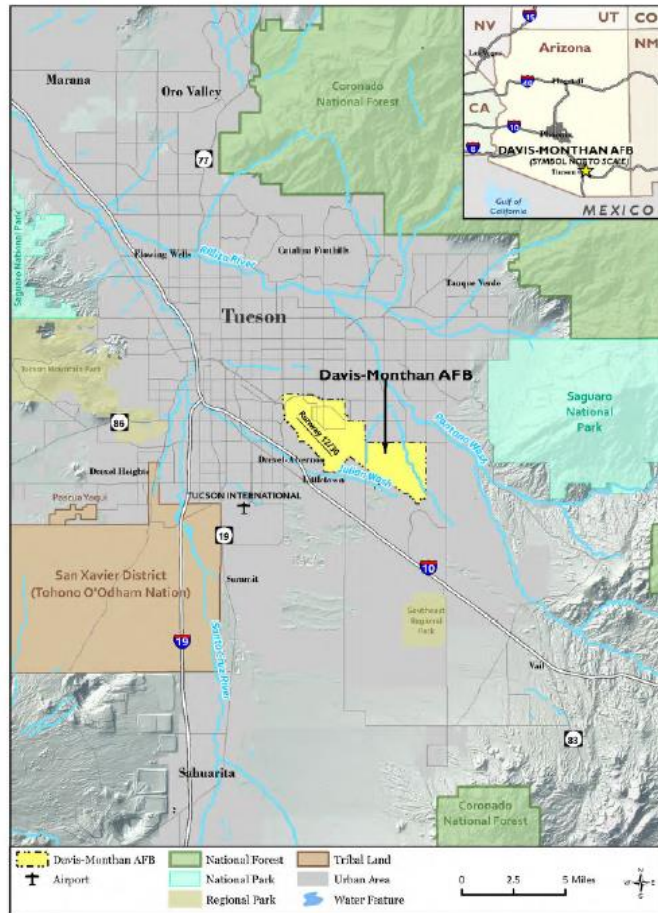
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Flight Chief, Installation Management

Attachments:

1. Regional Location Map – Davis-Monthan AFB
2. APE Davis-Monthan AFB
3. Davis-Monthan AFB Airspace APE
4. NRHP Status of Buildings Proposed for Renovation, Modification, or Demolition

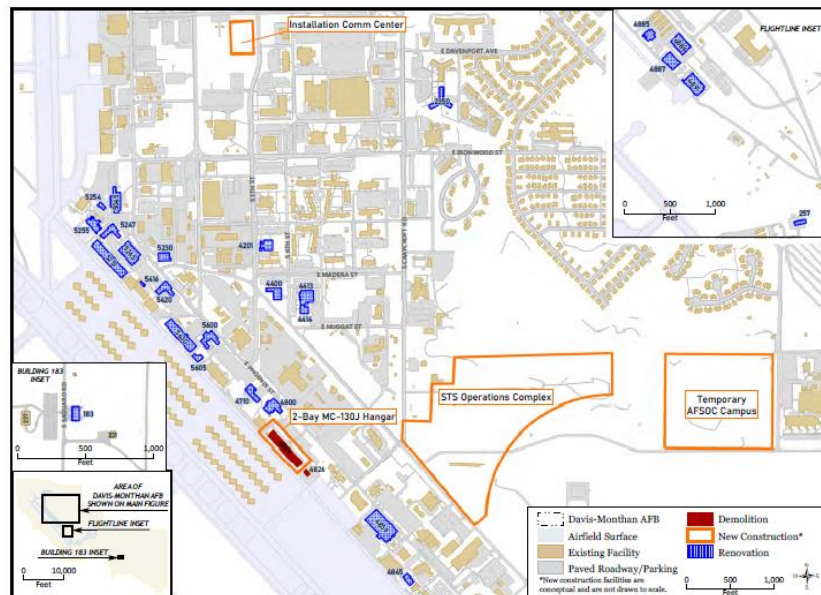
ATTACHMENT 1

492nd Special Operations Wing Beddown at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
Environmental Impact Statement



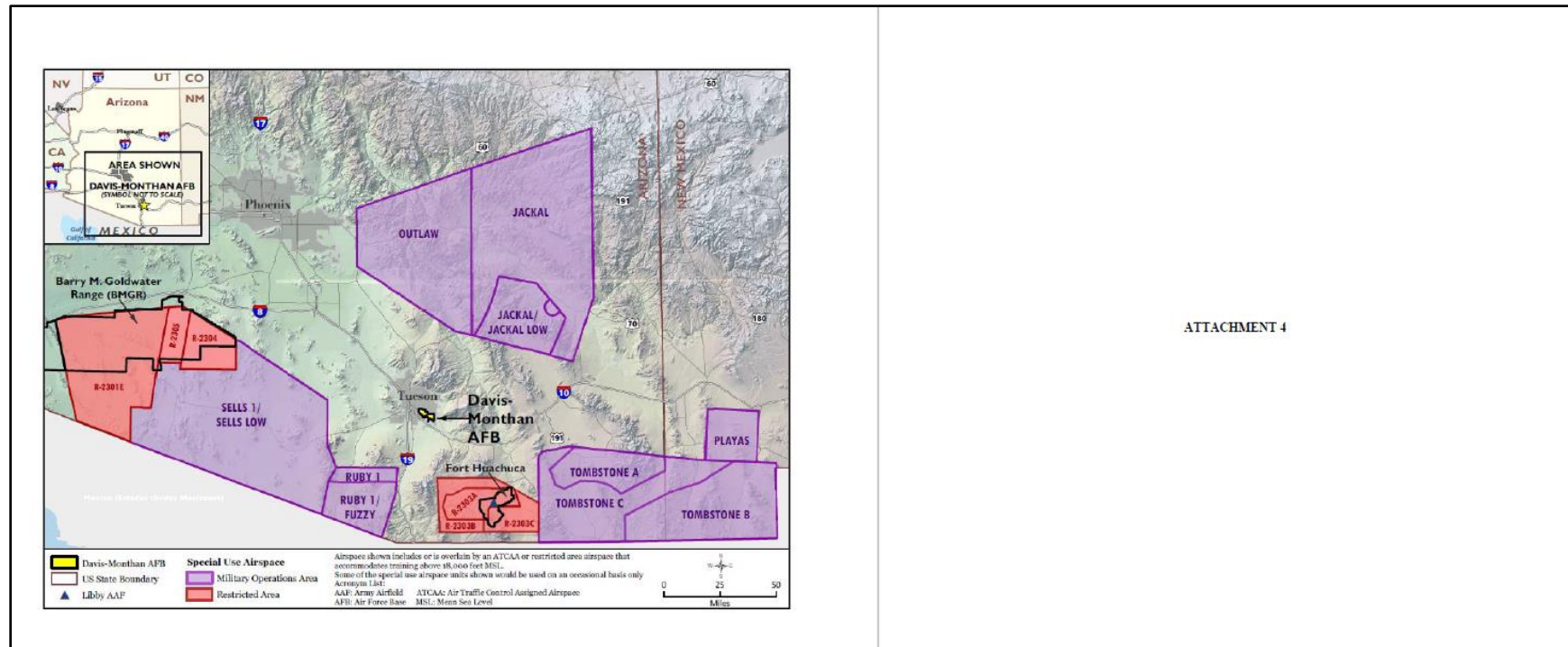
ATTACHMENT 2

492nd Special Operations Wing Beddown at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
Environmental Impact Statement



ATTACHMENT 3

492nd Special Operations Wing Beddown at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
Environmental Impact Statement



ATTACHMENT 4

NRHP Status of Buildings Proposed for Renovation, Modification, or Demolition

Bldg. No.	Description/Proposed Action Alternative	Date Built	NRHP Status
183	Administrative/Maintenance Facility	1956	Not Eligible
257	Crash Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery Overflow Storage	2006	Not Eligible
2350	Convert to Headquarters Building	1968	Not Eligible
4201	Convert to Administrative Building	1953	Not Eligible
4400	Convert to Squadron Operations Facility	2009	Not Eligible
4413	Convert to Simulator Facility	1981	Not Eligible
4414	Convert to Simulator Facility	1972	Not Eligible
4710	Aerospace Ground Equipment Maintenance and Storage	1992	Not Eligible
4800	Squadron Operations	1953	Not Eligible
4809	Demolish for 2-Bay Hangar/AMU	1971	Not Eligible
4826	Demolish for 2-Bay Hangar/AMU	1988	Not Eligible
4845	Renovate for Interim Crash Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery Storage	1995	Not Eligible
4859	Renovate for a Small Arms Vault	n/a	Not Eligible
4884	Renovate for Aerospace Ground Equipment	n/a	Not Eligible
4885	Renovate for Storage	2013	Not Eligible
4887	Refurbish for Wash Rack	2018	Not Eligible
4889	Mobility Readiness Spares Package and Classified Storage Vault	2014	Not Eligible
4891	Refurbish to Fuel Cell Facility	2015	Not Eligible
5045	Refurbish Aircraft Structural Repair	1960	Not Eligible
5230	Refurbish for Engine Shop	2005	Not Eligible
5245	Refurbish for Maintenance Backshops	1970	Not Eligible
5247	Convert to Squadron Operations	1953	Not Eligible
5251	Convert to Hangar/Maintenance Facility	1971	Not Eligible
5254	Interim Fiberglass Repair	1992	Not Eligible
5255	Addition/Alteration for Corrosion Control	1958	Not Eligible
5416	Wash Rack	2006	Not Eligible
5420	Renovate for ACC	1953	Not Eligible
5430	Weapons Load Training	1984	Not Eligible
5600	Convert to Squadron Operations Facility	1953	Not Eligible
5605	Aircraft Parts Storage and Decentralized Materials Support	1966	Not Eligible

Key: 492 SOW = 492nd Special Operations Wing; AMU = Aircraft Maintenance Unit; Bldg. No. = Building Number; n/a = construction date not available; NRHP = National Register of Historic Places.

3.1.1 Arizona State Historic Preservation Office Section 106 Concurrence Letter

<div></div> <div><p>SHPO-2024-0451 (176831) DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 355TH FIGHTER WING DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA</p></div> <div><p>Rec: 09-04-24</p></div> <div><p>Colonel Scott C. Mills Commander 355th Fighter Wing 3405 S. Fifth Street Davis-Monthan AFB AZ 85707</p></div> <div><p>Kathryn Leonard State Historic Preservation Officer 1110 W. Washington Street Suite 100 Phoenix AZ 85007</p></div> <div><p>Dear Ms. Leonard</p></div> <div><p>The purpose of this letter is to invite your office to participate in consultation with Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB) pursuant to Section 106 of the <i>National Historic Preservation Act</i> (NHPA).¹</p></div> <div><p>The United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental consequences that could result from the beddown of the 492nd Special Operations Wing (492 SOW) at DMAFB, Arizona (see Attachment 1).</p></div> <div><p>The Proposed Action analyzed in the EIS addresses several actions associated with Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) and Air Combat Command (ACC) occurring on DMAFB. The actions include the beddown of the 492 SOW; the transfer of Special Tactics and Special Operations Theater Air Operations Squadrons to DMAFB; activation of an ACC Intelligence Squadron; and facilities and infrastructure construction, renovation, and demolition projects (i.e., Phase 1). In addition, the EIS will analyze Phase 2 of the A-10 retirement from DMAFB, which would result in a net decrease of operations in the Special Use Airspace (SUA) over southern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico. The EIS analysis will include "interim conditions," defined as the timeframe between the Phase 1 and Phase 2 A-10 retirements, along with alternatives to the Proposed Action including the No Action Alternative. Additional information about the Proposed Action can be found on the project website, http://www.492sow-beddown-eis.com.</p></div> <div><p>The Area of Potential Effect (APE) is defined as the areas of ground disturbance (approximately 50 meters) around each location associated with construction, demolition, and renovation at DMAFB and the primary ranges and airspaces that would be used by AFSOC pilots (see Attachments 2, 3, and 4). The DAF does not know of any properties of religious and</p></div> <div><p>¹ Title 54 <i>United States Code</i> Section 306108, as implemented by Title 36 <i>Code of Federal Regulations</i> Part 800.</p></div>	<div><p>2</p></div> <div><p>cultural significance within the APE. The DAF has invited tribal nations associated with DMAFB and the subject SUA to consult on this undertaking.</p></div> <div><p>Implementation of the proposed 492 SOW Beddown and transfer of ACC IS personnel would include the construction of 9 new facilities, demolition of 2 buildings, and 28 renovation projects. All buildings within the physical APE have been recorded and evaluated for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility, none of which are eligible. There are 12 NRHP-eligible buildings within the visual APE (approximately 800 meters) of one building with proposed renovations. These 12 buildings are covered under the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Program Comment for World War II and Cold War Era Army Ammunition Production Facilities and Plants. None of the facilities proposed for renovation, modification, or demolition under the Proposed Action are eligible or potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP. Additionally, no impacts to archaeological resources would be anticipated to result from implementation of the Proposed Action. All areas of the installation proposed for construction have been disturbed by previous construction or have been inventoried for archaeological resources. There are no NRHP-eligible archaeological sites within the physical APE.</p></div> <div><p>Under the Proposed Action Alternative, as compared to interim conditions, there would be a net annual decrease of 8,828 operations in the airspace and ranges proposed for use once the A-10 aircraft are retired and the 492 SOW is fully operational. Compared to interim conditions, munitions use within Barry M. Goldwater Range would be reduced by 768,185 rounds per year and the use of defensive countermeasures (chaff and flares) would decrease by 45,680 per year. The reduction in aircraft operations, munitions, and countermeasure use would reduce the amount of noise occurring below the airspace proposed for use and on existing ranges. However, when compared to the No Action Alternative, the noise reductions would be less than what would occur compared to interim conditions.</p></div> <div><p>DMAFB has determined that implementation of the undertaking would have no adverse effect on historical properties. Based on the areas and facilities identified on Attachments 2 and 4 and the lack of archeological sites, DMAFB has determined there are no historic properties affected within the portion of the APE located at DMAFB. A number of NRHP eligible properties exist in the portion of the APE beneath the existing airspace (Attachment 3). DMAFB has made a determination that no adverse effects would occur to historic properties in this portion of the APE. The finding of no adverse effects has been made based on the reduction in operations, munition usage, and noise levels previously described. We request your concurrence on these determinations. If we do not hear from you within 30 days after you receive this letter, we will assume that you concur with the finding of no historic properties affected determination. We intend to notify your agency when the Draft EIS is available and welcome comments and input at that time as well. Please inform us if someone else within your agency other than you should receive such notifications.</p></div> <div><p>For questions or comments, please contact Ms. Barbara Long, DMAFB, Cultural Resources and NEPA Manager, via email at Barbara.long.3@us.af.mil or by phone at (520) 228-4035.</p></div>
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Christopher L. Brewster, P.E., GS-14, DAFC
Flight Chief, Installation Management

Attachments:

1. Regional Location Map – Davis-Monthan AFB
2. APE Davis-Monthan AFB
3. Davis-Monthan AFB Airspace APE
4. NRHP Status of Buildings Proposed for Renovation, Modification, or Demolition

Thank you for providing the additional information regarding the previous archaeological survey conducted by Statistical Research, Inc. (2017) at DFMB. SHPO concurs with the finding of "No Adverse Effect" for the proposed undertaking.



Erin Davis
Archaeological Compliance Specialist
Arizona State Historic Preservation Office
October 8, 2024

3.2 New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office Section 106 Letter



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
355TH FIGHTER WING
DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA**

Colonel Scott C. Mills
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State Historic Preservation Officer
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Dear Ms. Ensey

The purpose of this letter is to invite your office to participate in consultation with Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB) pursuant to Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act* (NHPA).¹

The United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental consequences that could result from the beddown of the 492nd Special Operations Wing (492 SOW) at DMAFB, Arizona (see Attachment 1).

The Proposed Action analyzed in the EIS addresses several actions associated with Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) and Air Combat Command (ACC) occurring on DMAFB. The actions include the beddown of the 492 SOW; the transfer of Special Tactics and Special Operations Theater Air Operations Squadrons to DMAFB; activation of an ACC Intelligence Squadron; and facilities and infrastructure construction, renovation, and demolition projects (i.e., Phase 1). In addition, the EIS will analyze Phase 2 of the A-10 retirement from DMAFB, which would result in a net decrease of operations in the Special Use Airspace (SUA) over southern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico. The EIS analysis will include "interim conditions," defined as the timeframe between the Phase 1 and Phase 2 A-10 retirements, along with alternatives to the Proposed Action including the No Action Alternative. Additional information about the Proposed Action can be found on the project website, <http://www.492sow-beddown-eis.com>.

The Area of Potential Effect (APE) is defined as the areas of ground disturbance (approximately 50 meters) around each location associated with construction, demolition, and renovation at DMAFB and the primary ranges and airspaces that would be used by AFSOC

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pilots (see Attachments 2 and 3). The DAF does not know of any properties of religious and cultural significance within the APE. The DAF has invited tribal nations associated with DMAFB and the subject SUA to consult on this undertaking.

Under the Proposed Action Alternative, as compared to interim conditions, there would be a net annual decrease of 8,828 operations in the airspace and ranges proposed for use once the A-10 aircraft are retired and the 492 SOW is fully operational. Compared to interim conditions, munitions use within Barry M. Goldwater Range would be reduced by 768,185 rounds per year and the use of defensive countermeasures (chaff and flares) would decrease by 45,680 per year. The reduction in aircraft operations, munitions, and countermeasure use would reduce the amount of noise occurring below the airspace proposed for use and on existing ranges. However, when compared to the No Action Alternative, the noise reductions would be less than what would occur compared to interim conditions.

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For questions or comments, please contact Ms. Barbara Long, DMAFB, Cultural Resources and NEPA Manager, via email at Barbara.long.3@us.af.mil or by phone at (520) 228-4035.

Sincerely

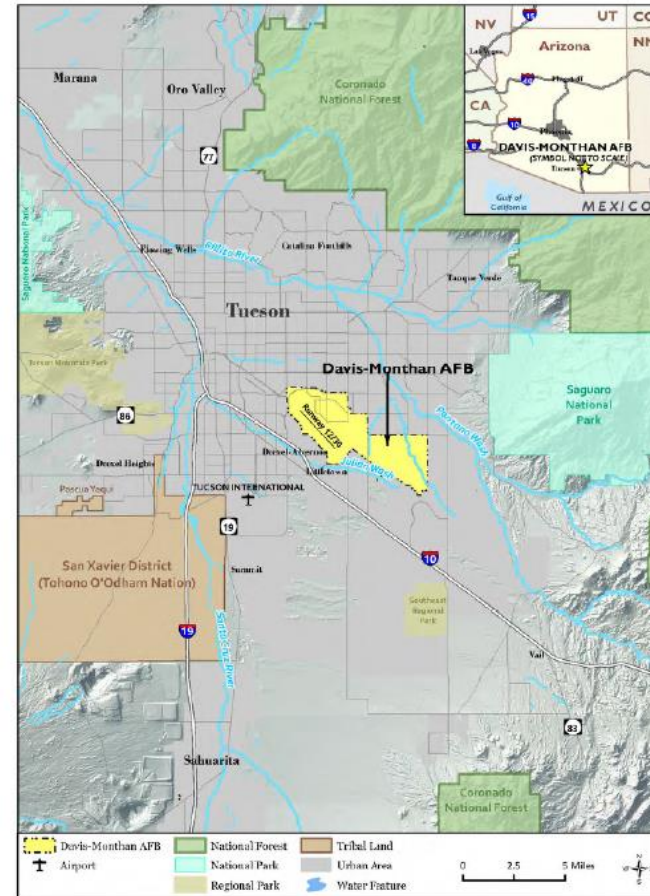
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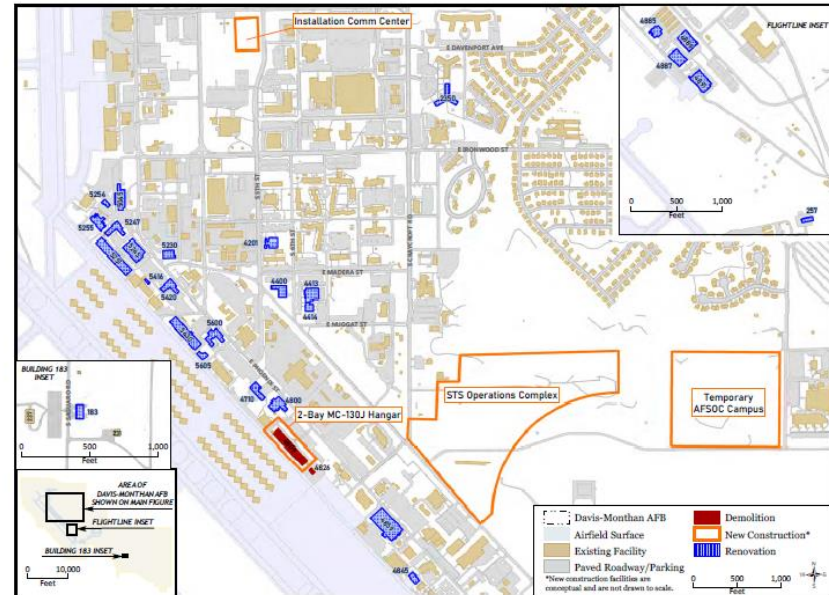
Attachments:

1. Regional Location Map – Davis-Monthan AFB
2. APE Davis-Monthan AFB
3. Davis-Monthan AFB Airspace APE

ATTACHMENT 1



ATTACHMENT 2



3.2.1 New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office Section 106 Response Letter



Michelle Lujan Grisham,
Governor

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

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September 30, 2024

Mr. Christopher Brewster
Flight Chief, Installation Manager
355 Civil Engineer Squadron
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Re: DMAFB_AZ_492 SOW Beddown (HPD log 122310)

Mr. Brewster:

I want to thank you for providing The Department of Air Forces' (DAF) Notice of Intent to (NOI) develop an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed beddown of the 492 Special Operations Wing at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson (HPD log 122310). I have a few comments on the NOI, the Section 106 consultation process and the finding of effects.

Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties

Per 36 CFR 800.4 *Identification of Historic Properties* and our previous comment (HPD log 122830), the NOI does not provide adequate information on the presence of historic properties within New Mexico and the Playas and Tombstone Military Operation Areas (MOAs). This information is needed to comply with the DAFs' Section 106 responsibilities as described in 36 CFR 800 Protection of Historic Properties. Without it we cannot reasonably consider the undertaking's potential effects on historic properties.

The DAF needs to include in the Section 106 consultation, and summarize in the DEIS, an inventory of previous investigations to identify and evaluate historic properties in each APE and information the properties that are eligible or unevaluated for listing in the NRHP. Please note that the DEIS should not disclose the information about the location, character, or ownership of historic properties per 36 CFR 800.11(c)(1).

This data can be accessed in the New Mexico Cultural Resource Information System (NMCRIIS) by an agency or qualified contractor possessing a current User's Agreement with the Archaeological Records Management Section (ARMS) and compatible GIS software. Alternatively, the DAF can contact ARMS for assistance with this work.

Assessment of Effects

I note that DMAFB requests a finding of no adverse effect to historic properties based on the NOI. Again, the NOI provides no information concerning the activities that will take place in the MOAs, which need to complete consultation on the assessment of effects. So, The New Mexico SHPO does not concur with the finding of no adverse effect to historic properties for the following reasons.

This concludes HSPO comments on the NOI. We are looking forward to working with the DAF to advance and conclude the Section 106 consultation for this important undertaking. If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-827-4225 or email me at bob.estes@dca.nm.gov.

Best regards,

John R. (Bob) Estes Ph.D.

HPD log 122380
applies to the
RSOP EIS

3.2.2 New Mexico Cultural Resource Information System Database Search Results

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Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 3:44 PM
To: Estes, Bob, DCA <Bob.Estes@dca.nm.gov>; michelle.ensey@dca.nm.gov
Cc: WAKEFIELD, KEVIN L CIV USAF ACC 355 CES/CEIE <kevin.wakefield.1@us.af.mil>; POST, NICOLAS G CIV USAF AFMC AFCEC/CIEE <nicolas.post@us.af.mil>; Tutterow, Brian W. [US-US] <BRIAN.W.TUTTEROW@leidos.com>; Wildt, Chris M. [US-US] <CHRISTOPHER.M.WILDT@leidos.com>; Dauess, Tom V. [US-US] <THOMAS.V.DAUES@leidos.com>
Subject: EXTERNAL: 492 Special Operations Wing Beddown EIS at Davis-Monthan AFB (HPD Log #'s 122487 and 123310)

Good Afternoon Bob and Michelle,

During our teleconference with you and Michelle on 15 November 2024, you had requested that we conduct a search of historic properties under the airspace proposed for use in New Mexico by the OA-1K and MC-130J aircraft proposed to operate as part of the 492 Special Operations Wing (SOW) Beddown EIS.

As a result of the referenced teleconference, Leidos completed a search of the New Mexico Cultural Resource Information System (NMCRIIS) using the boundary of the Tombstone and Playas Military Operations Areas (MOAs) including a 0.5 kilometer buffer area as the Area of Potential Effect (APE). The attached pdf map identifies the APE that was used for this search. The table below provides a summary of the data contained in the attached spreadsheet from the NMCRIIS search of this area.

Total Number of Historic Cultural Properties Inventory (HCPI) Properties:	26
Total Number of NRHP Eligible HCPI Properties:	5
Total Number of Unevaluated HCPI Properties:	21
Total Number of State Register (SR) Properties:	2
Total Number of Archaeological Sites:	548
Total Number of NRHP Evaluated Archaeological Sites:	141
Total Number of NRHP Unevaluated Archaeological Sites:	407
Total Number of NRHP Eligible Archaeological Sites:	69
Total Number of NRHP Ineligible Archaeological Sites:	72

As indicated in our letter dated 25 October 2024, the DAF has made a determination that no adverse effects would occur to historic properties in the APE associated with the airspace in New Mexico.

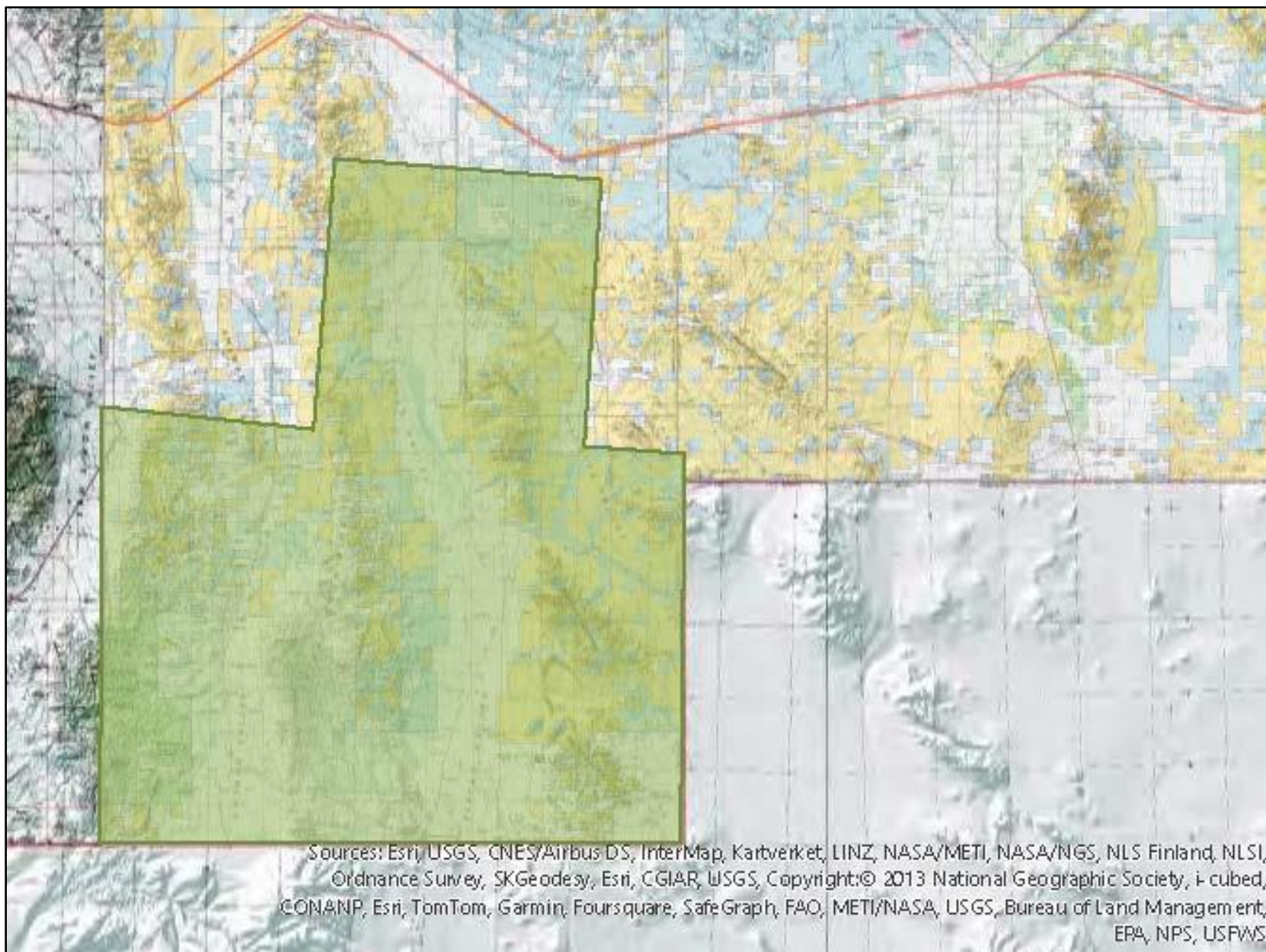
We respectfully request your review of the attached information and concurrence with the proposed APE and the DAF's findings of no adverse effect to historic properties within the APE.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please give me a call.

Respectfully,

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*"To be a friend of nature, you have to communicate with nature.
You have to understand the voice of nature." (Farina, 2014)*



492nd Special Operations Wing Beddown at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

Environmental Impact Statement

New Mexico Archaeological Sites									
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Site	Bobcat Cave	9071							
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Site	202984							
Site	202981							
Total Number of Archaeological Sites:		548						
Total Number of NRHP Evaluated Archaeological Sites:		141						
Total Number of NRHP Unevaluated Archaeological Sites:		407						
Total Number of NRHP Eligible Archaeological Sites:		69						
Total Number of NRHP Ineligible Archaeological Sites:		72						

Register Properties

OBJECTID	SR_Number	sNameOfProperty	bGISAccepted	Status_Description	SHAPE_Length	SHAPE_Area
	1	721 Hatchet Mine, Old	Approved	Filed (completed)	3812.580493	894827.1434
	2	1775 Chiricahua Guild and Gallery	Approved	Filed (completed)	188.2561132	2813.091777

Total Number of State Register (SR) Properties:

2

492nd Special Operations Wing Beddown at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
Environmental Impact Statement

HCPI Resources

OBJECTID	SMPrefix	sAlias	HCPIStyle	HCPI_Nur	sStreet	sCity	sConstruction	bGISAcce	bCritA1	bCritB1	bCritC1	bCritD1	INREval	bDemolished	dEvalDate
1	Building			30745			Approved							No	
2	Structure			30748			Approved							No	
3	Building			30750			Approved							No	
4	Structure			30752			Approved							No	
5	Structure			30754			Approved							No	
6	Building			30742			Approved	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	2011-10-15 0:00:00
7	Building			30743			Approved							No	
8	Building			30744			Approved							No	
9	Structure			30746			Approved							No	
10	Building			30747			Approved							No	
11	Building			30749			Approved							No	
12	Structure			30751			Approved							No	
13	Linear Res	Playas Smelter Railroad		40047	Pipeline Road	Multiple	1974-01-01	Proposed	No	No	No	No	No	No	2016-08-22 0:00:00
14	Linear Res	abandoned grade El Paso & Southwest Railroad		40050	Pipeline Road	Rodeo		Proposed	No	No	No	No	Unknown	No	2016-08-24 0:00:00
15	Linear Res	abandoned alignment of NM Highway 80		40051	near NM Highway 80	Rodeo		Proposed	No	No	No	No	No	No	2016-08-22 0:00:00
16	Linear Res	Abandoned ditch system		40052	Chestnut Street	Rodeo		Proposed	No	No	No	No	Unknown	No	2016-08-22 0:00:00
17	Linear Res	abandoned Irrigation ditch system		40053		Rodeo		Proposed	No	No	No	No	Unknown	No	2016-08-22 0:00:00
18	Structure	Homestead Well south	N/A	43861	Homestead Road / County Road 27	Animas vicinity	1925-01-01	Approved	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	2018-03-29 0:00:00
19	Structure	Homestead Well north	N/A	43862	Homestead Road / County Road 27	Animas vicinity	1951-01-01	Approved	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	2018-03-29 0:00:00
20	Site		N/A	43864	Homestead Road / County Road 27	Animas vicinity	1925-01-01	Approved	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	2018-03-29 0:00:00
21	Structure	Gallman Wells	N/A	43866			1927-01-01	Approved	No	No	No	No	Unknown	No	2018-03-29 0:00:00
22	Structure	Gallman Wells	N/A	43867	off NM Highway 338	Animas vicinity	1927-01-01	Approved	No	No	No	No	Unknown	No	2018-03-29 0:00:00
23	Site		N/A	43863	Homestead Road / County Road 27	Animas vicinity	1925-01-01	Approved	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	2018-03-29 0:00:00
24	Site		N/A	43865	Homestead Road / County Road 27	Animas vicinity	1925-01-01	Proposed	No	No	No	No	Unknown	No	2018-03-29 0:00:00
25	Linear Res	El Paso and Southwestern Railroad	N/A	46691		Hachita	1901-01-01	Approved	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	2019-08-28 0:00:00
26	Structure	Lake Bottom well/windmill		49640			1957-01-01	Proposed						No	

Total Number of Historic Cultural Properties Inventory (HCPI) Properties: 26
Total Number of Eligible HCPI Properties: 5
Total Number of Unevaluated HCPI Properties: 21

3.2.3 New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office Section 106 Concurrence Letter



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Dear Ms. Ensey

The purpose of this letter is to invite your office to participate in consultation with Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB) pursuant to Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act* (NHPA).¹

The United States Department of the Air Force (DAF) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental consequences that could result from the beddown of the 492nd Special Operations Wing (492 SOW) at DMAFB, Arizona (see Attachment 1).

The Proposed Action analyzed in the EIS addresses several actions associated with Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) and Air Combat Command (ACC) occurring on DMAFB. The actions include the beddown of the 492 SOW; the transfer of Special Tactics and Special Operations Theater Air Operations Squadrons to DMAFB; activation of an ACC Intelligence Squadron; and facilities and infrastructure construction, renovation, and demolition projects (i.e., Phase 1). In addition, the EIS will analyze Phase 2 of the A-10 retirement from DMAFB, which would result in a net decrease of operations in the Special Use Airspace (SUA) over southern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico. The EIS analysis will include "interim conditions," defined as the timeframe between the Phase 1 and Phase 2 A-10 retirements, along with alternatives to the Proposed Action including the No Action Alternative. Additional information about the Proposed Action can be found on the project website, <http://www.492sow-beddown-eis.com>.

The Area of Potential Effect (APE) is defined as the areas of ground disturbance (approximately 50 meters) around each location associated with construction, demolition, and renovation at DMAFB and the primary ranges and airspaces that would be used by AFSOC

¹ Title 54 *United States Code* Section 306108, as implemented by Title 36 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 800.

pilots (see Attachments 2 and 3). The DAF does not know of any properties of religious and cultural significance within the APE. The DAF has invited tribal nations associated with DMAFB and the subject SUA to consult on this undertaking.

Under the Proposed Action Alternative, as compared to interim conditions, there would be a net annual decrease of 8,828 operations in the airspace and ranges proposed for use once the A-10 aircraft are retired and the 492 SOW is fully operational. Compared to interim conditions, munitions use within Barry M. Goldwater Range would be reduced by 768,185 rounds per year and the use of defensive countermeasures (chaff and flares) would decrease by 45,680 per year. The reduction in aircraft operations, munitions, and countermeasure use would reduce the amount of noise occurring below the airspace proposed for use and on existing ranges. However, when compared to the No Action Alternative, the noise reductions would be less than what would occur compared to interim conditions.

DMAFB has determined that implementation of the undertaking would have no adverse effect on historical properties. Based on the areas and facilities identified on Attachments 2 and 4 and the lack of archeological sites, DMAFB has determined there are no historic properties affected within the portion of the APE located at DMAFB. A number of NRHP eligible properties exist in the portion of the APE beneath the existing airspace (Attachment 3). DMAFB has made a determination that no adverse effects would occur to historic properties in this portion of the APE. The finding of no adverse effects has been made based on the reduction in operations, munition usage, and noise levels previously described. We request your concurrence on these determinations. If we do not hear from you within 30 days after you receive this letter, we will assume that you concur with the finding of no historic properties affected determination. We intend to notify your agency when the Draft EIS is available and welcome comments and input at that time as well. Please inform us if someone else within your agency other than you should receive such notifications.

For questions or comments, please contact Ms. Barbara Long, DMAFB, Cultural Resources and NEPA Manager, via email at Barbara.long.3@us.af.mil or by phone at (520) 228-4035.

The SHPO concurs with the finding of effect as proposed.


December 3, 2024
For the NM SHPO; HPD log 123981, 123321

Sincerely

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Attachments:

1. Regional Location Map – Davis-Monthan AFB
2. APE Davis-Monthan AFB
3. Davis-Monthan AFB Airspace APE