



Attention Birders!

DID YOU KNOW THERE'S A PLAN TO EXPAND MILITARY OPERATIONS AREA ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA?

The U.S. Air Force wants to...

- Increase the size of operation areas by nearly 1000 square miles
- Increase operation time by 20 hours a week
- Fly fighter jets as low as 100 feet above ground
- Fly supersonic jets (*extreme noise & pressure waves*) as low as 5,000 feet above ground
- Release chaff* and burning flares at 2,000 feet above ground
(*aluminum & coated silica fibers)

WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

This proposal will dramatically increase fire risk, pollute waterways, negatively impact the health of wildlife in fragile sky-island ecosystems, and take a toll on the well-being of those who live in and enjoy the quiet beauty of this area.

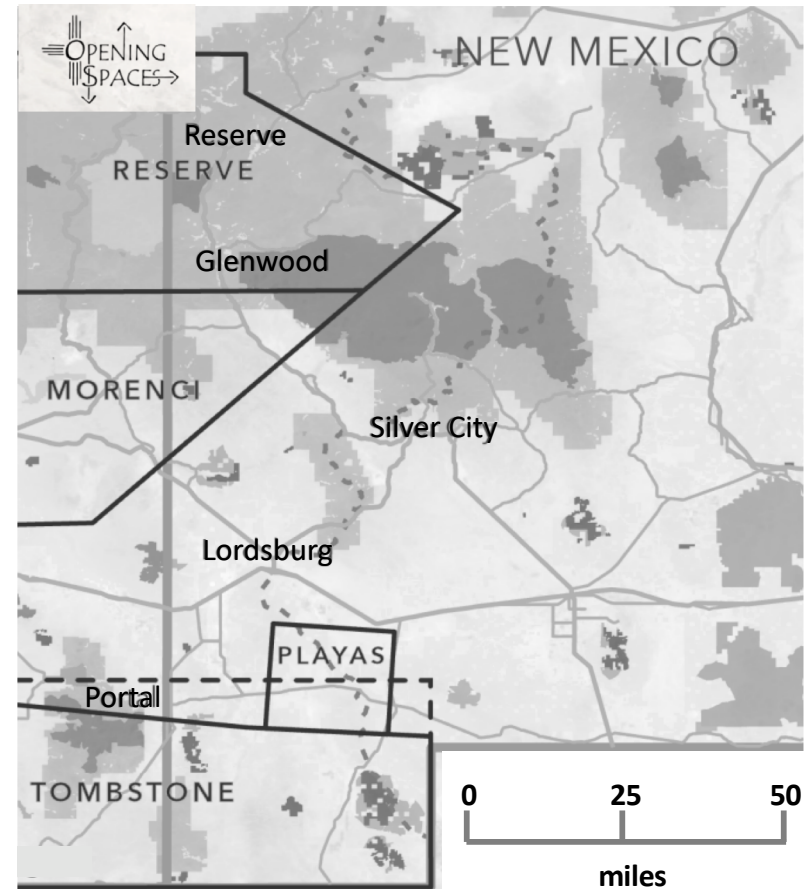
WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Peaceful Gila Skies is building a case against these proposed changes. As part of this coalition, **Southwestern New Mexico Audubon Society** is collecting data on birds seen and experiences of birders in this area.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Submit 2023 eBird checklists or email us a list of birds seen in the affected areas (*including when and where*)
- Email your 2023 birding experiences in the affected areas to swnmaudubon@gmail.com (e.g. frequency of visits, military aircraft observed, rare or unusual birds seen, experience of solitude...)

Lands in SW New Mexico / SE Corner of Arizona Affected by Proposed Expansion of Military Air Force Operations



Existing Military Operations Zone
Will be impacted by increased hours of operation, use of supersonic flights, decreased altitude of flights, and dropping of flares and chaff



Proposed additional area
Will increase the size of the military operation areas by nearly 1000 square miles