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Ms. Nancy B. Kalinowski  
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Dear Ms. Kalinowski

In accordance with the President's Council on Environmental Quality National Environmental Policy Act Regulations 40 CFR § 1501.6, *Cooperating Agencies*, the Air Force requests the participation of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a cooperating agency in the preparation of two unrelated Air Force Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for:

a. Extension and modifications to the White Elk Military Operating Area in Nevada. This airspace initiative would support Ready Aircrew Program training of the 388 Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah, during times when the Utah Test and Training Range is being used for higher priority testing.

b. Modification of the Powder River Training Complex in Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota. This airspace initiative would support the 28<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, among others, by providing realistic combat training that maximizes valuable aircrew flying hours while saving millions of dollars annually.

As a cooperating agency, the Air Force requests the FAA participate in various portions of the EIS development as may be required. Specifically, the Air Force asks the FAA to support as a cooperating agency by:

- Participating in the scoping process
- Assuming responsibility, upon request by the Air Force, for developing information and preparing analyses on issues for which the FAA has special expertise; and
- Making staff support available to enhance interdisciplinary review capability.

Please respond in writing to this request. Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this memo, our Headquarters Air Combat Command points of contact are Ms Sheryl K. Parker, A7PP, (757) 764-9334 for the White Elk, and Ms Linda DeVine, A7PP, (757)-764-9434 for the Powder River.

Sincerely

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Dear Mr. Billings:

Thank you for your letter of September 28, 2007 requesting Federal Aviation Administration participation in the environmental processes associated with two unrelated U. S. Air Force (USAF) proposals. We understand that the USAF is proposing to extend and modify the White Elk Military Operations Area (MOA) in Nevada; and, is also proposing to modify the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC), which includes airspace in the Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota areas.

We are pleased to participate as a cooperating agency, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as Amended, and its' implementing regulations. Since the proposals contemplate activities associated with Special Use Airspace (SUA), the FAA will cooperate following the guidelines described in the Memorandum of Understanding between the FAA and the Department of Defense Concerning SUA Environmental Actions, dated October 4, 2005.

The FAA Western Service Area will be the primary focal point for matters related to the White Elk MOA, while the Central Service Area will be the primary focal point for matters related to the PRTC environmental processes. I have forwarded a copy of this letter and your letter to the Western System Support Group Manager, Mr. Clark Desing who can be contacted directly at (425) 917-6700; and to the Central System Support Group Manager, Mr. Don Smith who can be contacted directly at (817) 222-5530. The FAA looks forward to working with the USAF on the environmental process associated with the two proposals identified above.

Sincerely,

  
Edith V. Parish,  
Acting Director

cc: Central and Western Service Areas, System Support