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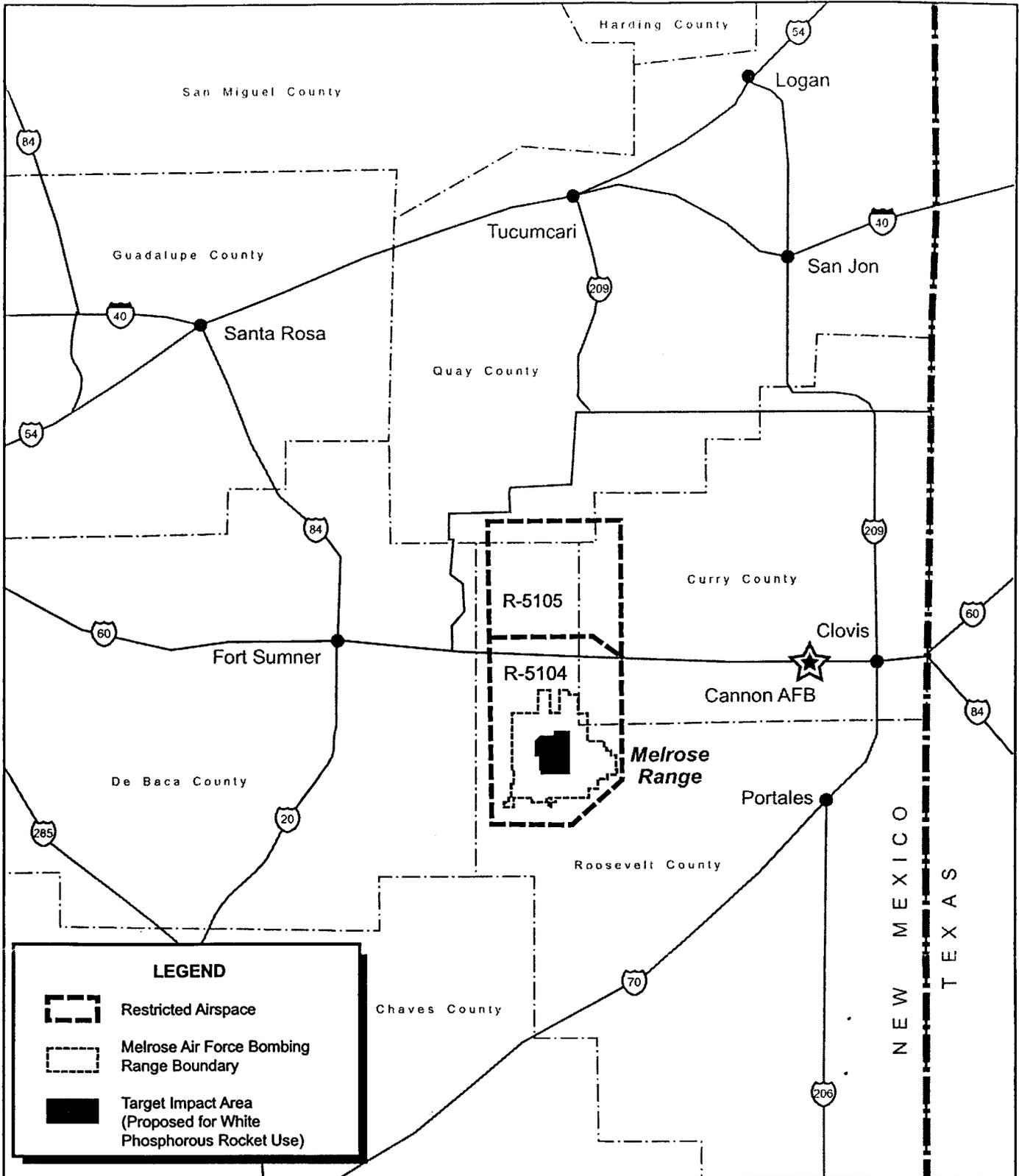
The United States Air Force (Air Force) is in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of a proposal to use white phosphorus rockets on Melrose Air Force Range (AFR), New Mexico. We thank you in advance for your consideration on this proposal and request your comments or information.

This proposal is intended to support the Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) mission of Cannon AFB, maintain qualified CSAR pilots and support the joint training with Army and Special Operations Forces. The proposed action would use the existing Melrose AFR and associated restricted airspace. A change in airspace or airspace use is not anticipated for this project. We anticipate a draft EA will be made available for public and agency comment in May 03.

Thank you for your continued support of training at Cannon AFB. Our Point of Contact is Capt Jeff Sandroek at Cannon AFB Public Affairs, 505/784-4131.

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Attachment:
Map of Affected Area



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-  Restricted Airspace
-  Melrose Air Force Bombing Range Boundary
-  Target Impact Area (Proposed for White Phosphorous Rocket Use)



**Melrose Air Force Bombing Range, Cannon AFB,
and Restricted Areas (R-5104 and R-5105)**

