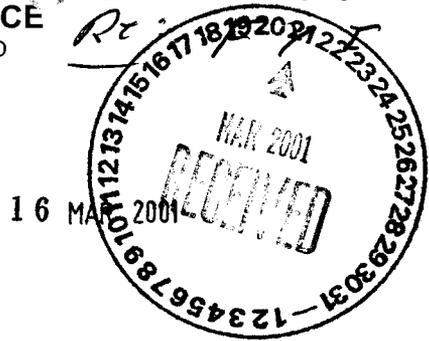




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*To: James DeArzi*  
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*Re: 3/20/01*



**MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION**

**FROM:** HQ ACC/CEVP  
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**SUBJECT:** Environmental Analysis, Defensive Training Initiative (DTI)

1. The U.S. Air Force is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of implementing the Defensive Training Initiative at Cannon AFB NM. The proposed action involves the use of chaff (aluminum-coated silica fibers) and flares (2000 feet above ground level and higher) in Military Operations Areas (MOA) and Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace (ATCAA) currently used by Cannon AFB and other military users. In addition, the proposal includes dispensing chaff only along the northern segments of Military Training Route (MTR) VR-100/125. No other changes in existing airspace would occur, and no increases in aircraft operations are being proposed. Implementation of this action would provide aircrews with defensive countermeasure training against simulated enemy threats while ensuring the readiness of aircraft defensive systems. Attachment 1 provides a general overview of the project area and attachment 2 provides a list of Internet links to available chaff and flare information should you desire additional information.
2. In an effort to analyze the potential impacts of this proposed action and pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, we are requesting any specific concerns about this proposed action as well as any information you may have on any past, present or reasonably foreseeable actions by your agency that could have a potential cumulative effect within the project area.
3. The Air Force intends to hold several public scoping meetings in the affected areas of New Mexico to solicit public and government agency comments on the proposal and assist us in shaping the analysis. Dates, times, and locations for these meetings will be announced through newspaper notifications and other media sources accessible to the public and agencies. During the meetings, the Air Force will describe the proposed action and all alternatives, the National Environmental Policy Act process, and outline the opportunities for public involvement in the process.
4. We would like to incorporate your concerns into the planning of the proposal. Please provide responses and direct inquiries on this matter to Ms. Linda DeVine, EIAP Project Manager, at the above address. Ms Devine may also be reached at (757) 764-9434 (e-mail linda.devine@langley.af.mil). In order to give your comments, concerns and suggestions full consideration in the development of this EA, we would appreciate receiving your response by May 10, 2001. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

*Glenn*

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- 3 Attachments
1. Distribution List
  2. Map of Affected Areas
  3. Information Sources

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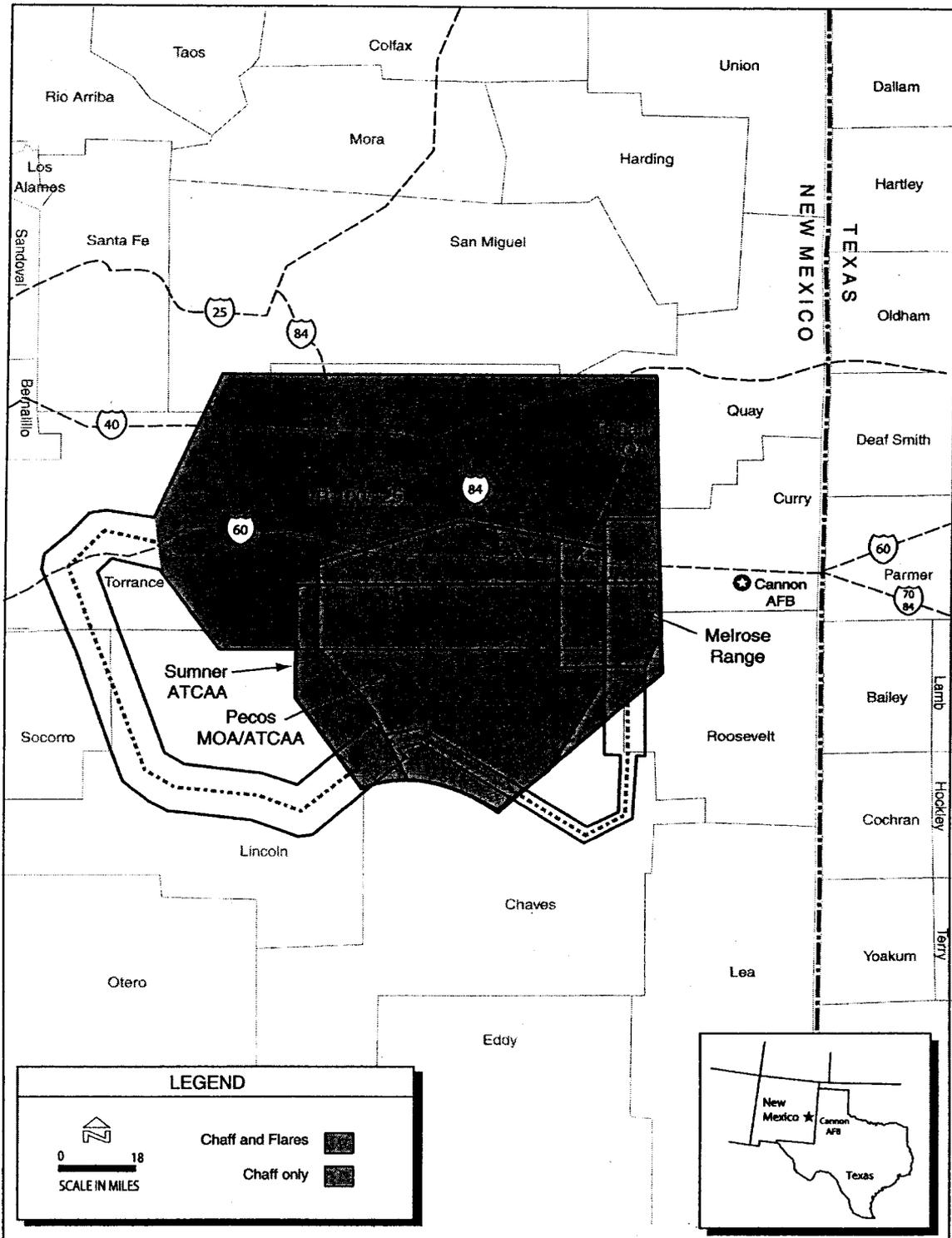
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## **Chaff and Flare Information**

Environmental Effects of Chaff and Flares – Final Report (Air Combat Command, 1997) [www.cevp.com](http://www.cevp.com) or to order a hard copy, go to [www.ntis.gov](http://www.ntis.gov) NTIS Order # PB98-1100620INZ

DoD Management of Issues Related to Chaff – GAO Report, NSIAD-98-219  
<http://frwebgate.access.gpo/cgi-bin/multidb.cgi>

Environmental Effects of RF Chaff

- A Select Panel Report (1999)
- General Accounting Office Report (1999)
- Environmental Degradability and Ecotoxicity of Chaff Fiber
- Various Chaff Related Briefings

<http://pony.nrl.navy.mil/chaff2/home.html>