

Military Base Planning and Support Office

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Military Base Planning & Support

- ▶ **Organizational Structure**
 - ▶ **Administratively attached to the NM Economic Development Department**
 - ▶ **Governor appoints the Director – Reports to Chief of Staff**
 - ▶ **Supports the Commission**
 - ▶ **Informs the Governor about issues impacting the military bases in the state including potential base realignment and closures**
 - ▶ **Liaison's with community organizations that support military bases**
 - ▶ **Works with the state's congressional delegation**

Military Base Planning & Support Activities

- ▶ **Military Value – Highest Priority of the Military Base Planning Program**
 - ▶ **Airspace – Key to Military Value**
 - ▶ **Air Force Regional Special Use Airspace Optimization Program**
 - ▶ **Concerns in Southeast and Southwest NM; extensive Air Force Outreach**
 - ▶ **Draft EIS due out in January, next, hearings in eight NM communities**
 - ▶ **Holloman Commander to continue outreach, recent visit to FAA Albuquerque Center**

Military Base Planning & Support Activities

- ▶ **Renewable Energy Impacts**
 - ▶ Mid-Regional Council of Governments state-wide project underway – MATRIX selected as the contractor
 - ▶ Will coordinate with Southern NM/El Paso Implementation Committee
- ▶ **Holloman F-16s: #1 Military Base Planning Issue in NM**
 - ▶ Air Force plan: 100 F-16s, 85 now; initial F-16 Pilot Training
 - ▶ Contract maintenance

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- ▶ Sun Zia
 - ▶ Record of Decision January 2015
 - ▶ PRC reviewed SunZia application, concerns; directed SunZia to reapply (after January ?)
 - ▶ Military Base Planning Commission, area ranchers concerned about long-term impacts on military missions and ranching activities
 - ▶ New routes under consideration?

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- ▶ **White Sands Missile Range (WSMR)**
 - ▶ Northern Extension Areas, over 286,000 acres of State Trust Land
 - ▶ Commissioner of Public Lands offer to Army WSMR agreement to preserve long-term capability; \$7.5 million, 75 years
 - ▶ Current discussions – interim agreement, 7 years, pending longer-term resources

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- ▶ **Cannon AFB (CAFB), Melrose Air Force Range (MAFR)**
 - ▶ **State (NM EDD) support of Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI) project (easements pertaining to over 13,000 acres, largest ever in DOD); helps preserve MAFR capability**
 - ▶ **NM EDD working with NM DOT on US 60 turning lanes, railroad crossing, and new MAFR entrance**
 - ▶ **The REPI and DOT projects use remaining funds from the original OMBPS STB Capital Outlay appropriation**

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- ▶ **Kirtland AFB (KAFB)**
 - ▶ Support from Kirtland Partnership Committee (KPC) and MBP&S
- ▶ **KAFB/Community Sustainability Committee**
 - ▶ New Mexico State Land Office; Bernalillo County; EMNRD, Kirtland leadership and staff; ABQ District, BLM; Sandia NL; DOE/NNSA; Cibola National Forest; City of ABQ; US Fish and Wildlife Service
- ▶ **Issues: Cibola National Forest/Air Force agreements; Valle de Oro Wildlife Refuge; 58th SOW Landing Zones; DOD Rail Spur (Bernalillo County interest); Spectrum; Dark Skies**
- ▶ **KPC support of legislation pertaining to reciprocity and licensure**

Military Base Planning Commission

- ▶ **CAFB: Support of Cannon AFB's new mission, expansion of training areas**
- ▶ **HAFB: Commission working closely with HAFB and Community Leaders on RSOP**
- ▶ **WSMR: Commission efforts in support of this high-priority DOD Installation supporting all services – SunZia; Call-Up Areas/NM State Land Office discussions**
- ▶ **KAFB: Renewable Energy impacts; Valle de Oro Wildlife Refuge; 58th SOW Landing Zones**
- ▶ **Two of the Commission members are also members of the AF Chief of Staff's Civic Leader Program and are invited to 2 meetings a year with the Chief and the Secretary of the AF.**
- ▶ **Commission works closely with all communities**

Base Closures

- ▶ **DoD did not request a Base Closures round in recent DOD budget**
- ▶ **State leadership continues to receive DOD assurances of the importance of New Mexico bases**
- ▶ **In the meantime, the State and communities need to address military value and other criteria**

Budget Request

Category		FY19	FY20	
200	Personnel	126.1	134.4	
300	Contracts	89.5	89.5	
400	Other	11.3	11.3	
		226.9	235.2	

Questions

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION
AND CONTINUED SUPPORT**