

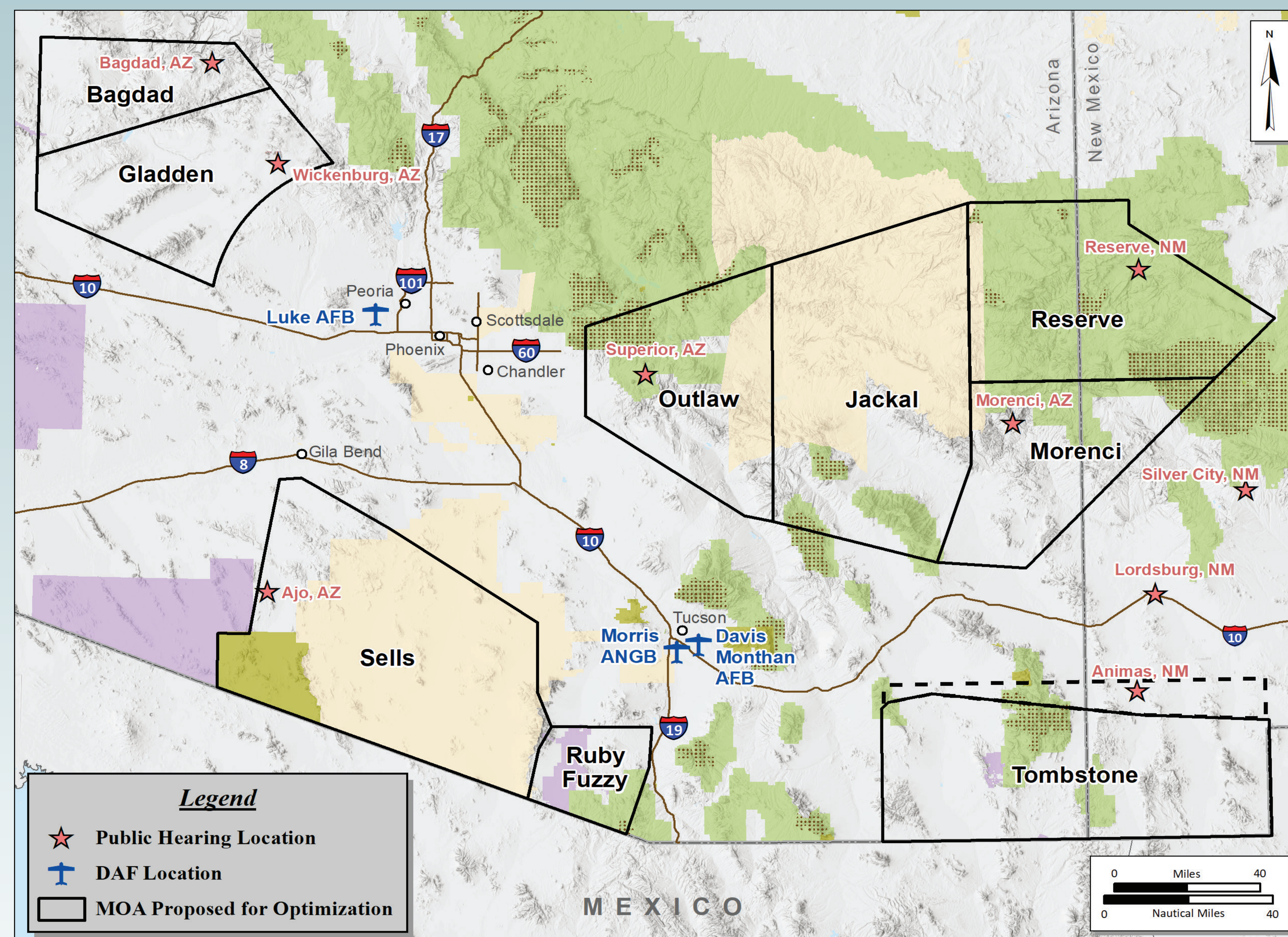


WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES?

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 rely on the availability of another service's airspace to accomplish daily training 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 overflowed 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.



Alternative 1: No Action

Under the No Action Alternative, none of the existing MOAs would be modified and training requirements would remain unmet.

Alternative 2: Proposed Action

Alternative 2 would fully optimize the existing MOAs. Proposed changes include:

- 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 MOAs.
- 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

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

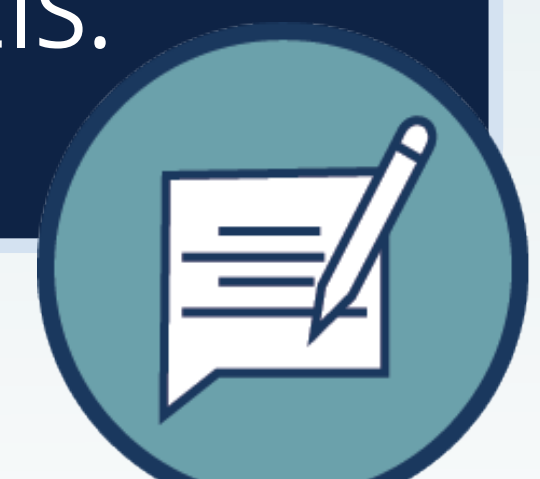
Alternative 4

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.



Your Input is Needed!

Public participation helps the Air Force make more informed decisions. Review the Draft EIS and provide specific comments for consideration in the Final EIS.



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