

I am opposed to any expansion of Military airspace in Alaska. Given the blatant lack of concern that has been shown by the Military in the existing Military Airspace, for Alaskan Civilian user's needs and safety there is no way I could support any expansion.

AREA AFFECTED

The current MOA's, a large percentage of which were established in the 1990's cover millions of acres of land in interior Alaska. These areas include a tremendous amount of big game habitat. These and some of the proposed expansions include areas that Alaskan's have historically used to support their subsistence lifestyles and economic livelihoods for generations. The current MOAs include the entire Alaskan portion of the 40-mile caribou and a big portion of the porcupine herd range. A large part of the area in the proposed Paxson MOA and the expansion of the Fox 3 MOA are intensely used by Alaskan's for hunting and outdoor recreation. This area would take in Lake Louise, Summit, Paxson, and the entire Delta controlled use Area which is a draw only trophy management area for Dall Sheep. A huge portion of this area is not only accessed by airplanes, but by boats, ATVs, highway vehicles, and snow machines.

IMPACT TO PEOPLE AND ANIMALS

The impact to any person or animal on the ground while in one of these MOAs during a two week Red Flag exercise is huge. The economic affect to Guides and transporters whose clients are going to subjected first hand to these exercise's will reverberate statewide. Due to the advent of the F-22 which can break the speed of sound without the use of an afterburner, the amounts of sonic booms have increased dramatically affecting hunter and game. A Person who has not spent time on the ground trying to interact with their environment, during these sonic booms, as they go off for hours at a time, from all directions, cannot fully be aware of the overall impact. Fall of 2010 a red flag exercise was held starting August 9. They currently have them scheduled during hunting season through 2013. When I asked them at a recent ACMAC meeting in Eielson if this could be changed the response was no. They explained that a large percentage of the aircraft involved in these exercise's are from foreign countries and they already have them scheduled for these time period's. Alaska is being used as a training ground for air forces from all over the world. When I asked why they couldn't do this during the winter months they explained that it was dark and cold. A strong military and there need for training is imperative to the survival of our great nation but equally important is Alaskans need to be able to keep their way of life and traditions alive. There is no reason that both of these needs cannot be met.

AVIATION SAFETY

When the large MOA's were established one of the key points that the general aviation community tried to establish was the importance of in flight communications with the military to ensure separation-air safety. To date even though millions of dollars have been spent for military installations throughout the MOA's, the vast majority of the area is uncovered by any medium to low level radio communication for general aviation. Since 1994 I have personally had three extremely close near misses with military

aircraft during hunting season, the time of by far the highest density of air traffic throughout the state. With the large red flag exercise's now being scheduled during the most active time for all general aviation aircraft in Alaska the potential for deadly conflict has increased dramatically. To knowingly continue to mix small slow aircraft with the high speed military aircraft in large numbers, with not as much as radio communication between the two is irresponsible and reckless with people's lives.

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To: Honorable Governor Sean Parnell

From: George Davidson

Re: Military proposed MOA for Alaska - JPARC

Please find attached a copy of the testimony I submitted to the Military on the subject project. They requested the info to be submitted by e-mail -- which I did last week.

While I am personally impacted by some of the proposal I feel the impact goes far beyond me. My "cabin" is located in the heart of what we call the Nelchina Recreation Area. A large area set aside to remain in a wilderness setting. I just happen to be the only -- or at most - one of a very few private in-holdings in this wilderness area. The area is enjoyed by hundreds of hunters in the fall and snow machiners in the winter. While the proposals do not prevent the access and use of the area -- the proposed changes to the MOA will definitely discourage the use of the area.

I ask that you give this serious considerations to the impacts of the proposal and represent our view with the military on the issue.

Thanking you in advance.

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I live in Juneau Alaska and since we are a long ways from the area where the proposal for a new MOA is taking place we were slow to hear about it. However, we own property -- a cabin with a short airstrip on patented land -- located just south of the south boundary of the current Fox 3 MOA on the south side of the Oshetna River. It is a fly in only cabin so we are very much impacted by your proposal. Our airstrip is located at -- N 62 degrees 22.73 minutes -- W 147 degrees 28.51 minutes.

I believe that most of the discussion that is now taking place in opposition to the proposed changes to Fox 3 MOA were made many years ago when you created Fox 3 MOA. The late Senator Ted Stevens worked with the military to create a boundary that would work for the military and the general public as well as the private land holders. We should honor that commitment and not change Fox 3 MOA.

Our private property and access to it will be greatly impacted by the boundary changes and especially the lower floor limits of the proposed MOA. With the proposed 500 foot floor -- flying access to our private property will become dangerous. In addition the vibrations and occasional sonic boom (while not permitted by you or your policies they do happen occasionally) from jets at 500 feet will -- in all probability -- break the glass windows of our cabin. New regular glass and thermo-panes windows (this is much more than a hunting cabin) will be required to be flown in for the repairs - a very expensive and time consuming venture. Broken windows would leave the cabin unsecured from critters and thus the interior could receive further damage from these critters like grizzlies, weasels, squirrels, porcupine, etc entering the cabin prior to repairs being discovered and made.

When we purchased this property 28 years ago we did so for the enjoyment of the peace and quiet of the wilderness. The current MOA already disrupts that peace and quiet but it is a livable and a tolerable compromise situation that we are willing to live with, however, the proposed MOA would be unbearable.

Access to our cabin is, as stated earlier, by small airplanes and as such your 500 foot AGL flying base is far too low for safety. A minimum of 2500 feet would provide some reasonable safety for private pilots utilizing our private airstrip at the cabin. Please keep in mind that communication is lacking in this area of Alaska where our cabin is located. Therefore a plane with pilot and passengers departing our airstrip will probably not know if the MOA is active or not and therefore be at risk of taking off and flying into the path of military aircraft.

I request that you do not expand the MOA to the south. Also if the existing 5000 foot AGL floor is to be lowered for the current MOA or the modified one, I recommend that it be moved no lower than to 2500 foot AGL.

I thank you for considering our comments and concerns.

Dear JPARK,

I am against the newly proposed MOA's and training areas in Alaska.

I currently fly between seven and eight hundred hours a year. Much of this is done in the 40-mile and upper Yukon River country. In the past 15 years I have had some close encounters with low flying fighter jets in these areas. There isn't any way to communicate with these aircraft, and to see and avoid is impossible in a cub.

Looking at my sectional charts and GPS, as I fly along it seems to me you have more than enough training areas in our state.

There is also a concern for wildlife and the effect these missions have on them.

I am all for our great country having the best prepared forces, but is this proposed land grab necessary?

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir,

Regarding JPARCEIS proposed actions

I feel that enlarging the MOA at those low levels is a very high risk.

As a super cub pilot, most of our flying is at low altitude. We feel that 1500 feet AGL should be the bottom for all jet aircraft for the safety of everyone and the environment.

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February 8, 2011

Regarding JPARCEIS proposed actions and any future actions for airspace, lands and residents.

I have very high concerns for public safety as well as animal harassment issues.

My main concern is that a large portion of these proposed areas are very active with small aircraft all year around. The 500 ft. lower floor is unacceptable for the bullets that you are flying. Jet aircraft at super-cub altitude spells DISASTER !

After one public meeting with the air force, some years back, myself and others came away with the out look that we were being told what YOU were going to do and that our concerns meant nothing.

I am a Vet. from the 60's and have been flying these Alaskan skies since 1980 and as I recall the first duty of the armed forces is to protect it's citizens. That is all I am asking. Stop endangering our lives and **Dictating**. Raise the lower levels up to a level that we all can "LIVE" at !

Hopefully, you are willing to consider mine and others concerns today before someone is seriously injured or even killed.

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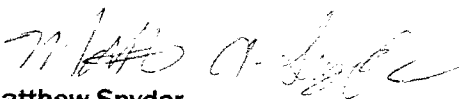
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To whomever it may concern,

January 25th, 2011 Statement regarding the JPARC EIS and future restrictions for residents or activities potentially creating human or animal safety or health concerns in the proposed areas (listed map http://www.jpisceis.com/prop_actions.aspx) from a lifelong resident and active participant of recreation and subsistence activity in the area.

A large portion of the huge areas in the proposal are very active throughout the year with recreation, hunting, fishing and subsistence activities by Alaskans and other participants. Safety concerns arise with the number of small aircraft used during hunting season or for other yearlong activity (mining or exploration for an example). Impact on wildlife control or protection could be devastating as these areas become "no fly" zones, inhibiting the use of airspace available to the parties responsible for the wildlife and habitat. The blocks of land in the map could be some of the most active in the state. Are there other options available as far as land location, possibly further away from the entire area of the "main triangle" of transportation in the state? This proposal is not viable due to basic health and safety concerns as well as location and project scope.



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Dear Sir,

RE: JPARC

As you are surely already aware, the US Air Force is proposing to grab significantly more air space in the Denali Hwy. - Paxson - Glenn Hwy. area: (Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex - www.JPARCEIS.com/JPARC.ASPX).

This additional air space, plus changes to existing Military Operations Areas will be detrimental, disruptive, and even dangerous to civilian private and commercial flying.

Enclosed are several letters by individual pilots expressing their concerns. There is fear that these individual voices will not be heard, yet we do not wish to remain silent on this issue.

**MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THIS, THE AIR FORCE IS NOT
ASKING OUR OPINION ON THEIR AIR SPACE PROPOSAL,
THEY ARE TELLING US WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO!!**

REMEMBER: IT'S OUR SKY TOO!!

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