



# The United States Air Force Invites You to Attend Public Scoping Meetings for the Proposed Airspace Optimization for Readiness EIS for Mountain Home AFB

## Proposed Action and Alternatives

The United States Air Force (USAF) is proposing to modify airspace associated with Mountain Home Air Force Base (AFB). Modifying this airspace will allow the USAF to provide a more realistic and efficient airspace training environment for aircrews and improve aircrew proficiency in low-altitude tactics and radar masking using mountainous terrain for survival in a highly contested environment. The proposed airspace changes include:

- 1) changing low-altitude airspace floors that currently prohibit realistic low-altitude training certification and maintenance training and negatively impact vertical capability and capacity,
- 2) providing consistent low-level operational floors for low-altitude flights to allow use of topographic features of mountainous terrain to mask the aircraft and safely neutralize or avoid technologically advanced threats, and
- 3) allowing aircrews to descend at supersonic speed and to fly at lower supersonic altitudes so they can realistically train on evasive maneuvers.

Alternatives that address the training requirements will be defined as reasonable alternatives for analysis in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

## Environmental Impact Statement

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the USAF will prepare an EIS to evaluate potential environmental impacts that could result from implementation of airspace optimization at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. The analysis will also include the No Action Alternative, which provides a benchmark to enable USAF decision makers to compare the magnitude of the potential environmental effects of the proposed action.

## Public Scoping Meetings – Please Attend

The USAF will hold public scoping meetings to inform the public about the proposed action and alternatives under consideration and to “scope” important issues to evaluate in the EIS. The meetings will be arranged in a “come and go,” open house format with no formal USAF presentation or opportunity for public testimony; however, written comments will be accepted.

**Your input is valuable and assists the USAF in making better informed decisions.**

**Open House: Drop in anytime from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at any of the following locations:**

### Monday, November 4, 2019

McDermitt, Nevada  
McDermitt Combined School  
100 Olavarría Street

### Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Boise, Idaho  
The Riverside Hotel  
2900 West Chinden Boulevard

### Thursday, November 7, 2019

Grand View, Idaho  
Grand View Elementary School  
205 1st Street

### Friday, November 8, 2019

Mountain Home, Idaho  
Mountain Home Junior High School  
1600 East 6th South

## Public Comment

For more information or to submit written comments, please visit the project website at [www.mountainhomeafbairspaceeis.com](http://www.mountainhomeafbairspaceeis.com). Written comments can also be sent by U.S. Mail to: Mountain Home AFB Airspace Optimization EIS, 1740 East Fairview Ave, PMB 20, Meridian, Idaho 83642.

For additional information, please contact: 366th Fighter Wing Public Affairs  
366 Gunfighter Ave, Bldg 512, Ste 2014  
Mountain Home AFB, ID 83648  
Phone: 208-828-6800; Email: [366fw.pa.public.affairs@us.af.mil](mailto:366fw.pa.public.affairs@us.af.mil)

The USAF will accept written comments at any time during the environmental impact analysis process. **However, to ensure the USAF has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, please submit comments by November 25, 2019!**