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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY RELOCATION
OF THE 366TH FIGHTER WING

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Temporary Relocation of the 366th Fighter Wing


The Proposed Action is to relocate up to 54 F-15E/SG aircraft, associated support equipment and personnel for 120 days during CY15. Under this action, 366 FW would fly an appropriate number of sorties in relation to the number of aircraft relocated under this action to meet the overall RAP (Ready Aircrew Program) requirement. A portion of the sorties required during the Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB) runway repairs may be flown at a different location under the authority of a different NEPA document and/or AICUZ (Air Installations Compatible Use Zones) capacity. While temporarily relocated, 366 FW would use existing facilities with no required modifications, construction, or demolition.

The Environmental Assessment (EA), incorporated by reference into this finding, analyzes the potential environmental consequences of activities associated with temporary relocation of the 366 FW and provides any environmental protection measures necessary to avoid or reduce adverse environmental impacts.

The EA considers all potential impacts of the temporary relocation. The EA also considers cumulative environmental impacts with other projects associated with all alternatives.

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Preferred Alternative would temporarily relocate 366 FW aircraft to Gowen Field Air National Guard Base (ANGB). This Alternative would include the relocation of up to 54 F-15E aircraft, associated support equipment, and personnel for 120 days during CY15. While deployed to Gowen Field ANGB, the 366 FW would utilize existing facilities of the ID ANG, no modifications, demolition, or constructed would be conducted.

The 366 FW operations at Gowen Field ANGB would consist of landings and takeoff (an LTO cycle includes taxiing between the hangar and runway, taking off, climbing out of the local pattern, descending from the local pattern, and touch down) and touch and go’s (TGO). A touch and go includes taxiing between hangar and runway, taking off, climbing out of local pattern, descending, touch down, and take off to repeat pattern. Operationally, implementation of this Alternative Action would include up to 450 sorties flown by the 366 FW out of Gowen Field ANGB during a 120 day period; these training sorties would depart from and return to Gowen Field ANGB. Departing flights would require 100% afterburner (AB) use to minimize flight safety risks. When temperatures are above 32°F, afterburners provide an increase in thrust for F-15E aircraft during takeoff flight operations would be conducted in existing military operational airspace in the region including Restricted Areas R-3203 and R-3202. Training would not occur over the city of Boise. For this Alternative, the 366 FW would fly an average of 10 sorties per day with average sortie duration (ASD) of 1.5 hours. During the temporary relocation period, it is anticipated that the 190th Fighter Squadron (190 FS) of the 124th Fighter Wing (124 FW) would maintain existing A-10 operations of approximately 12 sorties per day.
The Air Force performed extensive noise analysis to develop this alternative so that it meets the selection standard requiring no significant noise impacts on the community. As part of this analysis, 366 FW identified several adjustments to their typical flight profiles to avoid noise impacts on sensitive areas of the community. The number of sorties analyzed, runway utilization, flight tracks, and profiles were varied to achieve < 3 dB change at noise sensitive receptors within the Preferred Alternative. Specific elements of this alternative include:

- Runway 10R tracks modified to turn south sooner than previously modeled (just beyond the runway threshold)
- Departure Runway Utilization changed to 20% Runway 10R and 80% Runway 28L
- 1/3 of all F-15E operations were modeled with F100-PW-220 engine (training of the Royal Singapore Air Force) and 2/3 were modeled with F100-PW-229 engine (389 FS and 391 FS).
- For F-15Es with 229 engine, departures modeled with 15 degree climb angle at 400ft AGL when AB turns off to 5,000ft MSL

After accounting for these changes in the flight profile, the Air Force identified that a maximum of 450 sorties with afterburner takeoffs would not cause significant noise impacts on the community.

The Preferred Alternative would allow up to 54 F-15E aircraft to relocate to Gowen Field ANGB and fly up to 450 sorties without having a significant impact on the human environment. Since only a portion of the FY15 RAP sortie requirements could be met during the 120 days, MHAFB would be required to fly remaining sorties at additional locations meeting both existing AICUZ and NEPA capacity.

The Preferred Alternative, with a maximum of 450 sorties at 100% AB, would meet the purpose and need and satisfies all selection standards. Additionally, the Preferred Alternative will have no significant impact on air pollution, air space, or safety regarding the community.

ALTERNATIVE B: NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE

The No-Action Alternative provides the existing baseline environment to which the potential impacts of the action for each alternative will be compared. Under this alternative, the 366 FW would not temporarily relocate. As a result, the 366 FW would be unable to conduct flight training activities due to the comprehensive airfield reconstruction project scheduled for implementation at MHAFB and would be unable to meet its mission readiness requirements. However, because Council on Environmental Quality regulations stipulate that the No-Action Alternative be analyzed to assess any environmental consequences that may occur if the Proposed Action is not implemented, the No-Action Alternative will be carried forward for analysis in the EA.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The Air National Guard has concluded that no significant adverse effects would result to the following resources as a result of the Preferred Alternative: biological resources, cultural resources, occupational health and safety, airspace management, noise, air quality, environmental justice, infrastructure and utilities, and hazardous materials management. No significant adverse cumulative impacts would result from activities associated with the adoption of the Preferred Alternative when considered with past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future projects. In addition, the EA concluded that the Preferred Alternative would not have significant adverse effects water resources, earth resources, land use, socioeconomics, or transportation.
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Preferred Alternative: Temporarily relocate up to 54 F-15E aircraft to Gowen Field Air National Guard Base, Boise, Idaho and conduct 450 maximum number of flying operations.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Based on my review of the facts and analyses contained in the attached EA, conducted under the provisions of NEPA, CEQ Regulations, and 32 CFR Part 989, I conclude that the Temporary Relocation of the 366 FW to Gowen Field during CY15 where they will conduct a maximum of 450 sorties would not have a significant environmental impact, either by itself or cumulatively with other projects at any alternative basing location. Accordingly, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The signing of this Finding of No Significant Impact completes the environmental impact analysis process.

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SECTION 1.0
PURPOSE OF AND NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The 366th Fighter Wing (366 FW), Mountain Home AFB (MHAFB) is located in southwestern Idaho approximately 50 miles southeast of Boise and 8 miles southwest of the City of Mountain Home. MHAFB supports three squadrons of F-15E/SG aircraft. The 366 FW has recently approved a comprehensive airfield reconstruction project at MHAFB. In order to continue required training and operational activities during this planned runway construction project, MHAFB is considering temporarily relocating 366 FW aircraft to a compatible installation in order to support the Fiscal Year (FY) 15 Ready Aircrew Program (RAP) Combat Military Ready (CMR) training requirements. This temporary relocation of the 366 FW would include the relocation of up to 54 F-15E/SG aircraft, associated support equipment, and personnel for 120 days during calendar year (CY) 2015.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the USAF is preparing this environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the feasibility and potential environmental impacts associated with temporary relocation of the 366 FW for 120 days during CY15.

NEPA requires consideration of environmental issues in federal agency planning and decision making. Under NEPA, federal agencies must prepare an EA or environmental impact statement (EIS) for any major federal action, except those actions that are determined to be “categorically excluded” from further analysis. An EA is a concise public document that provides sufficient analysis for determining whether the potential environmental impacts of a Proposed Action are significant, resulting in the preparation of an EIS; or if not significant, resulting in the preparation of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and where applicable, a Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA). This EA was prepared in accordance with NEPA (42 United States Code [USC] 4321-4317), implemented through the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulation of 1978 (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] § 1500-1508), and 32 CFR §989 Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP).

1.2 PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE ACTION

The purpose of this action is to relocate up to 54 F-15E aircraft from MHAFB to ensure that aircraft are available for combat operations and training during runway repairs at MHAFB. Additionally, this relocation is intended to limit government spending on Temporary Duty costs and time away from home for Airmen by conducting as many training sorties as possible from a local airfield that does not require extensive travel away from MHAFB. Within this NEPA analysis, 366 FW intends to operate an appropriate number of local sorties relative to the number of aircraft temporarily relocated. Any remaining required training sorties necessary to comply with the FY15 RAP and CMR programs during this timeframe would be conducted at other locations and do not fall within the scope of this environmental assessment.

The need for this action is driven by the fact that the MHAFB airfield will be unavailable for operations for approximately 120 days due to a comprehensive airfield improvement and reconstruction program. If the aircraft are not moved from MHAFB, they will be unavailable for combat operations and training use; this represents an unacceptable risk for the United States Air Force (USAF) and Department of Defense (DoD).
1.3 INTERAGENCY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND CONSULTATIONS

Federal, state, and local agencies with the jurisdiction of the Proposed Action that could be affected by the alternative actions were notified and consulted during the development of this EA. Two responses have been received to date. The Idaho State Historic Preservation Office responded that they currently have no concerns with the Proposed Action.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (Service) responded, encouraging the 124th Fighter Wing (124 FW) at Gowen Field Air National Guard Base (ANGB) to avoid or minimize potential impacts on Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed species slickspot peppergrass (*Lepidium papilliferum*), bald eagles (*Halieetus leucocephalus*), golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*), and migratory birds. The Service’s comments have been addressed. (See Appendix A)

**Appendix A** contains the list of agencies consulted during this analysis and copies of correspondence, responses, and concurrences.

1.4 PUBLIC AND AGENCY REVIEW OF EA

A Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EA and FONSI was published in the newspapers of record (listed below), announcing the availability of the EA for review on or about 8 December 2014. The NOA invited the public to review and comment on the Draft EA.

The NOA was published in the following newspapers: The Idaho Statesman, Boise, ID and The Mountain Home News, Mountain Home, ID

Copies of the Draft EA and FONSI were also made available for review at the following locations:

Mountain Home Public Library 790 N 10th E Street
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Boise Public Library
715 S. Capitol Blvd
Boise ID 83702
(208) 384-4450

1.5 BACKGROUND ON GOWEN FIELD ANGB

This Environmental Assessment contains alternatives proposing the relocation of aircraft to Boise’s Gowen Field ANGB. A brief history on Gowen Field ANGB is included below for reference.

In 1940, the City of Boise had its new Boise Air Terminal (BOI) certified as a property important to national defense so that it could be selected as an Army Air Corps base site (NGB 2000). In 1941 the base mission was to train crews in the operation of medium-range bomber and reconnaissance aircraft. In 1942, the mission changed to heavy bombardment groups and the base began training B-17 “Flying Fortress” pilots (Hart 1991). The base converted from B-17s to B-24s in 1943 (Hart 1991). In 1946, F-51 propeller aircraft (NGB 2000) were flown by the Idaho Air National Guard (IDANG), and in 1953 the installation converted
to the F-86A Sabre jet (NGB 2000). In 1956, Gowen Field ANGB became home to the F-89 jet interceptors (NGB 2000) and in 1964, the F-102 Delta Daggers. A new mission of aerial reconnaissance brought the RF-4C Phantom to the base in 1975. In 1991, the first F-4G aircraft arrived at Gowen Field ANGB, and the 124 FW operated the only F-4G school in the USAF. As F-4 fighter aircraft were being phased out of the U.S. military in the mid-1990s, they were replaced with A-10 Thunderbolt close air support and C-130 Hercules transport aircraft at Gowen Field ANGB (Global Security 2002). Based on Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission Recommendations, the installation lost the C-130 mission in 2008 but gained additional A-10 aircraft.

The 124 FW of the IDANG is located at the Gowen Field ANGB on the south side of BOI, and is situated in the southern portion of the City of Boise, Ada County, Idaho. The IDANG property comprises an approximately 354-acre military installation along the southern half of BOI, and operates as a joint civilian/military facility adjacent to the Idaho Army National Guard. The land on which the Gowen Field ANGB is located is owned by the City of Boise and is secured for military use through a lease agreement with the City and the Federal government. Since October 2013, the IDANG has been operating at Gowen Field ANGB with the Civil Air Patrol as its only tenant.

SECTION 2.0
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

2.1 PROPOSED ACTION

The Proposed Action is to relocate up to 54 F-15E aircraft, associated support equipment and personnel for 120 days during CY15. Under this action, 366 FW would fly an appropriate number of sorties in relation to the number of aircraft relocated under this action to meet the overall RAP requirement. A portion of the sorties required during the MHAFB runway repairs may be flown at a different location under the authority of a different NEPA document and/or Air Installations Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) capacity. While temporarily relocated, 366 FW would use existing facilities with no required modifications, construction, or demolition.

2.1.1 Training Operations

Operations conducted under this action would include landings and takeoff (an LTO cycle includes taxiing between the hangar and runway, taking off, climbing out of the local pattern, descending from the local pattern, and touch down) and touch and go’s (TGO). A TGO includes taxiing between hangar and runway, taking off, climbing out of local pattern, descending, and touch down, take off, repeating the pattern. Operationally, implementation of the Proposed Action would maximize training sorties and parking space for aircraft at an airfield that meets the established selection standards. A sortie is a single military aircraft flight from initial takeoff through final landing, and includes everything that might be conducted during that flying mission. Training sorties would depart Monday through Friday. Departing flights would require 100% afterburner use to ensure adequate aircraft performance and to minimize flight safety risks. When temperatures are above 32°F afterburner provides an increase in thrust for the F-15 aircraft during takeoff. Additionally, required flight operations would depart between 0730 and 2100 hours in existing military operational airspace in the region. Flights would return before 2400 hours. Average sortie durations of these operations would be approximately 1.5 hours.
2.2 SELECTION STANDARDS

NEPA and CEQ regulations mandate the consideration of reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. “Reasonable alternatives” are those that also could be utilized to meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action. In addition, selection standards may be used to narrow the range of viable alternatives. Per 32 CFR §989, the USAF EIAP regulations, selection standards are used to identify alternatives for meeting the purpose and need for the USAF action. The selection standards for this action are:

- Airfield less than 50 nautical miles from Mountain Home AFB
- Airfield containing a runway not less than 9,000 feet
- Adequate ramp space to park 54 F-15E aircraft
- Available facilities for operations, maintenance, and support functions
- Adequate security for USAF fighter aircraft
- Avoids significant noise impacts on the local community
- Avoids unnecessary flight safety risks

366 FW examined a wide range of potential alternatives to satisfy the purpose and need. In total, five alternatives were considered. However, three did not meet all of the selection standards listed above and were not carried forward for further analysis. The two remaining alternatives were analyzed for environmental impacts.

2.3 PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE: GOWEN FIELD ANGB, ID

Preferred Alternative would temporarily relocate 366 FW aircraft to Gowen Field ANGB. This Alternative would include the relocation of up to 54 F-15E aircraft, associated support equipment, and personnel for 120 days during CY15. While deployed to Gowen Field ANGB, the 366 FW would utilize existing facilities of the ID ANG, no modifications, demolition, or constructed would be conducted.

Operationally, implementation of this Alternative Action would include up to 450 sorties flown by the 366 FW out of Gowen Field ANGB during a 120 day period; these training sorties would depart from and return to Gowen Field ANGB. Departing flights would require 100% afterburner use to minimize flight safety risks. When temperatures are above 32°F afterburner provides an increase in thrust for F-15E aircraft during takeoff. Flight operations would be conducted in existing military operational airspace in the region including Restricted Areas R- 3203 and R-3202. Training would not occur over the city of Boise. For this Alternative, the 366 FW would fly an average of 10 sorties per day with average sortie duration (ASD) of 1.5 hours. During the temporary relocation period, it is anticipated that the 190th Fighter Squadron of the 124 FW would maintain existing A-10 operations of approximately 12 sorties per day.

The Air National Guard performed extensive noise analysis to develop this alternative so that it meets the selection standard requiring no significant noise impacts on the community. As part of this analysis, 366 FW identified several adjustments to their typical flight profiles to avoid noise impacts on sensitive areas of the community. The number of sorties analyzed, runway utilization, flight tracks, and profiles were varied to achieve < 3 dB change at noise sensitive receptors. Specific elements of this alternative include:

- Runway 10R departure tracks modified to turn south sooner than previously modeled (just past the runway threshold)
- Departure Runway Utilization changed to 20% Runway 10R and 80% Runway 28L
- 1/3 of all F-15E operations were modeled with F100-PW-220 engine (training of the Royal Singapore Air Force) and 2/3 were modeled with F100-PW-229 engine (389 FS and 391 FS).
For F-15Es with 229 engine, departures modeled with 15 degree climb angle at 400ft AGL when AB turns off to 5,000ft MSL.

After accounting for these changes in the flight profile, the Air Force identified that a maximum of 450 sorties with afterburner takeoffs would not cause significant noise impacts on the community.

The Preferred Alternative would allow up to 54 F-15E aircraft to relocate to Gowen Field ANGB and fly up to 450 sorties without having a significant impact on the human environment. Since only a portion of the FY15 RAP sortie requirements could be met during the 120 days, MHAFB would be required to fly remaining sorties at additional locations meeting both existing AICUZ and NEPA capacity.

The Preferred Alternative, with a maximum of 450 sorties at 100% AB, would meet the Purpose and Need and satisfies all selection standards.

2.4 ALTERNATIVE B: NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE

The No-Action Alternative provides the existing baseline environment to which the potential impacts of the action for each alternative will be compared. Under this alternative, the 366 FW would not temporarily relocate. As a result, the 366 FW would be unable to conduct flight training activities due to the comprehensive airfield reconstruction project scheduled for implementation at MHAFB and would be unable to meet its mission readiness requirements.

However, because CEQ regulations stipulate that the No-Action Alternative be analyzed to assess any environmental consequences that may occur if the Proposed Action is not implemented, the No-Action Alternative will be carried forward for analysis in the EA.

2.5 ALTERNATIVES ELIMINATED FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION

The following alternatives were initially considered but eliminated from further analysis because they either did not meet the Purpose and Need of the project or they did not meet the required Selection Standards. The Air Force went to great lengths to identify alternatives that would limit potential impacts on the local community. However, many of the alternatives identified as part of this effort is associated with unacceptable flight safety risks or do not meet the Purpose and Need of the action.

2.5.1 Alternative C: 50% Afterburner / 50% Military Power Takeoff

This Alternative would include the following changes made to achieve no significant impacts at noise sensitive receptors:

- Runway 10R tracks modified to turn south sooner than previously modeled (just beyond the runway threshold)
- Departure Runway Utilization changed to 20% Runway 10R and 80% Runway 28L for Afterburner takeoff profiles, and 100% Runway 10R for MIL takeoff profiles. This results in approximately half of the takeoffs being performed without afterburner.
- For F-15E aircraft with 229 engine, 15 degree climb angle from 400ft AGL to 5,000ft MSL
- 770 sorties would be the maximum allowed

Alternative C was developed to meet the purpose and need of the Proposed Action, increase the available number of sorties, and limit noise impacts on the local community. This alternative would not have a
significant impact at noise sensitive receptors. Aircraft performance data indicate that takeoff without afterburner should only be performed when temperatures are below 32° F. This alternative does not meet the Selection Standard that specifies that alternatives cannot present unacceptable safety risks. Because of the increased safety risk associated with military power takeoffs due to aircraft performance requirements, Alternatives C was eliminated from further consideration.

2.5.2 Alternative D: 100% Military Power Takeoff

This Alternative would include the following changes made to achieve no significant impacts at noise sensitive receptors:

- Runway 10R tracks modified to turn south sooner than previously modeled (just beyond the runway threshold)
- Departure Runway Utilization changed to 100% Runway 10R
- For F-15E aircraft with 229 engine, 15 degree climb angle from 400ft AGL to 5,000ft MSL
- No takeoffs would be performed with afterburner
- 1450 sorties would be the maximum allowed

Alternative D was developed to meet the Purpose and Need of the Proposed Action, increase the available number of sorties, and limit noise impacts on the local community. This alternative would not have a significant impact at noise sensitive receptors. Aircraft performance data indicate that takeoff without afterburner should only be performed when temperatures are below 32° F. This alternative does not meet the Selection Standard that specifies that alternatives cannot present unacceptable safety risks. Because of the increased safety risk associated with military power takeoffs due to aircraft performance requirements, Alternative D was eliminated from further consideration.

2.5.3 Alternative E: 2200 sorties, 100% Afterburner Takeoff

This alternative would allow 366 FW to fly all necessary training requirements from the local area during the relocation. It meets the Purpose and Need of relocating up to 54 aircraft, and has the added benefit that it requires no additional travel for training purposes other than routine travel for normally scheduled training and exercises. It meets all selection criteria except that it would impose a significant noise impact on the local community. A greater than 3dB change would be imposed on noise sensitive receptors as part of this alternative. Additionally, the 65 DNL contour would extend well into the residential areas located to the north of the arrival end of Runway 10R. Even though this alternative is the most operationally beneficial option, it was eliminated from further consideration because of the potential noise impacts that it could cause on the community.

2.6 SUMMARY

The Air National Guard has worked diligently with the Air Force to provide reasonable alternatives that meet the operational requirements of 366 FW while limiting potential impacts on the Boise community. Selection Standards were carefully developed to support the Purpose and Need of this action. Many alternatives were developed in an effort to provide a wide range of options to the decision maker for this action. However, three of the alternatives did not meet all of the identified Selection Standards and were eliminated from further consideration. The two remaining alternatives were carried forward for further analysis in this environmental assessment.
SECTION 3.0
AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

This chapter is to describe the current conditions of the environmental resources, either man-made or natural, that would be affected by implementing the Proposed Action or Alternatives.

Per guidelines established by the NEPA, CEQ regulations, 32 CFR §989 EIAP, the description of the affected environments and the associated impact analyses in this EA focus on only those aspects of the environment potentially subject to impacts.

Based on the scope of the Proposed Action, issues were identified through a preliminary screening process. The following resources would not be affected by the Preferred Alternative and are not discussed in detail in this EA: Airspace Management, Hazardous Materials/Waste, Biological/Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, Socioeconomics, and Other NEPA Considerations.

3.1 AIR QUALITY

This section describes applicable regulatory requirements, types and sources of air quality pollutants and current air quality conditions for Preferred Alternative and Alternative B at Gowen Field ANGB.

3.1.1 Regulatory Requirements

The 1970 Clean Air Act (CAA) and the 1990 Amendments to the CAA regulate air pollution emissions from stationary (such as generators and boilers) and mobile sources (such as aircraft and motor vehicles). Under the CAA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) to protect public health and welfare and to regulate emissions of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs). Primary standards set limits to protect public health, including “sensitive” populations such as children and the elderly. Secondary standards set limits to protect public welfare, including protection from decreased visibility, damage to animals, crops, vegetation, and buildings. Areas that are in violation of the NAAQS are designated nonattainment or in maintenance for attainment of criteria pollutants.

There are six criteria pollutants found under the NAAQS: ozone (O₃), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), particulate matter (PM) [which includes particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to 10 micrometers (PM10) and less than or equal to 2.5 micrometers (PM2.5)], and Lead (Pb); ozone precursors include volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx). This EA evaluates five of the six criteria pollutants. Lead, as well as hazardous and toxic air pollutants, is not included in this analysis because they are primarily generated by stationary industrial activities, not by mobile sources such as aircraft.

Established under the CAA (Section 176(c)(4)), the General Conformity Rule requires federal agencies to ensure that their actions conform to applicable implementation plans for the achievement and maintenance of the NAAQS for criteria pollutants. To achieve conformity, a federal action must not contribute to new violations of standards for ambient air quality, increase the frequency or severity of existing violations, or delay timely attainment of standards in the area of concern (for example, a state or a smaller air quality region). Federal agencies prepare written Conformity Determinations for federal actions that are in or affect NAAQS nonattainment areas or maintenance areas when the total direct or indirect emissions of nonattainment pollutants (or their precursors in the case of ozone) exceed specified thresholds as listed in Table 1.
### Table 1 De Minimis Levels for Conformity Determination

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<th>Pollutant</th>
<th>Area Type</th>
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<td>Serious nonattainment</td>
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<td>Ozone (NOx)</td>
<td>Marginal and moderate nonattainment inside an ozone transport region</td>
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<td>Ozone (NOx)</td>
<td>Maintenance</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ozone (VOC)</td>
<td>Marginal and moderate nonattainment inside an ozone transport region</td>
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<td>Ozone (VOC)</td>
<td>Maintenance within an ozone transport region</td>
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<td>Ozone (VOC)</td>
<td>Maintenance outside an ozone transport region</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carbon monoxide, SO2 and NO2</td>
<td>All nonattainment &amp; maintenance</td>
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<td>PM-10</td>
<td>Serious nonattainment</td>
<td>70</td>
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<td>PM2.5</td>
<td>Moderate nonattainment and maintenance</td>
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<td>PM2.5</td>
<td>Direct emissions, SO2, NOx (unless determined not to be a significant precursor), VOC or ammonia (if determined to be significant precursors)</td>
<td>All nonattainment &amp; maintenance</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lead (Pb)</td>
<td>All nonattainment &amp; maintenance</td>
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Source: USEPA 2014c

In 1996, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals issued a decision that required the EPA to regulate all aerospace ground equipment (AGE) as a mobile source. That year, a memorandum was issued by the Chief of the Air Force Legal Services Agency stating that AGE would therefore be considered mobile sources at all military installations. A review of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEO) regulations indicated that they do not specifically address whether AGE is classified as stationary or mobile sources. Therefore, in this environmental assessment, all AGE is considered to be mobile sources in accordance with USAF guidance.
3.1.2 Existing Conditions

Climate

Average temperatures in the City of Boise generally range from the lower 30s (degrees Fahrenheit [ºF]) in the winter months to mid-70s (ºF) in the summer months. Temperatures vary greatly between seasons. The average maximum temperature in the month of January is 37.0 ºF, while the average maximum in July is 90.8ºF. Diurnal temperature variations are greatest in the summer, with a 32ºF difference between the average high and low temperature in July (WRCC 2014a).

Average annual precipitation for Boise is 11.69 inches (includes depth of melted snowfall). More precipitation falls in the winter months, with a peak monthly average of 1.41 inches in December. Summers are rather dry, with the lowest monthly average precipitation of 0.26 inch occurring in July. Snow is not uncommon from late fall through early spring. The average annual snowfall in Boise is 20.1 inches, with a peak monthly average of 6.3 inches in January (WRCC 2014b).

The Boise area is a fairly breezy location. For each month of the year, the average wind speed is at least 6.7 miles per hour (mph) and the annual average wind speed is 7.7 mph. Spring tends to bring stronger winds, although the windiest months, March and April, exhibit an average speed of only 8.9 mph (WRCC 2014c). The prevailing wind direction is from the southeast in the fall and winter and from the northwest in the spring and summer. However, local topography and the passage of storm fronts can greatly influence wind speed and direction on a short-term basis (WRCC, 2014d).

Local Air Quality

Gowen Field ANGB is located in northern Ada County. All of Ada County, according to 40 CFR 81.87, is designated as part of the Metropolitan Boise Intrastate Air Quality Control Region (AQCR) 64. A review of federally published attainment status reports for northern Ada County, which encompasses the project site and is within AQCR 64, indicated that northern Ada County was designated as an area of concern for O3 and PM2.5. At present, Northern Ada County is a limited maintenance area for CO and PM10. Ada County is an attainment area, or meets national standards, for all other criteria pollutants (IDEQ 2014).

The USEPA Air Quality Statistics Report displays an area’s maximum air pollution values for all six criteria pollutants. The values shown are the highest reported measured values during the year by all monitoring sites in the county. Table 2 shows that in 2013, based on the Air Quality Statistics Report, Ada County as a whole meets all national standards for criteria pollutants (USEPA 2014b). Table 3 summarizes the 2011 emission total for Ada County (USEPA 2014a).
Table 2. National Standards and Ada County Calendar Year 2013 Statistics

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<td>Primary</td>
<td>Secondary</td>
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<tr>
<td>O3</td>
<td>8-hour</td>
<td>0.075 ppm</td>
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<td>8-hour</td>
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<td>1-hour</td>
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<td>NO2</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>53 ppb</td>
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<td>1-hour</td>
<td>100 ppb</td>
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<td>SO2</td>
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<td>75 ppb</td>
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<td></td>
<td>3-hour</td>
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<td>0.5 ppm</td>
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<td>PM10</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>150 µg/m³</td>
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<td>24-hour</td>
<td>150 µg/m³</td>
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<td>PM2.5</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>12 µg/m³</td>
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<td></td>
<td>24-hour</td>
<td>35 µg/m³</td>
<td>12 µg/m³</td>
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Source: 1 USEPA 2012; 2 USEPA 2014b

Table 3. 2011 Annual Emissions for Ada County

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<th>Location</th>
<th>VOC</th>
<th>CO</th>
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<th>SO2</th>
<th>PM10</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ada County</td>
<td>25,337</td>
<td>74,383</td>
<td>12,069</td>
<td>589</td>
<td>23,041</td>
<td>4,687</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>42,076</td>
<td>118,262</td>
<td>20,090</td>
<td>2,558</td>
<td>50,887</td>
<td>9,632</td>
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Emissions at the 124 FW Installation

Air emissions that result from activity associated with the 124 FW of the IDANG originate from both stationary and mobile sources. Stationary sources include aircraft engine testing, boilers, internal combustion engines, fuel storage and transfer sources, and various operational sources, including woodworking, painting operations, and chemical use. Mobile sources include on- and off-road vehicles and equipment, AGE, and aircraft operations. At the time of the 2009 Air Emissions Inventory (AEI), F-15E aircraft from Klamath Falls, Oregon were temporarily located at Gowen Field ANGB for six months. Table 4 summarizes 2009 annual emissions associated with operation of the 124 FW (IDANG 2010).

Table 4. 2009 Air Emissions for 124 FW of the IDANG

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Source Type</th>
<th>VOC</th>
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<th>SO2</th>
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<tr>
<td>Stationary (Permitted) Sources</td>
<td>6.8</td>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>3.6</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>1.1</td>
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<td>Mobile Sources (except F-15E)</td>
<td>25.3</td>
<td>79.4</td>
<td>15.8</td>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>1.6</td>
<td>1.5</td>
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<td>F-15E Mobile Sources</td>
<td>7.7</td>
<td>33.6</td>
<td>12.7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>39.8</td>
<td>116.</td>
<td>32.1</td>
<td>1.9</td>
<td>3.0</td>
<td>2.9</td>
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1 Emissions from F-15E aircraft operations temporarily located at Gowen in 2009
3.2 NOISE

3.2.1 Definition of Resource

Sound is a physical phenomenon consisting of minute vibrations that travel through a medium, such as air or water, and are sensed by the ear. Sound is all around us and noise is defined as unwanted or annoying sound that interferes with or disrupts normal human activities. Although exposure to very high sound levels for very long periods of time can cause hearing loss, the principal human response to aircraft noise is annoyance. The response of different individuals to similar noise events is diverse and is influenced by the type of noise, perceived importance of the noise, its appropriateness in the setting, time of day, type of activity during which the noise occurs, and sensitivity of the individual.

Noise and sound are expressed in decibels (dB), which are logarithmic units. A sound level of 0 dB is approximately the threshold of human hearing and is barely audible under extremely quiet listening conditions. Normal speech has a sound level of approximately 60 dB; sound levels above 120 dB begin to be felt inside the human ear as discomfort. Sound levels between 130 to 140 dB are felt as pain (Berglund and Lindvall 1995). The minimum change in the sound level of individual events that an average human ear can detect is about 3 dB. Typically, a person perceives a doubling (or halving) of the sound’s loudness when there is a 10 dB change in sound level.

All sounds have a spectral content, meaning their magnitude or level changes with frequency, where frequency is measured in cycles per second or hertz (Hz). To mimic the human ear’s non-linear sensitivity and perception of different frequencies of sound, the spectral content is weighted. For example, environmental noise measurements are usually on an “A-weighted” (dBA) scale that filters out very low and very high frequencies to replicate human sensitivity. Figure 1 shows typical A-weighted sound levels of common events. It is common to add the “A” to the measurement unit to identify that the measurement was made with this filtering process. For low frequency noise, “C-weighting” (dBC) is typically applied for impulsive sounds such as sonic booms and ordnance detonation.

In accordance with DoD guidelines and standard practice for environmental impact analysis documents, this noise analysis utilizes the following A-weighted noise descriptors or metrics which are defined below: Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL), Sound Exposure Level (SEL) and Maximum Sound Level (Lmax).
**Noise Metrics**

**Maximum Sound Level (L_{max})** – the highest A-weighted, sound level measured during a single event in which the sound level changes value with time, e.g., an aircraft overflight.

**Sound Exposure Level (SEL)** – a composite metric for a single event that represents both the amplitude of a sound and its duration. Noise events such as aircraft overflights have two main characteristics: a sound level that changes throughout the event and the duration during which the event is heard. The SEL metric provides a measure of the net impact of the entire acoustic event, but it does not directly represent the sound level heard at any given time. The SEL is useful for comparing different noise events, e.g., different aircraft types or operations, whose duration or amplitude may be different.

**Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL)** – a composite metric that accounts for all noise events in a 24-hour period, and takes into consideration the increased human sensitivity to noise at night by applying a 10-dB penalty to nighttime events occurring between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. The Federal Interagency Committee on Aviation Noise (FICAN, formerly FICON) recommends and the USAF and Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA) have adopted the Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) for assessing environmental impacts from aircraft operations (FICON 1992). For this analysis, DNL is based on annual average daily aircraft operations, i.e., annual operations divided by 365 days. Noise exposure is presented in terms of contours, i.e., lines of equal value, of DNL. DNL contours of 65 to 85 dB are presented in 5-dB increments. Aircraft DNL is also depicted in terms of colored gradual shading with ‘cool’ (blue) color representing the ambient noise level of 45 dB and the ‘hot’ (red) color representing DNL greater than or equal to 85 dB.

In airport noise analyses, DNL contours are used to help determine compatibility of aircraft operations with local land use activities. DNL from flight operations typically exceeding ambient background noise occur beneath main approach and departure corridors, near local air traffic patterns around the airfield, and in areas immediately adjacent to parking ramps and aircraft staging areas. As aircraft take off and gain altitude, their contribution to the DNL environment diminishes.

**Noise in the Airfield Environment**

**Aircraft Operations.** Analyses of aircraft noise exposure and compatible land use around airports are normally accomplished with computer-based programs (models). DOD facilities typically utilize the suite of programs known as NOISEMAP (U.S. Air Force [USAF] 1992; Czech 2014; Wasmer and Maunsell 2013a; Wasmer and Maunsell 2013b) while civilian airport typically use the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) Integrated Noise Model (INM) program (FAA 2007). Both programs and their inputs are further described in Appendix C.

Modeling is utilized for aircraft noise exposure analyses because true measurements over a year is not feasible and because proposed aircraft activity cannot be measured today. Modeling is most accurate for assessing change in noise exposure. NOISEMAP and INM are semi-empirical meaning their noise propagation algorithms draw on an extensive database of measured aircraft noise levels. NOISEMAP, with its core NMAP program, version 7.3, was used to analyze the military A-10 and H-60 aircraft operations at BOI while INM 7.0a was used to analyze civilian aircraft operations (FAA 2007).

**Other Airfield Noise.** Although noise resulting from aircraft flight operations represents the greatest contribution to the overall noise environment near the airfield, other noise sources (e.g., highway traffic) may also influence total ambient noise levels. Other activities that may generate substantial amounts of noise at an airport include engine preflight run-ups and aircraft maintenance activities, industrial operations, and construction activities.

**3.2.2 Existing Conditions**

**Regional Setting**

The noise environment of communities surrounding Gowen Field ANGB is characteristic of a suburban medium-density environment, settings that typically experience noise associated with vehicles on local highways or light industrial activities. These communities likely experience the following typical ranges of outdoor DNL levels: Normal Suburban Residential, 53 to 57 DNL and Urban Residential, 58-62 (FICON 1992). Areas adjacent to Gowen Field ANGB support a mix of residential, commercial and light industrial land use, in addition to transportation (highways). These land uses typically generate noise levels of low magnitude and aircraft activity is the dominant noise producer in the vicinity of Gowen Field ANGB. Some additional noise can result from day-to-day activities associated with operations, maintenance, and industrial functions at Gowen Field ANGB and other commercial activities around the airport.
These noise sources include the operation of AGE and other transportation-related noise associated with vehicular traffic. However, this noise is generally localized in industrial areas on or near the airfield. Noise resulting from aircraft operations remains the dominant noise source in the airfield region.

**Gowen Field ANGB Existing Noise Levels**

Under baseline conditions, Gowen Field ANGB supports military and civil aviation activity. Overall, BOI supports an average of approximately 182,000 flight operations per year, an average of about 500 operations per day (Oregon Air National Guard 2009) as detailed in Appendix C.

Figure 2 shows the DNL contours for annual average daily aircraft operations for the Baseline scenario and land use in the vicinity of the airport. The area inside of the Baseline 65 DNL contour (outermost contour) stays mostly on airport property, but does extend approximately 800ft into industrial zoning just north of the beginning of Runway 28R, and extends into the residential area approximately 1,300ft to the north of the beginning of Runway 10L.

The land use data in Figure 2 (and in throughout this document) is based on Ada County’s zoning dataset. Each parcel in the Ada County zoning dataset is assigned a broad district type. According to the city’s planning department, these district types reflect existing land use given the fact that the use must comply with the zone. The district types for three zoning abbreviations in the Ada County zoning dataset were unable to be identified. These unidentified zones are located southeast of the airport and are exposed to DNL less than 65 dB. The unidentified zone’s district types are listed as “Unknown” in the figures.

Acknowledging aircraft noise does not stop at the 65 dB DNL, DOD uses DNL gradient depictions to supplement the typical DNL contour presentation as mentioned in section 3.2.1. Figure 3 shows the DNL gradient for the Baseline scenario. DNL ‘fans’ out from the airfield parallel to the runways; the gradient is shown to 45 dB DNL which extends an average of 1.5 miles from the airfield.
Figure 2. Aircraft DNL Contours and Land Use for Baseline Scenario
Figure 3. Aircraft DNL Gradients for Baseline Scenario
The land use analysis in the vicinity of Gowen Field ANGB for each set of DNL contour ranges is shown in Table 5. Most of the area of each contour range falls within the airport property.

The airport boundary includes both Boise International Airport and Gowen Field. Only one acre within the 75-79 DNL contour range falls outside of the airport property, and all of the 80-84 and 85+ DNL contour areas are within the airport property. The 70-74 dB DNL contour extends off airport property to encompass a total area of 18 acres, approximately 9 of which are within residential zoning. The 65-69 dB DNL contour contains approximately 30 acres of residential land use, most of which lays directly north of the beginning of Runway 10L. The population data is based on 2010 census block data within the analyzed residential land use areas. Of the 200 people that are exposed to greater than 65 dB, 89% fall inside of the 65-69 DNL band.

Table 5. Land Use Analysis under Baseline Conditions

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Other potential sensitive receptors in the vicinity of BOI include Hillcrest Elementary, Owyhee Elementary, Hawthorne Elementary, White Pine Elementary, and Timberline High School. These five schools are shown within each of the maps. Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Nazarene Overland Church, and Columbia Heights Baptist Church are sensitive receptors that are outside of each of the map extents. All school, medical, and religious sensitive receptors in the vicinity of Gowen Field ANGB are exposed to less than 65 dB DNL.

3.3 SAFETY

Safety. The Boise Air Terminal Airport is a joint use facility, supporting both the 124 FW and the City of Boise. The City of Boise has primary crash response responsibility on the airport, but the military fire department also responds, all required equipment is available. The 124 FW facilities have, or are programmed to have, all required fire annunciation and suppression systems in place, and hangars are equipped with automatic fire suppression capability.

Aircraft Mishaps. The primary concern with regard to military training aviation is the potential for aircraft mishaps (i.e., crashes) to occur. Aircraft mishaps are classified as A, B, C, or D. Not all aircraft mishaps result in public safety concerns. However, crashes have the potential to affect the public. This EA analyses “Destroyed” aircraft and the “Destroyed Rate” over the lifetime of the F-15 and A-10 aircrafts. The analysis is based on historical data on mishaps at all installations, and under all conditions of flight. The military services calculate destroyed rates per 100,000 flying hours for each type of aircraft in the inventory. F-15 aircraft have flown more than 6,200,000 hours since 1972. A-10 aircraft have flown over 5,200,000 hours
since 1972. The lifetime aircraft destroyed rate for F-15’s and A-10’s is the same; 1.98 per 100,000 flight-hours. Combat losses are excluded from these mishap statistics (see Appendix D and E).

3.4 RESOURCES NOT AFFECTED

Preferred Alternative, issues with minimal or no impacts were identified through a preliminary screening process. The following describes those resource areas not carried forward for a detailed analysis, along with the rationale for their elimination. Regardless of the alternative selected, the following resources would not be affected by the Preferred Alternative and are not discussed in detail in this EA:

**Land Use.** Residential areas north of Gowen Field ANGB would experience a slight increase in noise levels upon implementation of the Preferred Alternative. The remaining surrounding areas expected to be exposed to an increase in noise levels support primarily open space, agricultural activities, and industrial and commercial use. In addition, implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not require any changes to existing land use or zoning.

No long-term activities are associated with the Preferred Alternative. After approximately 120 days, all temporarily relocated aircraft and personnel associated with the 366 FW would return to MHAFB, Idaho. Therefore, no long-term impacts to land use would occur under the Preferred Alternative.

**Geological Resources.** Implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not include any construction, demolition or renovation activities. In addition, the 366 FW would utilize existing buildings, and facilities at Gowen Field ANGB. Therefore, the Preferred Alternative would have no impacts on geology and soils.

**Water Resources.** Implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not include any construction, demolition, or renovation activities. In addition, the 366 FW would utilize existing buildings and facilities at Gowen Field ANGB and would not create any new impermeable surfaces. Runoff from existing facilities would be incorporated into the installation’s existing storm drainage system, which is capable of accommodating such flows (IDANG 2007). Therefore, the Preferred Alternative would not have significant impacts with regard to surface water, groundwater, floodplains, or wetlands.

**Biological Resources.** Implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not include any construction, demolition or renovation activities because the 366 FW would utilize existing buildings, and facilities at Gowen Field ANGB. In addition, previous analyses of biological resources at the Gowen Field ANGB, including consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and a review of data provided by the Idaho Conservation Data Center, have indicated that the Preferred Alternative is unlikely to disturb sensitive species or modify sensitive species habitat (IDANG 2007). Sensitive species include ESA listed species (slickspot peppergrass), bald and golden eagles, and migratory birds. Therefore, the Preferred Alternative would have no impacts to biological resources.

**Transportation and Circulation.** Implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not include any construction, demolition, or renovation activities at Gowen Field ANGB. It is anticipated that up to 50 truckloads would be required to transport required equipment associated with the 366 FW’s temporary relocation to and from Gowen Field ANGB. However, this truck traffic would only make up a small portion of the total existing traffic volume in the region. Further, increases in traffic volumes associated with truck delivery activity and the other vehicular activity (i.e., associated with MHAFB personnel transported daily) would be temporary. In addition, the 366 FW would utilize existing buildings and facilities at Gowen Field.
ANGB, including adequate parking facilities and roadways (IDANG 2007). Therefore, impacts to transportation and circulation would be short-term and less than significant.

**Visual Resources.** Implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not include any construction, demolition, or renovation activities. In addition, the 366 FW would utilize existing buildings and facilities at Gowen Field ANGB. Therefore, implementation of the Preferred Alternative would result in no impacts to regional visual resources.

**Cultural Resources.** Implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not include any construction, demolition, or renovation activities. As previously indicated, the 366 FW would utilize existing buildings and facilities at Gowen Field ANGB. Therefore, implementation of the Preferred Alternative would have no impact to cultural resources.

**Socioeconomics.** The Preferred Alternative would include the daily temporary relocation of MHAFB personnel for 120 days during CY15. Economic activity associated with this temporary relocation would provide short-term economic benefits to the local economy; therefore, impacts to regional or local socioeconomic characteristics would be beneficial, but not significant.

**Environmental Justice.**

**Minority and Low-Income Populations.** Implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not include any construction, demolition, or renovation activities. In addition, the 366 FW would utilize existing buildings and facilities at Gowen Field ANGB. Further, since no significant, adverse environmental impacts associated with the Preferred Alternative would occur, no populations (minority, low-income, or otherwise) would be disproportionately impacted and no significant impact with regard to environmental justice would result.

**Protection of Children.** No on-site housing or facilities for children currently exist in areas associated with the 124 FW installation. Because children would not have access to the temporary relocation site, implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not result in increased environmental health risks or safety risks to children. Thus, no significant impacts to children would occur.

**Hazardous Material and Wastes.** Although the temporary relocation of the 366 FW would result in an overall increase in the quantity of hazardous materials and waste at Gowen Field ANGB, the 366 FW would utilize existing buildings and facilities at Gowen Field ANGB, including hazardous materials and wastes storage and accumulation sites (IDANG 2007). All hazardous materials and/or waste would be disposed of by the 366 FW in accordance with established protocol. Therefore, implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not result in any significant impacts to hazardous materials and wastes.

**Airspace Management.** Implementation of the Preferred Alternative would include flying operations conducted by the 366 FW during a 120 day period; these training sorties would be flown out of BOI and a majority of flight operations would be conducted in existing military airspace including Restricted Areas R-3203 and R-3202. All operations conducted at BOI would be handled by the airport’s existing Air Traffic Control Tower. During the temporary relocation period, it is anticipated that the 190 FS of the 124 WG would maintain existing A-10 operations of approximately 12 sorties per day. No changes to airspace configuration or management procedures would be required. Therefore, increased operations associated with the Preferred Alternative would not have a significant impact to airspace management.

For a description of these resource areas, refer to the Final Environmental Assessment for Implementation of Base Realignment and Closure Final Recommendation for the 124 FW (IDANG 2007).
SECTION 4.0 
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

Environmental impacts that would result from implementation of the Alternative A (Preferred Alternative), 
temporary relocation of the 366 FW to Gowen Field ANGB, are evaluated in this section. Analyses are 
presented by resource area, as presented in Section 3.0, Affected Environment.

4.1 AIR QUALITY

4.1.1 Approach to Analysis

The 1990 Amendments to the CAA require that Federal agency activities conform to the State 
Implementation Plan (SIP) with respect to achieving and maintaining attainment of NAAQS and addressing 
air quality impacts. The USEPA General Conformity Rule requires that a conformity analysis be performed 
which demonstrates that a Preferred Alternative would not: 1) cause or contribute to any new violation of any 
NAAQS in the area; 2) interfere with provisions in the SIP for maintenance or attainment of any NAAQS; 3) 
increase the frequency or severity of any existing violation of any NAAQS; or 4) delay timely attainment of 
any NAAQS, any interim emission reduction goals or other milestones included in the SIP. A conformity 
review must be performed when a Federal action is anticipated to generate air pollutants in a region that has 
been designated a nonattainment or maintenance area for one or more NAAQS. Nonattainment areas are 
geographic regions where air quality fails to meet the NAAQS. Maintenance areas are regions where 
NAAQS were exceeded in the past, and are subject to restrictions specified in a SIP-approved maintenance 
plan to preserve and maintain the regained attainment status. Provisions in the General Conformity Rule 
allow for exemptions from performing a conformity determination if the total net increase in emissions of 
individual nonattainment or maintenance area pollutants resulting from the Preferred Alternative fall below 
significant (de minimis) threshold values.

4.1.2 Impacts

Preferred Alternative

Pollutant emissions associated with implementation of the Preferred Alternative at Gowen Field ANGB 
would include emissions from the temporary relocation of the 366 FW aircraft operations from Elmore 
County, Idaho to Gowen Field ANGB at BOI in Ada County, Idaho. The duration of increased emissions due 
to aircraft operations associated with 366 FW aircraft would be limited to 120 days. Northern Ada County 
was previously a nonattainment area for CO and PM10, but was re-designated as an attainment area for CO 
in 2002 and for PM10 in 2003.

Therefore, northern Ada County is currently designated as a maintenance area for CO and PM10 (IDEQ 
2014). Northern Ada County is designated as an attainment area and is in compliance with all other NAAQS.

Construction Emissions

Implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not require any construction at Gowen Field ANGB 
because facilities are available there to temporarily house maintenance and administrative operations 
associated with the 366 FW aircraft inventory. Therefore, no dust or combustion emissions associated with 
construction activities would occur.
**Operational Emissions**

Implementation of the Preferred Alternative would result in a short-term increase in mobile source emissions due to aircraft operations and personnel levels at Gowen Field ANGB. There would be no long-term operational emissions associated with the Preferred Alternative, as the duration of the Preferred Alternative would be limited to 120 days.

Personnel and facilities associated with the 124 FW would be supporting flying operations of the 366 FW, for a 120 day period in addition to supporting the normal 190 FS operations. Current flying operations include LTO, TGO, and low approach (LA) operations. The 366 FW operations would consist of LTOs and TGOs. An LTO cycle includes taxiing between the hangar and runway, taking off, climbing out of the local pattern, descending from the local pattern (approach), and touch down.

Air Conformity Applicability Model (ACAM) was used to evaluate emissions of criteria pollutants associated with the proposed temporary relocation of 366 FW aircraft at Gowen Field ANGB due to Ada County’s designation as a *maintenance* area for CO and PM10. The anticipated emissions resulting from the proposed operation of aircraft conducting LTOs and increase in vehicular traffic are described in the ACAM data located in Appendix B (Solution 2014). Table 6 shows the estimated increase in mobile source emissions associated with the Preferred Alternative. Mobile emissions from privately owned vehicles (POVs) in ACAM account for a full year. The mobile emissions from POVs in Table 6 take into account the 120 day period for the Preferred Alternative.

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Ada County is a *maintenance* area for CO and PM10; however, the projected total net increases in CO and PM10 would not exceed *de minimis* thresholds and therefore a General Conformity determination is not required. If this alternative were selected, there would be no significant impacts with regard to local or regional air quality.

**Alternative B: No Action Alternative**

Under the No-Action Alternative, the 366 FW would not conduct aircraft operations at the Gowen Field ANGB while the 366 FW runways are unavailable for use for a 120 day period during the runway repair project at MHAFB Idaho. Therefore, air quality conditions in the Boise area would remain as described in *Section 3.1, Air Quality*. If this alternative were selected, there would be no impacts with regard to local or regional air quality.
4.2 NOISE

4.2.1 Approach to Analysis

Noise impact analyses typically evaluate potential changes to existing noise environments that would result from implementation of a Proposed Action. Potential changes in the noise environment can be beneficial (i.e., if they reduce the number of sensitive receptors exposed to unacceptable noise levels), negligible (i.e., if the total area exposed to unacceptable noise levels is essentially unchanged), or adverse (i.e., if they result in increased exposure to unacceptable noise levels). An increase in noise levels resulting from introduction of a new noise source can create an impact on the surrounding environment. Noise associated with a Proposed Action is modeled and compared with the existing noise setting to determine the magnitude of potential impacts.

A significant noise impact would occur if analysis shows that the Proposed Action would cause noise-sensitive areas to experience increased noise exposure of at least 3 dB DNL and they would be exposed to DNL of at least 65 dB under the proposed conditions.

As mentioned in Chapter 3, NOISEMAP and INM were utilized for this analysis. The information in Appendix C summarizes the noise model and its input parameters relative to this work.

For this project, the Baseline scenario is the same as the No Action Alternative.

4.2.2 Impacts

Preferred Alternative

The Preferred Alternative would temporarily relocate the three squadrons of 366 FW aircraft to Gowen Field ANGB. This Alternative would include the relocation of up to 54 F-15E/SG aircraft, associated support equipment, and personnel for 120 days during CY15. Of the 120 days, 79 would be counted as flying days. Operationally, implementation of this Alternative Action would include up to 450 sorties flown by the 366 FW out of Gowen Field during a 120 day period, and all departing flights would require use of afterburner on airport property to minimize flight safety risks. The three squadrons within the 366 FW consist of the 389 FS, 391 FS, and the Royal Singapore Air Force (RSAF). The 389 FS and 391 FS F-15s are modeled with the F100-PW-229 engine, and the RSAF F-15s are modeled with the F100-PW-220 engine.

As shown in Table 7, proposed 389 FS and 391 FS F-15E flight operations would amount to 671 and RSAF F-15SG flight operations would amount to 319 for a total of 990 flight operations. Of the total F-15 flight operations, only 2% would be during the DNL nighttime period and would only consist of straight-in arrivals. The 990 F-15 flight operations would be added to the nearly 181,000 flight operations from the Baseline scenario. No F-35 operations are included in the proposed scenario.
Table 7. Proposed F-15 Flight Operations at Boise International Airport for the Preferred Alternative

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Notes:
- Counted as 2 operations per circuit
- Simulated Flame-Out; Counted as 4 operations per circuit
- Consists of operations for the 389 FS and 391 FS
- All F-15E Departures are Afterburner Departures. Afterburner is only used during takeoff roll and is secured by the upwind end of the runway.

As detailed in Appendix C, the following modeling inputs for the F-15 aircraft were modified relative to the modeling for the Klamath Falls Focused EA, as provided by the USAF (Roberts 2014):

- Departure flight tracks for Runway 10R,
- Runway utilization by type of operation, and
- F-15E (PW-229) aircraft flight profiles (schedule of altitude, power setting and speed along flight tracks)

Short-Term Direct Impacts

After accounting for these elements of the preferred alternative, modeling with a maximum of 450 sorties would not cause a significant noise impact.

As shown in Figure 4, the DNL contours for the Preferred Alternative would be larger than the Baseline scenario because of the introduction of the F-15 operations. The 65 dB and 70 dB DNL contours would extend approximately 300 ft further into the sensitive area within the residential community north of the beginning of Runway 10L. No additional residential communities would be newly affected by the Preferred Alternative DNL contours.

Acknowledging aircraft noise does not stop at the 65 dB DNL, DOD uses DNL gradient depictions to supplement the typical DNL contour presentation as mentioned in section 3.2.1. Figure 5 shows the DNL gradient for the Preferred Alternative. DNL ‘fans’ out from the airfield parallel to the runways; the gradient is shown to 45 dB DNL which extends beyond the map extents in all directions except northeast of the airfield, where the 45 dB gradient ends approximately at White Pine Elementary and Timberline High School. It is clear that each set of colored gradients has increased in area over the same gradient colors of the Baseline gradient map in Figure 3.

Figure 6 shows a comparison of the 65 and 75 dB DNL contours of the Baseline and Preferred Alternative scenarios. The 75 dB DNL contour would expand mostly to the south of the runway, and entirely within the airport boundary. The 65 dB DNL contours would expand mostly to the south of the airport, staying within the airport property, but would also expand 200 to 500 ft to the north and west as well. The residential community to the north of the airport would receive an increase of less than 3 dB in DNL over the Baseline condition. Industrially-zoned districts to the west of the runways would also see an increase in noise.
exposure of between 2 and 5 dB, but those areas are not noise sensitive. The cause for the increase in noise exposure would be the proposed F-15 activity.

Figure 7 shows the Preferred Alternative 65 dB DNL contour and green area is the 3 dB or greater increase from the Baseline to the Preferred Alternative. The areas in green within the Preferred Alternative 65 dB DNL contour represent areas of potentially significant impact.

There are no residential zoning districts that are within the green area of 3 dB or greater within the Preferred Alternative 65 dB DNL contour. The inset area in the upper right corner of the map shows that the green significant impact area approaches the southern boundary of the residential community with the interstate, but does not cover any of the houses. A second inset area in the lower left corner of the map shows that the green significant impact area approaches the western boundary of the community next to the interstate off-ramp, but remains within the interstate boundary. Thus there would be no significant noise impacts with the implementation of the Preferred Alternative.
Figure 4. Aircraft DNL Contours and Land Use for Preferred Alternative
Figure 5. Aircraft DNL Gradients for Preferred Alternative
Figure 6. Comparison of 65 dB and 75 dB DNL Contours of Baseline and Preferred Alternative
Figure 7. Areas of 3 dB DNL Increase within the 65 dB DNL Contour for the Preferred Alternative
Table 8 shows the land use analysis for the Preferred Alternative. Relative to Baseline, the Preferred Alternative would result in an increase in less than 1 acre of residential area exposed to 75-79 dB DNL, an increase of 6 acres of residential area exposed to 70-74 dB DNL, and an increase in 19 residential acres exposed to 65-69 dB DNL. The Preferred Alternative would result in approximately 28 people newly exposed to 70-74 dB DNL, and approximately 192 people newly exposed to 65-69 dB DNL. The number of off-airport acres for each of the DNL ranges has approximately doubled over the Baseline. Most of this acreage is zoned for industrial or open space. The airport boundary includes both Boise International Airport and Gowen Field. Similar to the Baseline, there is no area within the 80-84 and 85+ DNL contours that fall outside of the airport property.

No other types of sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, hospitals, places of worship, etc.) would be newly introduced to 65-69 or 70-74 dB DNL.

No long-term activities are associated with the Preferred Alternative. After 120 days, all aircraft and personnel associated with the 366 FW would return to MHAFB, Idaho and noise levels in the vicinity of BOI would return to Baseline conditions. Therefore, no long-term direct noise impacts would occur under the Preferred Alternative.

**No-Action Alternative**

No changes to existing noise conditions, as described in Section 3.2, would occur if the No-Action Alternative were selected. Therefore, no significant impacts to noise would result from implementation of the No-Action Alternative.

### 4.3 SAFETY

#### 4.3.1 Approach to Analysis

The Air Force Safety Center ([http://www.afsec.af.mil/aviationsafetydivision/aircraftstatistics.asp](http://www.afsec.af.mil/aviationsafetydivision/aircraftstatistics.asp)) and 366 FW Safety Office maintains flight safety data for all aircraft in the AF inventory. This data was accessed for the current proposed action. Additionally, in 2012 the AF completed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Training Basing of the F-35 which was also used during this analysis.
4.3.2 Impacts

Preferred Alternative

Safety. The 366 FW would conduct day-to-day operations and maintenance activities in accordance with applicable safety regulations, published Air Force Technical Orders, and standards prescribed by Air Force Occupational Safety and Health requirements. In addition, the 366 FW would have access to adequate fire suppression and security features and would operate under the IDANG’s existing Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard program (BASH). Therefore, implementation of the Preferred Alternative would not result in any significant impacts to safety.

The 366 FW would use the existing airspace, including Military Operation Airspace, restricted airspace, and Military Training Routes under the same procedures as currently exist. This would not result in any increase in safety risks associated with aircraft mishaps or any increase in the risks of occurrence of those mishaps.

Alternative B: No Action Alternative

Under the No-Action Alternative, the 366 FW would not conduct aircraft operations at the Gowen Field ANGB while the 366 FW runways are unavailable for use for 120 day period during the runway repair project at MHAFB Idaho. Therefore, safety would remain as currently exist and there would be no impacts with regard to safety concerns.

SECTION 5.0
CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Cumulative impacts on environmental resources result from incremental impacts of the Preferred Alternative when combined with other past, present, and projects in the reasonably foreseeable future in an affected area. Cumulative impacts can result from minor but collectively substantial actions undertaken over a period of time by various agencies (Federal, state, or local) or private persons. In accordance with the NEPA, a discussion of cumulative impacts resulting from Preferred Alternatives, under construction, recently completed, or anticipated to be implemented in the near future is required.

For the Proposed Action, due primarily to the temporary and short-term nature of the relocation (i.e., 120 days), cumulative impacts would be considered the same as impacts resulting from implementation of the Preferred Alternative. For an analysis of Preferred Alternative’s impacts, please see Section 3.0, Affected Environment, and Section 4.0, Environmental Consequences
SECTION 6.0
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Dear Mr. Martinez,

The United States Air Force (USAF) is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for the Idaho Air National Guard (IDANG) to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with temporarily relocating the 366th Fighter Wing (366 FW) training activities from Mountain Home Air Force Base (AFB) to the Gowen Field Air National Guard Base (ANGB) located at the Boise Municipal Airport (BOI) in Boise, Idaho.

A required airfield improvement project is scheduled to occur at Mountain Home AFB. In order to continue training and operational activities during this planned runway construction project, the USAF has proposed to temporarily relocate the 366 FW to Gowen Field. This temporary deployment of the 366 FW would include the relocation of up to 1500 personnel and 54 F-15 aircraft with associated equipment for 120 days; these activities are scheduled from approximately 27 April 2015 to 21 August 2015. While deployed to Gowen Field, the 366 FW will utilize unoccupied hangars and associated facilities of the Idaho ANG’s 124th Wing (124 WG). Operationally, the proposed action would include a total of 2,200 sorties flown by the 366 FW during the 120 days. These training sorties would be flown Monday through Friday between 0730hrs and 2300hrs, and in existing general and special use airspaces around Gowen Field ANGB. No construction or demolition is anticipated for this action. Alternatives including fewer numbers of sorties are being evaluated as part of the EA process.

Due primarily to the temporary and short-term nature of the deployment (i.e., 120 days) and because most environmental resources at and in the vicinity of Gowen Field ANGB were recently addressed in a 2012 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a focused Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are proposed in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality regulations to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Under separate correspondence and as required, the IDANG will initiate Government to Government Tribal Consultation, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation, and additional consultation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regarding the Proposed Action and alternatives. For questions regarding the consultation types listed above, please contact Mr. Jake Fruehlinger, Cultural Resources Manager, at (208) 272-4192 or jake.c.fruehlinger.nfs@mail.mil.
As part of the Air Force’s Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP), we request your input in identifying general or specific issues or areas of concern you feel should be addressed in the environmental analysis. To ensure the IDANG has sufficient time to consider your input in the preparation of the Draft EA, we would like to hear from you within 30 days of receipt of this letter; however, we will consider comments received at any time during the environmental process. Please forward written issues or concerns to 1st Lt Heidi Caye at (208) 422-5327 or heidi.caye@ang.af.mil. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this effort.

Sincerely

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Re: Relocating the 366th Fighter Wing from Mountain Home Air Force Base to Gowen Field Idaho Air National Guard Base
Idaho SHPO Review No.: 2014-1171

Dear Ms. Robertson,

The Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) received a letter on September 8, 2014 from Kevin Marek. The letter mentioned the US Air Force preparing an Environmental Assessment to evaluate impacts associated with temporarily relocating the 366th Fighter Wing training activities to Gowen Field Idaho Air National Guard Base. The proposed project actions involve no construction or demolition. The Idaho SHPO does not have concerns for the relocation and finds a determination of No Effect.

If project actions change, please notify our office. If you have questions, contact me at (208) 334-3861 x 101.

Thank you for consulting with us,

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In Reply Refer to: 01EIFW00-2015-CPA-0004

Dear 1st Lt Caye:

This correspondence is in response to the Idaho Air National Guard’s letter received by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) dated October 21, 2014, requesting scoping comments on the proposed temporary relocation of the 366th Fighter Wing to the Gowen Field Air National Guard Base at the Boise Municipal Airport in Boise, Ada County, Idaho. The 366th Fighter Wing has proposed to temporarily relocate to Gowen Field during a required airfield improvement project at the Mountain Home Air Force Base. Our scoping comments are as follows.

When reviewing proposed actions such as the temporary relocation of the 366th Fighter Wing to Gowen Field, the Service typically focuses on three broad categories of trust resources: 1) listed, proposed, and candidate species under the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended, 2) migratory birds, and 3) wetland and riparian areas. The Service provides recommendations for protective measures for listed species in accordance with the Act. Protective measures for migratory birds are provided pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Wetlands are protected pursuant to Section 4 of the Clean Water Act, Executive Order 11990 (wetland protection), and Executive Order 11998 (floodplain management) as well as the Service’s mitigation goal of “no net loss” of wetlands. As the Service is not aware of wetlands or riparian areas located at Boise Municipal Airport, wetlands and riparian areas are not addressed further in our comments. However, we encourage the Air National Guard to include project design features in your project alternatives that avoid or minimize potential impacts to these trust resources in the development of your environmental analysis document.

Comments regarding the Endangered Species Act

Species listed as threatened or endangered receive full protection under the Act, while species proposed for listing are protected from actions that may jeopardize their continued existence. Candidate species have no formal protection under the Act; however, the Service encourages the formation of partnerships to conserve candidate species since these species by definition may warrant future protection. Proactive conservation efforts that address threats to a candidate species may preclude the need for future listing under the Act. The Service recommends that the Air National Guard develops project design features for all action alternatives that avoid or minimize the potential
effects of the proposed temporary relocation of the 366th Fighter Wing at the Boise Municipal Airport and its associated airspace on any listed, proposed, or candidate species.

Slickspot Peppergrass

*Lepidium papilliferum* (slickspot peppergrass), a species proposed for reinstatement as threatened under the Act, is documented to occur at the southern portion of the Boise Airport. Slickspot peppergrass is also found on the Air Force’s Juniper Butte Range, where military training activities may include dropping of inert ordnance. Effects of ongoing aircraft overflights and dropping of ordnance associated with facilities and airspace associated with the Mountain Home Air Force Base are described within the existing 2012 Mountain Home Air Force Base Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP), and have previously been addressed through section 7 consultation (USFWS 2010, entire; USFWS 2012, entire). We recommend that the 366th Fighter Wing military training activities include project design features to avoid or minimize potential impacts to slickspot peppergrass in the Boise Municipal Airport area as well as to comply with the 2012 Mountain Home Air Force Base INRMP when training in facilities and airspace for the Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Greater Sage-grouse

The greater sage-grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*) is a candidate for listing under the Act. Airspace to be used for operations of the 366th Fighter Wing temporarily located at the Boise Airport may overlap areas identified by the Idaho State Office of the Bureau of Land Management (Bureau) as preliminary Priority Habitat and preliminary General Habitat, which are important areas for greater sage-grouse conservation in Idaho. Research has demonstrated both direct and indirect effects of anthropogenic noise on wildlife. Noise generated by military training activities (e.g., aircraft overflights, dropping of ordnance) may affect individual sage-grouse by interfering with seasonally important behaviors and use of habitat including lekking, nesting, brood-rearing, and wintering.

While candidate species have no legal status under the Act, we encourage proactive conservation efforts for the greater sage-grouse as well as other special status and habitats as proactive conservation may preclude the need for listing under the Act. Proactive efforts to address identified issues such as noise disturbance during periods critical for reproduction will benefit the greater sage-grouse. We encourage the Air Guard to fully analyze the effects of noise disturbance on wildlife, including special status species such as the greater sage-grouse, in the environmental analysis for the temporary relocation of the 366th Fighter Wing at the Boise Municipal Airport. We continue to encourage implementation of conservation measures designed to avoid or minimize the effects of noise disturbance on the greater sage-grouse associated with the military training activities, such as overflights within the Owyhee North and Jaridge North airspace areas.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) is the primary agency responsible for the management of the greater sage-grouse within the State of Idaho. The State of Idaho is actively partnering with multiple entities for conservation of the greater sage-grouse. We encourage the Air

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October 24, 2014

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Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation
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Owyhee NV 89832

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Sincerely,

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**Comments regarding the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act**

Although no longer included on the list of threatened and endangered species in the lower 48 states pursuant to the Act as of August 7, 2007, the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) continues to be federally protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The Service has developed National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines (Guidelines) to advise project proponents when and under what circumstances the protective provisions of these Acts may apply to their activities to help avoid violations of the law. The Guidelines and additional information on protection for bald eagle are available on the Service’s website at [http://www.fws.gov/migratory/birds/baleagle.htm](http://www.fws.gov/migratory/birds/baleagle.htm) (last accessed November 10, 2014). The Service has also developed guidelines for permitting non-lethal take of both the bald eagle and the golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*). In addition, research has shown that many migratory bird species are in decline, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter habitats. The greatest threat to birds, and to all wildlife, continues to be the loss or degradation of habitat due to human development and disturbance. We encourage the Air National Guard include project design features in action alternatives that avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds to the extent possible, including bald and golden eagles, associated with the 366th Fighter Wing temporary relocation. The Service encourages the Air Force to continue their use of best management practices to minimize potential effects of the military training on migratory birds as described in existing Bird/Wildlife-Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) plans and applicable existing INRMPs, including the Mountain Home Air Force Base INRMP.

Thank you for your consideration of these public scoping comments. Please contact Barbara Schmidt of my staff at (208) 378-5259 if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Michael Carrier
State Supervisor

cc: USFWS, Region 1, Portland (Stavrakas)
US Air Force, MHAFB (Rudgen)
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Col. Marsano;

I am writing to support the F15’s from MHAFB coming to your facility. If I had my way we would have them here permanently, but after all the USAF is entitled to have some fun.

Regards,

Nick Brizzi
USN Vietnam Vet and Patriot Guard Rider.

01/06/2015
January 19, 2015

To: 
Col. Tim Marsano, Idaho National Guard Public Affairs Officer
4040 West Guard Street
Boise, Idaho 83705

From: 
Steve Tornga
2124 Sunrise Rim Road
Boise, ID 83705

Colonel Marsano,

Thank you for your service to our country and for protecting our freedom.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide my comments regarding the possible transfer of up to 54 of the F15 Fighter Jets from Mountain Home Air Force Base to the Boise Municipal/Gowen Field location during construction at the Mountain Home Air Force Base.

We live on Sunrise Rim Road and have grown accustomed to the A10s (and in prior years to the F4) and Apache Helicopters. We live less than 1 mile from the runways. Currently, the noise and training schedules haven’t affected us, primarily due to the normal daytime schedule for the flights and because the noise levels are reasonable.

In the last 2 years we’ve noticed a higher level of F15 air traffic. The noise level is substantially higher and has become a greater concern. We haven’t commented because it’s been infrequent and primarily during the weekend and only during the daytime. We have noticed more interrupted conversations, and notice that our pets, and our neighbors react a lot more to the F15’s.

The recent news of stationing 54 of the F15’s in Boise is a problem for our area. This noise will have a negative impact our quality of life and the quality of life in Boise. Putting 54 F15’s at the Boise Airport, even temporarily, is plan we oppose. The noise impact is not compatible with the population that growth around the airport. There was also no mention regarding the hours of operation of the 54 F15’s. Any night time flights will cause a loss of sleep in a wide surrounding area of the airport.

The 2012 investigation on the potential F35 basing at Gowen Field was a major issue for our neighborhood and the surrounding area. The recent news reports have mentioned that the temporary F15 move to Boise could lead to more discussion regarding future F35 basing in Boise. The news report also mentioned that the noise level between the 2 aircraft is similar. Based on our investigation the F-35 is 2 to 3 times as loud and cause hearing loss and sleep interruption by over 30%. This project would have put our neighborhood into a category of “not suitable for residential use”. The prior F35 discussion alerted us to the significant increase in sound between each of the aircraft: the A10, the F15, and F35.

We consider the Boise airport primarily as a civilian airport. The dramatic increase in noise from the F15’s, F16’s and F35 aircraft are too loud that they are a terrible choice near a highly populated area.

I oppose the positioning of F15’s in Boise based on the increase in noise, reduced quality of life/negative economic impact, and a loss of property values.

Please consider the temporary relocation of the F15’s for a better suited Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
January 19, 2015

To: Col Tim Marsano

From: Barbara Priest, Director in the Sunrise Rim Neighborhood Association

Dear Col Tim Marsano,

The Sunrise Rim Neighborhood Association is opposed to the F-15’s using the Boise Airport & Gowen Field as a temporary Training range.

Here are our reasons for opposing to the proposed temporary F-15 Training Center in Boise:

- **Quality of Life** – The dramatic increase in noise and pollution from these jets will lower our quality of life. In our neighborhood, we won’t be able to hear each other talk inside our homes (even when the windows are closed) during F-15 flights. Summer months are the prime time to get out in our yards and enjoy them. We have backyard birthday parties, family reunions, weddings, and backyard barbecues already in the planning stages. None of which will be possible with F-15’s taking off and landing.

- **Our Health** – The four months the F-15 base is located at the Boise Airport/Gowen Field airfield, the entire Sunrise Rim Neighborhood will be exposed to high levels of noise causing hearing loss, & sleep interruption. Addition to the increase in air pollution.

- **Property Values** – Our neighborhood will lose a percentage of our property value. Even though it is only 3-4 months, homes will sit on the market not sold, area business will go without patrons (hotels and restaurants) The noise levels of the F-15’s will have a negative effect on 4 schools (and our kids) in our association area.

We love our freedom, appreciate all the branches of our military, and support proposals for appropriate jobs. We also expect our elected officials to protect what makes Boise such a special place. We feel the Air Force’s proposal would be a better fit for an existing Air Force Base. The Sunrise Rim Neighborhood Association finds this proposal incompatible with Boise’s urban environment, and its citizens’ health and lifestyle.

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Shauna and Mark Shaltry  
9583 W. Cedar Park St.  
Boise, ID 83709  
January 17, 2015

Dear Colonel Marsano,

We are writing to you to voice our support of temporary move of the F-15 squadron from Mountain Home Air Force Base to Gowen Field as reported in the Idaho Statesman.

We now live near the airport after moving from Eagle, and enjoy the various planes flying over. When the military jets fly over, it is the sound of freedom!

Gowen Field provides many benefits to those of us that call the Treasure Valley home, and we sincerely hope that the military’s training capabilities are not impeded by the few who choose to complain the loudest.

Please feel free to contact us anytime if you need more information at 208 938-4087.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Shauna L. Shaltry

Mark R. Shaltry
January 20, 2015

To:
Col. Tim Marsano
Idaho National Guard Public Affairs Officer
4040 West Guard Street
Boise, Idaho 83705

From:
Lyman & Patricia Larson
1725 West Sunrise Rim Road
Boise, ID 83705

Dear Colonel Marsano,

First off, let me thank you for your service to our fine country and for protecting our freedom!

Secondly, we thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the possible transfer of up to 54 of the F15 Fighter Jets from Mountain Home Air Force Base to the Boise Municipal/Gowen Field location during construction at the Mountain Home Air Force Base.

The recent news regarding the stationing of 54 F15’s in Boise is a problem for our neighborhood and the area. This noise will have a negative impact on our quality of life and the quality of life in Boise. Putting 54 F15’s at the Boise Airport, even temporarily, is a plan we oppose.

Please consider the temporary relocation of the F15’s to a better suited Air Force Base.

Lately we’ve noticed a higher level of F15 air traffic in Boise. The noise level is substantially higher and has become a greater concern. Thus far it has been infrequent and primarily limited to daytime and weekends.

In 2012 the investigation into potential F35 basing at Gowen Field was a significant concern for our neighborhood and the surrounding area. The recent news reports have mentioned that the temporary F15 move to Boise could lead to more discussion regarding future F35 basing in Boise.

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We oppose the positioning of F15’s in Boise based on noise, reduced quality of life/negative economic impact, health, and a loss of property values.

Sincerely,

Lyman & Patricia Larson
Co. Tim Massaro,

After several attempts at writing this letter I decided less is more. I will try.

The jets may take off east and west, but the roar comes north, especially when the afterburners are used with jets taking off in quick succession. Is it possible for the jets to turn quickly to the south and continue over the desert when the afterburners are used?

I have spoken to you several times in the past at different neighborhood meetings regarding jets over the valley. Sometimes I would like you to come to my home and we could try to have a conversation about this. When you exercises are going on it can be painful. We would have to stop talking and even going inside does little to help with the noise.

If the F15s come it will be four months during spring and summer. Prime outdoor time. One of the things we treasure about the valley is the beauty and peacefulness we can find.
outdoor. So, after months of cold gray winter we could have loud jets flying over. Questions that have not been addressed that I can find are—

How many missions a day?
Times of day they would fly?
Would they fly at night?

This information would be helpful.
So many agencies are exempt from rules and regulations that citizens need to follow, i.e., noise ordinances. I am hopeful there may be some changes that could be helpful to eliminate at least some of the noise that will occur if the F15s are at Gowen Field. Is this possible?

Believe it or not, this is the shortest letter I have attempted to write you, so I am sending it.

Thank you,
Debbie Moore
C/O 20 W. Randolph Dr.
Boise, ID 83709
Dear Col Tim Marsaro,

I am writing in regards to sending F15Es to Gowen for the spring/summer. As a proud military wife of an F15E pilot - this plan excites me! My family lives in Boise due to availabilty of spouse jobs for me. As opposed to my husband traveling out of state to fly while the runway is closed, he can actually shorten his commute. My toddler will love the opportunity to watch his dad fly!

Many other military families live in Boise and commute to Mountain Home so this will benefit a great number! And for the families that live in Mountain Home - they can meet in Boise for dinner and other activities not available in Mountain Home.

Moving the jets locally will keep our military families together! The guys are deployed/tdy more than enough - hopefully this can happen!

Sincerely,

Mary Iannaccone
Griffin Iannaccone (2 yrs old)
Col. Tim Marsano  
4040 West Guard Street  
Boise, Idaho 83705

Tamie & Bob Baker  
2013 S. Eagleson Road  
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February 11, 2015

Please be advised of our belief that the pending deployment of F-15’s to Gowen Field to be a ludicrous decision for many reasons.

Having lived in our home for 12 years we have had the displeasure of experiencing F-15’s and their impact on the quality of life to our valley. Our noise levels, air quality and peaceful lifestyle are all being compromised. Additionally, risks are high as training fighter jets cross paths with commercial air traffic... never a good idea!

Any financial impact to our community is outweighed by the negative impact of fighter jets on our residential community. These fighting machines were never intended for urban use.

It is our request that the F-15’s looking for a home be assigned somewhere more appropriate, until one day as we all learn to get along, they can be scrapped altogether.

Tamie and Bob Baker

(See attached)

On an unresolved personal issue, during the previous major deployment of F-15’s to Gowen Field you received calls from us frequently complaining about the noise and jet fuel residue. We also experienced several cracked windows during that time, and followed the tedious procedure of filing a claim for reimbursement from the government. NOTHING WAS EVERY HEARD BACK. I have attempted in vain to follow-up. I'm attaching that ignored paperwork as well.

THESE PLANES DO DAMAGE AND WE HAVE NO, ZIP, NADA RE COURSE ! ! !
AIR CONFORMITY APPLICABILITY MODEL REPORT
RECORD OF CONFORMITY ANALYSIS (ROCA)

1. General Information: The Air Force’s Air Conformity Applicability Model (ACAM) was used to perform an analysis to assess the potential air quality impact/s associated with the action in accordance with the Air Force Instruction 32-7040, Air Quality Compliance And Resource Management; the Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP, 32 CFR 989); and the General Conformity Rule (GCR, 40 CFR 93 Subpart B). This report provides a summary of the ACAM analysis.

a. Action Location:
   - Base: GOWEN FIELD ANGB
   - County(s): Ada
   - Regulatory Area(s): Boise-Northern Ada County, ID

b. Action Title: Relocation of the 366th Fighter Wing

c. Project Number/s (if applicable):

d. Projected Action Start Date: 5 / 2015

e. Action Description:

The 366th Fighter Wing (366 FW), Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB) Idaho, has recently approved a comprehensive airfield construction project at MHAFB, Idaho. In order to continue training and operational activities during this planned runway construction project, MHAFB has proposed to temporarily relocate the 366 FW currently operating at MHAFB to Gowen Field Air National Guard Base (ANGB). Gowen Field is located on the south side of the Boise Municipal Airport (BOI) in Boise, Idaho. This temporary relocation of 54 F-15E aircraft, associated support equipment, and 1500 personnel beginning 27 April 2015 to 21 Aug 2015. Personnel would be transported daily to and from home station. While relocated to Gowen Field ANGB, the 366 FW would utilized existing facilities. Operationally, the implementation of the Proposed Action would include a total of 2,200 sorties, departing from and returning to BOI with flight operations conducted in military operation airspace. Flight operations would occur during day light hours, Monday thru Friday.

A review of regional installations and airfields capable of providing an appropriate alternative site location for the Proposed Action was conducted; however, no regional alternative sites were identified that could provide adequate and vacant airfield facility space. Therefore, only the no-Action Alternative will be carried forward for analysis in the Environmental Assessment.

f. Point of Contact:
   - Name: Lisa Lowe
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   - Phone Number: 208-828-6667

2. Analysis: Total combined direct and indirect emissions associated with the action were estimated through ACAM on a calendar-year basis for the “worst-case” and “steady state” (net gain/loss upon action fully implemented) emissions. General Conformity under the Clean Air Act, Section 1.76 has been evaluated for the action described above according to the requirements of 40 CFR 93, Subpart B.

Based on the analysis, the requirements of this rule are: ____ applicable __X__ not applicable
**Conformity Analysis Summary:**

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All estimated emissions associated with this action are below the conformity threshold values established at 40 CFR 93.153 (b); Therefore, the requirements of the General Conformity Rule are not applicable.

X

Lisa B. Lowe
GS-11 / Physical Scientist
1. General Information

- **Action Location**
  
  **Base:** GOWEN FIELD ANGB
  
  **County(s):** Ada
  
  **Regulatory Area(s):** Boise-Northern Ada County, ID

- **Action Title:** Relocation of the 366th Fighter Wing

- **Project Number/s (if applicable):**

- **Projected Action Start Date:** 5 / 2015

- **Action Purpose and Need:**
  
  The purpose of the Proposed Action is to facilitate continued mission execution by the 366 FW, its primary objective being the training of air-to-air combat pilots and serving the nation in times of peace and war.

- **Action Description:**
  
  The 366th Fighter Wing (366 FW), Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB) Idaho, has recently approved a comprehensive airfield construction project at MHAFB, Idaho. In order to continue training and operational activities during this planned runway construction project, MHAFB has proposed to temporarily relocate the 366 FW currently operating at MHAFB to Gowen Field Air National Guard Base (ANGB). Gowen Field is located on the south side of the Boise Municipal Airport (BOI) in Boise, Idaho. This temporary relocation of 54 F-15E aircraft, associated support equipment, and 1500 personnel beginning 27 April 2015 to 21 Aug 2015. Personnel would be transported daily to and from home station. While relocated to Gowen Field ANGB, the 366 FW would utilized existing facilities. Operationally, the implementation of the Proposed Action would include a total of 2,200 sorties, departing from and returning to BOI with flight operations conducted in military operation airspace. Flight operations would occur during day light hours, Monday thru Friday.

  The 366 FW would transport mobile aircraft arresting systems, airfield sweeper, AGE, Deployed Debrief Facilities, and various general support equiment and vehicles. It is anticipated that this equipment would require approximatley 50 truckloads for transportation. The 366 FW does not propose construction of any new facilities or demolition to support this action.

  A review of regional installations and airfields capable of providing an appropriate alternative site location for the Proposed Action was conducted; however, no regional alternative sites were identified that could provide adequate and vacant airfield facility space. Therefore, only the no-Action Alternative will be carried forward for analysis in the Environmental Assessment.

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- **Activity List:**

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2. Aircraft

2.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Add

- Activity Location
  County: Ada
  Regulatory Area(s): Boise-Northern Ada County, ID; Boise-Northern Ada County, ID

- Activity Title: 18 F-15E aircraft with Engine Type F100-PW-220

- Activity Description:
  18 F-15E aircraft with Engine Type F100-PW-220 would fly approximately 733 sorties from 27 April to 21 August 2015.

- Activity Start Date
  Start Month: 5
  Start Year: 2015

- Activity End Date
  Indefinite: No
  End Month: 8
  End Year: 2015

- Activity Emissions:

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2.2 Aircraft & Engines

2.2.1 Aircraft & Engines Assumptions

- Aircraft & Engine
  Aircraft Designation: F-15E
  Engine Model: F100-PW-220
  Primary Function: Combat
  Number of Engines: 2

- Aircraft & Engine Surrogate
  Is Aircraft & Engine a Surrogate? No
  Original Aircraft Name:
  Original Engine Name:

2.2.2 Aircraft & Engines Emission Factor(s)

- Aircraft & Engine Emissions Factors (lb/1000lb fuel)

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2.3 Flight Operations

2.3.1 Flight Operations Assumptions

- Flight Operations
  Number of Aircraft: 18
  Number of Annual LTOs (Landing and Take-off) cycles: 41
  Number of Annual TGOs (Touch-and-Go) cycles: 0

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Flight Operations TIMs (Time In Mode)
  Taxi/Idle Out (mins): 18.5 (default)
  Takeoff (mins): 0.4 (default)
  Climb Out (mins): 0.8 (default)
  Approach (mins): 3.5 (default)
  Taxi/Idle In (mins): 11.3 (default)

- Trim Test
  Idle (mins): 12 (default)
  Approach (mins): 27 (default)
  Intermediate (mins): 9 (default)
  Military (mins): 9 (default)
  AfterBurn (mins): 3 (default)

2.3.2 Flight Operations Formula(s)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for LTOs per Year
  \[
  A_{E_{\text{POL}}} = \left( \frac{\text{TIM}}{60} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{FC}}{1000} \right) \times \text{EF} \times \text{NE} \times \text{NA} \times \text{LTO} \times \frac{1}{2000}
  \]

  \( A_{E_{\text{POL}}} \): Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
  \( \text{TIM} \): Time In Mode (min)
  \( 60 \): Conversion Factor minutes to hours
  \( \text{FC} \): Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
  \( 1000 \): Conversion Factor pounds to 1000 pounds
  \( \text{EF} \): Emission Factor (lb/1000 lb fuel)
  \( \text{NE} \): Number of Engines
  \( \text{NA} \): Number of Aircraft
  \( \text{LTO} \): Number of Landing and Take-off Cycles
  \( 2000 \): Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for LTOs per Year
  \[
  A_{E_{\text{LTO}}} = A_{E_{\text{IDL\_IN}}} + A_{E_{\text{IDL\_OUT}}} + A_{E_{\text{APPROACH}}} + A_{E_{\text{CLIMBOUT}}} + A_{E_{\text{TAK\_OFF}}}
  \]

  \( A_{E_{\text{LTO}}} \): Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
  \( A_{E_{\text{IDL\_IN}}} \): Aircraft Emissions for Idle-In Mode (TONs)
  \( A_{E_{\text{IDL\_OUT}}} \): Aircraft Emissions for Idle-Out Mode (TONs)
  \( A_{E_{\text{APPROACH}}} \): Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
  \( A_{E_{\text{CLIMBOUT}}} \): Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
  \( A_{E_{\text{TAK\_OFF}}} \): Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)
- **Aircraft Emissions per Mode for TGOs per Year**

\[ AEM_{POL} = \frac{(T \times M)}{60} \times \frac{(FC \times 1000)}{1000} \times \frac{EF \times NE \times NA \times TGO}{2000} \]

- **AEM_{POL}**: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
- **T**: Time in Mode (min)
- **M**: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
- **FC**: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
- **EF**: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
- **NE**: Number of Engines
- **NA**: Number of Aircraft
- **TGO**: Number of Touch-and-Go Cycles
- **2000**: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- **Aircraft Emissions for TGOs per Year**

\[ AE_{TGO} = AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF} \]

- **AE_{TGO}**: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
- **AEM_{APPROACH}**: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
- **AEM_{CLIMBOUT}**: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
- **AEM_{TAKEOFF}**: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- **Aircraft Emissions per Mode for Trim per Year**

\[ AE_{TRIM} = AE_{IDLE} + AE_{APPROACH} + AE_{INTERMEDIATE} + AE_{MILITARY} + AE_{AFTERBURN} \]

- **AE_{TRIM}**: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
- **AE_{IDLE}**: Aircraft Emissions for Idle Power Setting (TONs)
- **AE_{APPROACH}**: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Power Setting (TONs)
- **AE_{INTERMEDIATE}**: Aircraft Emissions for Intermediate Power Setting (TONs)
- **AE_{MILITARY}**: Aircraft Emissions for Military Power Setting (TONs)
- **AE_{AFTERBURN}**: Aircraft Emissions for After Burner Power Setting (TONs)

### 2.4 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU)

#### 2.4.1 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Assumptions

- **Default Settings Used**: Yes

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- **Number of APU per Aircraft**
- **Operation Hours for Each LTO**
- **Exempt Source?**
- **Designation**
- **Manufacturer**
2.4.2 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

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2.4.3 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Formula(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Year

\[ \text{APU}_{\text{POL}} = \text{APU} \times \text{OH} \times \text{LTO} \times \text{NA} \times \text{EF}_{\text{POL}} / 2000 \]

- \( \text{APU}_{\text{POL}} \): Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)
- \( \text{APU} \): Number of Auxiliary Power Units
- \( \text{OH} \): Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)
- \( \text{LTO} \): Number of LTOs
- \( \text{NA} \): Number of Aircraft
- \( \text{EF}_{\text{POL}} \): Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)
- 2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

2.5 Aircraft Engine Test Cell

2.5.1 Aircraft Engine Test Cell Assumptions

- Engine Test Cell

  - Total Number of Aircraft Engines Tested Annually: 36
  - Default Settings Used: Yes

- Annual Run-ups / Test Durations

  - Annual Run-ups (Per Aircraft Engine): 1 (default)
  - Idle Duration (mins): 12 (default)
  - Approach Duration (mins): 27 (default)
  - Intermediate Duration (mins): 9 (default)
  - Military Duration (mins): 9 (default)
  - After Burner Duration (mins): 3 (default)

2.5.2 Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emission Factor(s)

- See Aircraft & Engines Emission Factor(s)

2.5.3 Aircraft Engine Test Cell Formula(s)

- Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)

\[ \text{TestCellPS}_{\text{POL}} = (\text{TD} / 60) \times (\text{FC} / 1000) \times \text{EF} \times \text{NE} \times \text{ARU} / 2000 \]

- \( \text{TestCellPS}_{\text{POL}} \): Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)
- \( \text{TD} \): Test Duration (min)
- \( 60 \): Conversion Factor minutes to hours
- \( \text{FC} \): Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
- \( 1000 \): Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
- \( \text{EF} \): Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
- \( \text{NE} \): Total Number of Engines
- \( \text{ARU} \): Annual Run-ups (Per Aircraft Engine)
- 2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs
2.6 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

2.6.1 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- AGE Usage
  Number of Annual LTO (Landing and Take-off) cycles for AGE: 41

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) (default)

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2.6.2 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

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2.6.3 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Formula(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Year

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AGEPOL = AGE \times OH \times LTO \times EF_{POL} / 2000
\]

\[
AGEPOL: \text{Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)}
\]

\[
AGE: \text{Total Number of Aerospace Ground Equipment}
\]
3. Aircraft

3.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Add

- Activity Location
  County: Ada
  Regulatory Area(s): Boise-Northern Ada County, ID; Boise-Northern Ada County, ID

- Activity Title: 24 F-15E aircraft with Engine Type F100-PW-229

- Activity Description:
  24 F-15E aircraft with Engine Type F100-PW-229 would fly approximately 978 sorties over from 27 April to 21 August 2015.

- Activity Start Date
  Start Month: 5
  Start Year: 2015

- Activity End Date
  Indefinite: No
  End Month: 8
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- Activity Emissions:

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3.2 Aircraft & Engines

3.2.1 Aircraft & Engines Assumptions

- Aircraft & Engine
  Aircraft Designation: F-15E
  Engine Model: F100-PW-229
  Primary Function: Combat
  Number of Engines: 2

- Aircraft & Engine Surrogate
  Is Aircraft & Engine a Surrogate? No
  Original Aircraft Name: 
  Original Engine Name: 
3.2.2 Aircraft & Engines Emission Factor(s)

- Aircraft & Engine Emissions Factors (lb/1000lb fuel)

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3.3 Flight Operations

3.3.1 Flight Operations Assumptions

- Flight Operations

  Number of Aircraft: 24
  Number of Annual LTOs (Landing and Take-off) cycles: 41
  Number of Annual TGOs (Touch-and-Go) cycles: 0

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Flight Operations TIMs (Time In Mode)
  Taxi/Idle Out (mins): 18.5 (default)
  Takeoff (mins): 0.4 (default)
  Climb Out (mins): 0.8 (default)
  Approach (mins): 3.5 (default)
  Taxi/Idle In (mins): 11.3 (default)

- Trim Test
  Idle (mins): 12 (default)
  Approach (mins): 27 (default)
  Intermediate (mins): 9 (default)
  Military (mins): 9 (default)
  AfterBurn (mins): 3 (default)

3.3.2 Flight Operations Formula(s)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for LTOs per Year

  $$\text{AEM}_{\text{POL}} = \left( \frac{\text{TIM}}{60} \right) \times \left( \frac{\text{FC}}{1000} \right) \times \text{EF} \times \text{NE} \times \text{NA} \times \text{LTO} \times \frac{1}{2000}$$

  - $\text{AEM}_{\text{POL}}$: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
  - TIM: Time in Mode (min)
  - 60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
  - FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
  - 1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
  - EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
  - NE: Number of Engines
  - NA: Number of Aircraft
  - LTO: Number of Landing and Take-off Cycles
  - 2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for LTOs per Year

  $$\text{AE}_{\text{LTO}} = \text{AEM}_{\text{IDLE,IN}} + \text{AEM}_{\text{IDLE,OUT}} + \text{AEM}_{\text{APPROACH}} + \text{AEM}_{\text{CLIMBOUT}} + \text{AEM}_{\text{TAKEOFf}}$$

  - $\text{AE}_{\text{LTO}}$: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEM_{IDLE, IN}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle-In Mode (TONs)
AEM_{IDLE, OUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
AEM_{CLIMBOUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{TAKEOFF}: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for TGOs per Year
AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) \times (FC / 1000) \times EF \times NE \times NA \times TGO / 2000

AEM_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
TIM: Time in Mode (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000 pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
NA: Number of Aircraft
TGO: Number of Touch-and-Go Cycles
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for TGOs per Year
AE_{TGO} = AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}

AE_{TGO}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEM_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
AEM_{CLIMBOUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{TAKEOFF}: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for Trim per Year
AEPS_{POL} = (TD / 60) \times (FC / 1000) \times EF \times NE \times NA \times NTT / 2000

AEPS_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)
TD: Test Duration (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000 pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
NA: Number of Aircraft
NTT: Number of Trim Test
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for Trim per Year
AE_{TRIM} = AEPS_{IDLE} + AEPS_{APPROACH} + AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE} + AEPS_{MILITARY} + AEPS_{AFTERBURN}

AE_{TRIM}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEPS_{IDLE}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle Power Setting (TONs)
AEPS_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Power Setting (TONs)
AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE}: Aircraft Emissions for Intermediate Power Setting (TONs)
AEPS_{MILITARY}: Aircraft Emissions for Military Power Setting (TONs)
AEPS_{AFTERBURN}: Aircraft Emissions for After Burner Power Setting (TONs)

3.4 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU)

3.4.1 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Assumptions
- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) (default)

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<th>Number of APU per Aircraft</th>
<th>Operation Hours for Each LTO</th>
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<th>Manufacturer</th>
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3.4.2 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

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3.4.3 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Formula(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Year

\[
\text{APU}_{\text{POL}} = \text{APU} \times \text{OH} \times \text{LTO} \times \text{NA} \times \text{EF}_{\text{POL}} / 2000
\]

\(\text{APU}_{\text{POL}}\): Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)

\(\text{APU}\): Number of Auxiliary Power Units

\(\text{OH}\): Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)

\(\text{LTO}\): Number of LTOs

\(\text{NA}\): Number of Aircraft

\(\text{EF}_{\text{POL}}\): Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)

2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

3.5 Aircraft Engine Test Cell

3.5.1 Aircraft Engine Test Cell Assumptions

- Engine Test Cell

  Total Number of Aircraft Engines Tested Annually: 40

- Default Settings Used: No

- Annual Run-ups / Test Durations

  Annual Run-ups (Per Aircraft Engine): 1
  Idle Duration (mins): 12
  Approach Duration (mins): 27
  Intermediate Duration (mins): 9
  Military Duration (mins): 9
  After Burner Duration (mins): 3

3.5.2 Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emission Factor(s)

- See Aircraft & Engines Emission Factor(s)

3.5.3 Aircraft Engine Test Cell Formula(s)

- Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)

\[
\text{TestCellPS}_{\text{POL}} = (\text{TD} / 60) \times (\text{FC} / 1000) \times \text{EF} \times \text{NE} \times \text{ARU} / 2000
\]

\(\text{TestCellPS}_{\text{POL}}\): Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)

\(\text{TD}\): Test Duration (min)

60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
- Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions per Year
TestCell = TestCellPS_{IDLE} + TestCellPS_{APPROACH} + TestCellPS_{INTERMEDIATE} + TestCellPS_{MILITARY} + TestCellPS_{AFTERBURN}

TestCell: Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions (TONs)
TestCellPS_{IDLE}: Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions for Idle Power Setting (TONs)
TestCellPS_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions for Approach Power Setting (TONs)
TestCellPS_{INTERMEDIATE}: Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions for Intermediate Power Setting (TONs)
TestCellPS_{MILITARY}: Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions for Military Power Setting (TONs)
TestCellPS_{AFTERBURN}: Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions for After Burner Power Setting (TONs)

3.6 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

3.6.1 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- AGE Usage
  Number of Annual LTO (Landing and Take-off) cycles for AGE: 41

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) (default)

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3.6.2 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

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3.6.3 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Formula(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Year
AGΕ_{POL} = AGE * OH * LTO * EF_{POL} / 2000
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AGE_{POL}: Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)
AGE: Total Number of Aerospace Ground Equipment
OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)
LTO: Number of LTOs
EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

4. Aircraft

4.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Add

- Activity Location
  County: Ada
  Regulatory Area(s): Boise-Northern Ada County, ID; Boise-Northern Ada County, ID

- Activity Title: 12 F-15SG aircraft with Engine Type F110-GE-129

- Activity Description:
  12 F-15SG aircraft with Engine Type F110-GE-129 would fly approximately 489 sorties from 27 April to 21 August 2015.

- Activity Start Date
  Start Month: 5
  Start Year: 2015

- Activity End Date
  Indefinite: No
  End Month: 8
  End Year: 2015

- Activity Emissions:

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4.2 Aircraft & Engines

4.2.1 Aircraft & Engines Assumptions

- Aircraft & Engine
  Aircraft Designation: F-15E
  Engine Model: F100-PW-229
  Primary Function: Combat
  Number of Engines: 2

- Aircraft & Engine Surrogate
  Is Aircraft & Engine a Surrogate? No
4.2.2 Aircraft & Engines Emission Factor(s)

**- Aircraft & Engine Emissions Factors (lb/1000lb fuel)**

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4.3 Flight Operations

4.3.1 Flight Operations Assumptions

**- Flight Operations**

- Number of Aircraft: 12
- Number of Annual LTOs (Landing and Take-off) cycles: 41
- Number of Annual TGOs (Touch-and-Go) cycles: 0

- Default Settings Used: Yes

**- Flight Operations TIMs (Time In Mode)**

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**- Trim Test**

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4.3.2 Flight Operations Formula(s)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for LTOs per Year

\[
AEM_{POL} = (TIM / 60) \times (FC / 1000) \times EF \times NE \times NA \times LTO / 2000
\]

- Aircraft Emissions per LTOs per Year

\[
AEM_{POL}: \text{ Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)}
\]

\[
TIM: \text{ Time in Mode (min)}
\]

\[
60: \text{ Conversion Factor minutes to hours}
\]

\[
FC: \text{ Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)}
\]

\[
1000: \text{ Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds}
\]

\[
EF: \text{ Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)}
\]

\[
NE: \text{ Number of Engines}
\]

\[
NA: \text{ Number of Aircraft}
\]

\[
LTO: \text{ Number of Landing and Take-off Cycles}
\]

\[
2000: \text{ Conversion Factor pounds to TONs}
\]
AE_{LTO} = AEM_{IDLE\_IN} + AEM_{IDLE\_OUT} + AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}

AE_{LTO}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEM_{IDLE\_IN}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle-In Mode (TONs)
AEM_{IDLE\_OUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
AEM_{CLIMBOUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{TAKEOFF}: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for TGOs per Year
AEM_{POL} = \frac{(TIM \times 60) \times (FC \div 1000) \times EF \times NE \times NA \times TGO}{2000}

AEM_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Mode (TONs)
TIM: Time in Mode (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
NA: Number of Aircraft
TGO: Number of Touch-and-Go Cycles
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for TGOs per Year
AE_{TGO} = AEM_{APPROACH} + AEM_{CLIMBOUT} + AEM_{TAKEOFF}

AE_{TGO}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEM_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Mode (TONs)
AEM_{CLIMBOUT}: Aircraft Emissions for Climb-Out Mode (TONs)
AEM_{TAKEOFF}: Aircraft Emissions for Take-Off Mode (TONs)

- Aircraft Emissions per Mode for Trim per Year
AEPS_{POL} = \frac{(TD \times 60) \times (FC \div 1000) \times EF \times NE \times NA \times NTT}{2000}

AEPS_{POL}: Aircraft Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)
TD: Test Duration (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
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EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Number of Engines
NA: Number of Aircraft
NTT: Number of Trim Test
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Emissions for Trim per Year
AE_{TRIM} = AEPS_{IDLE} + AEPS_{APPROACH} + AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE} + AEPS_{MILITARY} + AEPS_{AFTERBURN}

AE_{TRIM}: Aircraft Emissions (TONs)
AEPS_{IDLE}: Aircraft Emissions for Idle Power Setting (TONs)
AEPS_{APPROACH}: Aircraft Emissions for Approach Power Setting (TONs)
AEPS_{INTERMEDIATE}: Aircraft Emissions for Intermediate Power Setting (TONs)
AEPS_{MILITARY}: Aircraft Emissions for Military Power Setting (TONs)
AEPS_{AFTERBURN}: Aircraft Emissions for After Burner Power Setting (TONs)
4.4 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU)

4.4.1 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) (default)

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4.4.2 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

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4.4.3 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Formula(s)

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Year

\[ APU_{POL} = APU \times OH \times LTO \times NA \times EF_{POL} / 2000 \]

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Year

\[ APU_{POL} = APU \times OH \times LTO \times NA \times EF_{POL} / 2000 \]

- Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)

\[ \text{APU}_{POL} = \text{APU} \times \text{OH} \times \text{LTO} \times \text{NA} \times \text{EF}_{POL} / 2000 \]

APU: Number of Auxiliary Power Units
OH: Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)
LTO: Number of LTOs
NA: Number of Aircraft
EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons

4.5 Aircraft Engine Test Cell

4.5.1 Aircraft Engine Test Cell Assumptions

- Engine Test Cell

Total Number of Aircraft Engines Tested Annually: 24

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- Annual Run-ups / Test Durations

- Annual Run-ups (Per Aircraft Engine): 1 (default)
- Idle Duration (mins): 12 (default)
- Approach Duration (mins): 27 (default)
- Intermediate Duration (mins): 9 (default)
- Military Duration (mins): 9 (default)
- After Burner Duration (mins): 3 (default)

4.5.2 Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emission Factor(s)

- See Aircraft & Engines Emission Factor(s)

4.5.3 Aircraft Engine Test Cell Formula(s)

- Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)
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TestCellPS\textsubscript{POL} = (TD / 60) * (FC / 1000) * EF * NE * ARU / 2000

TestCellPS\textsubscript{POL}: Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions per Pollutant & Power Setting (TONs)
TD: Test Duration (min)
60: Conversion Factor minutes to hours
FC: Fuel Flow Rate (lb/hr)
1000: Conversion Factor pounds to 1000pounds
EF: Emission Factor (lb/1000lb fuel)
NE: Total Number of Engines
ARU: Annual Run-ups (Per Aircraft Engine)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to TONs

- Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions per Year
TestCell = TestCellPS\textsubscript{IDLE} + TestCellPS\textsubscript{APPROACH} + TestCellPS\textsubscript{INTERMEDIATE} + TestCellPS\textsubscript{MILITARY} + TestCellPS\textsubscript{AFTERBURN}

TestCell: Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions (TONs)
TestCellPS\textsubscript{IDLE}: Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions for Idle Power Setting (TONs)
TestCellPS\textsubscript{APPROACH}: Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions for Approach Power Setting (TONs)
TestCellPS\textsubscript{INTERMEDIATE}: Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions for Intermediate Power Setting (TONs)
TestCellPS\textsubscript{MILITARY}: Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions for Military Power Setting (TONs)
TestCellPS\textsubscript{AFTERBURN}: Aircraft Engine Test Cell Emissions for After Burner Power Setting (TONs)

4.6 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE)

4.6.1 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Assumptions

- Default Settings Used: Yes

- AGE Usage
  Number of Annual LTO (Landing and Take-off) cycles for AGE: 41

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) (default)

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<th>Total Number of AGE</th>
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<td>12</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Bomb Lift</td>
<td>MJ-1B</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>0.33</td>
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<td>Generator Set</td>
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<td>Hydraulic Test Stand</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Light Cart</td>
<td>NF-2</td>
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<td>0.33</td>
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<td>Start Cart</td>
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4.6.2 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emission Factor (lb/hr)

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<tr>
<th>Designation</th>
<th>Fuel Flow</th>
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<th>SO\textsubscript{x}</th>
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4.6.3 Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Formula(s)

- Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Year
\[ \text{AGE}_{\text{POL}} = \text{AGE} \times \text{OH} \times \text{LTO} \times \text{EF}_{\text{POL}} / 2000 \]

\text{AGE}_{\text{POL}}: \text{Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Emissions per Pollutant (TONs)}
\text{AGE}: \text{Total Number of Aerospace Ground Equipment}
\text{OH}: \text{Operation Hours for Each LTO (hour)}
\text{LTO}: \text{Number of LTOs}
\text{EF}_{\text{POL}}: \text{Emission Factor for Pollutant (lb/hr)}
2000: \text{Conversion Factor pounds to tons}

5. Personnel

5.1 General Information & Timeline Assumptions

- Add or Remove Activity from Baseline? Add

- Activity Location
  County: Ada
  Regulatory Area(s): Boise-Northern Ada County, ID; Boise-Northern Ada County, ID

- Activity Title: 1,500 Personnel

- Activity Description:

- Activity Start Date
  Start Month: 5
  Start Year: 2015

- Activity End Date
  Indefinite: No
  End Month: 8
  End Year: 2015

- Activity Emissions:

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5.2 Personnel Assumptions

- Number of Personnel
  Active Duty Personnel: 1500
  Civilian Personnel: 0
  Support Contractor Personnel: 0
  Air National Guard (ANG) Personnel: 0
  Reserve Personnel: 0
- Default Settings Used: No

- Average Personnel Round Trip Commute (mile): 20

- Personnel Work Schedule
  - Active Duty Personnel: 5 Days Per Week
  - Civilian Personnel: 5 Days Per Week
  - Support Contractor Personnel: 5 Days Per Week
  - Air National Guard (ANG) Personnel: 5 Days Per Week
  - Reserve Personnel: 4 Days Per Month

5.3 Personnel On Road Vehicle Mixture

- On Road Vehicle Mixture (%)

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5.4 Personnel Emission Factor(s)

- On Road Vehicle Emission Factors (grams/mile)

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5.5 Personnel Formula(s)

- Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel for Work Days per Year
  \[ VMT_P = NP \times WD \times AC \]
  
  \( VMT_P \): Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles/year)
  
  \( NP \): Number of Personnel
  
  \( WD \): Work Days per Year
  
  \( AC \): Average Commute (miles)

- Total Vehicle Miles Travel per Year
  \[ VMT_{Total} = VMT_{AD} + VMT_C + VMT_{SC} + VMT_{ANG} + VMT_{AFRC} \]
  
  \( VMT_{Total} \): Total Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)
  
  \( VMT_{AD} \): Active Duty Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)
  
  \( VMT_C \): Civilian Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)
  
  \( VMT_{SC} \): Support Contractor Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)
  
  \( VMT_{ANG} \): Air National Guard Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)
  
  \( VMT_{AFRC} \): Reserve Personnel Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)

- Vehicle Emissions per Year
  \[ V_{POL} = \frac{(VMT_{Total} \times 0.002205 \times EF_{POL} \times VM)}{2000} \]
  
  \( V_{POL} \): Vehicle Emissions (TONs)
VMT_{Total}: Total Vehicle Miles Travel (miles)
0.002205: Conversion Factor grams to pounds
EF_{POL}: Emission Factor for Pollutant (grams/mile)
VM: Personnel On Road Vehicle Mixture (%)
2000: Conversion Factor pounds to tons
APPENDIX C
DETAILS OF NOISE ANALYSIS

NOISEMAP, through its BASEOPS program, allows entry of runway coordinates, airfield information, flight tracks, flight profiles (e.g., engine thrust settings, altitudes, and speeds) along each flight track for each aircraft, numbers of flight operations, run-up coordinates, run-up profiles, and run-up operations.

Table C-1 lists the modeling parameters used for this noise analysis. NOISEMAP’s (and INM’s) output comprises a regularly spaced “grid” file containing DNL values. The NMPLT program uses the grid file to plot contours of equal DNL which can then be overlaid onto maps to depict current noise exposure levels in the BOI airfield environment. For the plotting of DNL contours, a grid point spacing of 500 feet was utilized.

NOISEMAP’s ability to account for the effects of sound propagation includes two different ground impedance conditions: “soft ground” (e.g., grass-covered ground) with a flow resistivity of 200 kPa-s/m² or “hard ground” (e.g., between asphalt and water) with a flow resistivity of 1,000,000 kPa-s/m². This study considered all areas in and around Gowen Field as soft ground for modeling purposes, consistent with the previous EA. INM does not have the ability to account for impedance effects. INM was run with elevation enabled. The modeling for this project does not include the effect of shielding of on-base buildings.

The weather data is identical to that used in the 2009 EA (Oregon Air National Guard 2009).

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<td>200 kPa-s/m²</td>
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<td>Flow Resistivity of Water (hard) NMAP only</td>
<td>1,000,000 kPa-s/m²</td>
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Baseline Scenario

The Baseline operations at BOI have a mix of civil operations and military A-10 and H-60 operations. H-60
operations were modeled with NOISEMAP’s SK-70 aircraft as a surrogate as this is the closest type to the H-60 in its database. The operations, runway utilization, and flight track utilization for the civil and military aircraft is identical to the modeling in the 2009 NEM Baseline Scenario from the 2009 EA (Oregon Air National Guard 2009). Table C-2 presents the annual Baseline operations at BOI. There are 169,510 annual civil operations at BOI, 7,510 annual military A-10 operations, and 4,800 annual military H-60 operations.

### Table C-2. Annual Flight Operations at Gowen Field ANGB for Baseline Scenario

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Group</th>
<th>Aircraft</th>
<th>Modeled Aircraft Type</th>
<th>Engine</th>
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**Notes:**
- (1) Counted as 2 operations per circuit

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Table C-3 lists the average daily runway utilization for the civil aircraft. All civilian operation types are primarily headed in the northwest direction (“10” direction), especially during DNL nighttime hours (2200-0700). As for left/right utilization, Runways 10L and 28L are utilized more than 10R and 28R for daytime (0700-2200) and nighttime (2200-0700) arrivals, and daytime departures. For nighttime departures, Runway 28R is utilized more than 28L. For closed patterns, 90% of pattern operations utilize Runway 10R over 10L. Runway 28L is used for 90% of the patterns in to the northeast (“28” direction) versus Runway 28R.

Table C-3.

a) Average Daily Directional Utilization for Civil Aircraft at Gowen Field ANGB

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b) Average Daily Left/Right Runway Utilization for Civil Aircraft at Gowen Field ANGB

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Table C-4 lists the average daily directional utilization and left/right utilization for the military aircraft. The A-10 utilizes Runways 10L, 10R, and 28L and primarily uses Runway 10R for departures and 28L for arrivals. The H-60 only uses Runways 10R and 28L, and primarily uses Runway 10R for both arrivals and departures. Modeled flight tracks, flight track utilization and flight profiles (altitude, power and speed schedules on each flight track) for the Baseline scenario would be identical to the modeling in the 2009 NEM Baseline from the 2009 EA.
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Preferred Alternative

Table C-7 details the flight operations for the Preferred Alternative. Civil aircraft at Gowen Field ANGB would be modeled identically as the Baseline Scenario and would account for approximately 170,000 annual flight operations. Military A-10A and H-60 operations would also be the same as under the Baseline Scenario and would total approximately 12,000 operations per year (one sortie represents at least one arrival and one departure operation). By comparison, there would be 990 operations (from the 450 sorties) for the proposed F-15 aircraft during the relocation. Of those 990 operations, 450 would be arrivals (23% of these would be straight-in and 77% would be breaks or pitch-outs), 450 would be Afterburner departures\(^1\), and 90 are VFR Closed Patterns.

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\(^1\) Afterburner would only be used within the airport boundary, during takeoff roll and initial climbout.
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**Notes:**
1. Counted as 2 operations per circuit
2. Consists of operations for the 389 FS and the 391 FS
3. All F-15E Departures are Afterburner Departures. Afterburner is only used during takeoff roll and is secured by the upset end of the runway.
As shown in Table C-4, the proposed F-15 aircraft would only utilize Runway 10R/28L. The majority (80%) of the departures would depart Runway 28L whereas 55% of arrivals would utilize Runway 28L.

In order to avoid significant noise impacts, the 366 FW would:

a) utilize modified departure flight tracks on Runway 10R\(^2\) and
b) climb at an angle of 15 degrees to an altitude of 5,000 ft MSL\(^3\).

See Figures C-1, C-2, and C-3 for the modeled F-15 departure, arrival, and closed pattern flight tracks, respectively. All of these tracks were previously modeled in the Klamath Falls EA (Oregon National Air Guard 2009), except the Runway 10R departure tracks were modified to turn south sooner instead of flying over noise sensitive areas east of the airport. For the arrivals, there are four sets of tracks, and each set has a straight-in track and a pitch-out (overhead break) track that are identical up to the runway threshold. There are two modeled closed pattern tracks: one on Runway 10R and the other on Runway 28L.

Flight track utilization for the F-15 aircraft would be identical to the utilization modeled in the 2009 EA.

The F-15E straight-in and break arrival flight profiles were derived from similar F-15E flight profiles flown at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson from the F-22 Plus-Up EA (USAF 2011). The F-15E closed pattern flight profile is the same profile that the 366 FW currently flies at Mountain Home AFB but modified to conform to the course rules at BOI. The F-15E afterburner departure profile was derived from the standard NMAP database afterburner departure for the F-15E, but modified based on how the 366 FW is expected to takeoff at Gowen Field (Roberts 2014).

\(^2\) Departing Runway 10R, the F-15 aircraft would turn south sooner than previously modeled (just past the runway threshold).
\(^3\) Only applies to F-15 aircraft with PW-229 engine
Figure C-1. Modeled F-15 Departure Flight Tracks at Gowen Field ANGB for Preferred Alternative
Figure C-2. Modeled F-15 Arrival Flight Tracks at Gowen Field ANGB for Preferred Alternative
Figure C-3. Modeled F-15 Closed Pattern Flight Tracks at Gowen Field ANGB for Preferred Alternative
## F-15 Flight Mishap History

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Flight "rates" are number of mishaps per 100,000 flight hours. Only Aviation "Flight" mishaps are reported here. An Aviation "Flight" mishap is any mishap in which there is intent for flight and reportable damage to a DoD aircraft. Explosives and chemical agents or guided missile mishaps that cause damage in excess of $20,000 to a DoD aircraft with intent for flight are categorized as aircraft flight mishaps to avoid dual reporting. This is the only aviation mishap subcategory that contributes to the flight mishap rate (NOT flight-related or Aviation Ground Ops). Fiscal Years that have zero flying hours have been excluded.

Class A Mishap. A mishap resulting in one or more of the following: 1. Direct mishap cost totaling $2,000,000 or more ($1,000,000 for mishaps occurring before FY10). 2. A fatality or permanent total disability. 3. Destruction of a DoD aircraft. NOTE: A destroyed UAV/RPA is not a Class A mishap unless the preceding criteria in "1" or "2" are met. Class B Mishap. A mishap resulting in one or more of the following: 1. Direct mishap cost totaling $500,000 or more but less than $2,000,000 ($200,000 to $1,000,000 prior to FY10). 2. A permanent partial disability. 3. Inpatient hospitalization of three or more personnel. Does not count or include individuals hospitalized for observation, diagnostic, or administrative purposes that were treated and released.

Destroyed Aircraft: Only aircraft owned, designated or leased as “USAF” are included. Fatalities: Pilot totals only include “USAF” personnel designated as “pilot” by the Safety Investigation Board. “All” fatalities include all aviation-related fatalities regardless of designation (USAF, foreign, civilian, etc) or role (pilot, operator, passenger, etc). Additionally, all aviation-related fatalities count toward fatality rate regardless if they resulted from a “flight” (rate-producing) mishap or not.

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Flight "rates" are number of mishaps per 100,000 flight hours. Only Aviation "Flight" mishaps are reported here. An Aviation "Flight" mishap is any mishap in which there is intent for flight and reportable damage to a DoD aircraft. Explosives and chemical agents or guided missile mishaps that cause damage in excess of $20,000 to a DoD aircraft with intent for flight are categorized as aircraft flight mishaps to avoid dual reporting. This is the only aviation mishap subcategory that contributes to the flight mishap rate (NOT flight-related or Aviation Ground Ops). Fiscal Years that have zero flying hours have been excluded.

Class A Mishap. A mishap resulting in one or more of the following: 1. Direct mishap cost totaling $2,000,000 or more ($1,000,000 for mishaps occurring before FY10). 2. A fatality or permanent total disability. 3. Destruction of a DoD aircraft. NOTE: A destroyed UAV/RPA is not a Class A mishap unless the preceding criteria in “1” or “2” are met. Class B Mishap. A mishap resulting in one or more of the following: 1. Direct mishap cost totaling $500,000 or more but less than $2,000,000 ($200,000 to $1,000,000 prior to FY10). 2. A permanent partial disability. 3. Inpatient hospitalization of three or more personnel. Does not count or include individuals hospitalized for observation, diagnostic, or administrative purposes that were treated and released.

Destroyed Aircraft: Only aircraft owned, designated or leased as "USAF" are included. Fatals: Pilot totals only include "USAF" personnel designated as "pilot" by the Safety Investigation Board. "All" fatalities include all aviation-related fatalities regardless of designation (USAF, foreign, civilian, etc) or role (pilot, operator, passenger, etc). Additionally, all aviation-related fatalities count toward fatality rate regardless if they resulted from a "flight" (rate-producing) mishap or not.

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