



NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT: CASE NO. 19-AWP-14NR

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE WALKER HIGH AND LOW MILITARY OPERATIONS AREA BRIDGEPORT, CALIFORNIA

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is considering a proposal by the United States Marine Corps (USMC) to establish the Walker High and Low Military Operations Areas (MOA) in the eastern central California and western central Nevada areas. The establishment of the MOAs would support Mountain Training Exercises conducted at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC). The MOAs would also support other Department of Defense unit level mountain warfare training operations.

BACKGROUND:

Establishing the special use airspace areas will enhance safety for both civil and military aviation. Additionally, the special use airspace will enable military forces to train in an environment that is representative of realistic combat conditions in mountainous terrain. The MCMWTC is the only Department of Defense training installation with mountainous training areas that meet the Marine Corps mountain warfare training requirements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The legal descriptions below are written to reflect the separate airspace entries.

PROPOSAL: The proposed MOAs use will include day and night operations. Detailed descriptions of the proposed MOAs and times of use are listed below. Refer to the enclosed map for a graphical presentation of the proposal.

MISCELLANEOUS: The MCMWTC conducts up to six mountain training exercises annually. During the exercises, the aeronautical activities will include H-1, CH-53, CH-47, UH-60, MH-47, MH-60, MV-22, C-130, AV-8 and F-18 aircraft conducting high speed combat maneuvering, non-standard formation flights, rescue escort, close air support, air insertions/extractions, night vision goggle training, parachute operations, and aerial refueling missions. There will be no weapons employed nor chaff/flares dispensed.

No restrictions will be imposed on nonparticipating Visual Flight Rules (VFR) aircraft. VFR pilots are expected to exercise vigilance while transiting the MOA. They are strongly encouraged to contact the nearest flight service station and request the latest NOTAM information, or contact Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) to ascertain the status of the MOAs. The USMC is installing a low altitude range communications system to provide coverage within the training areas. An advisory frequency will be available during the exercises to receive real-time status of activity in the MOAs.

ENVIRONMENTAL/LAND USE ASPECTS:

Questions or concerns related to environmental or land use aspects of the proposed areas should be directed to Mr. Zachery Likins, Marine Corps Installations West, Regional Environmental Planning Manager at zachery.likins@usmc.mil or (760) 763-7948.

COMMENTS INVITED: The purpose of this notice is to invite interested persons to submit, in writing, any comments regarding the overall aeronautical aspects of the proposal presented. To be eligible for consideration, comments must be relevant to the effect the proposal will have upon the efficient and navigable use of airspace. Persons wishing to comment should refer to the Aeronautical Study Number: **19-AWP-14NR**, include/describe valid aeronautical reasons, and submit correspondence to the address or email listed below.

Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
Operations Support Group, Western Service Center
ATTN: Richard Farnsworth
2200 South 216th Street
Des Moines, WA 98198

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Replies received no later than **October 19, 2019** will be considered before final action is taken on this proposal.

NOTICE DISTRIBUTION: Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future notices should submit such requests to the Federal Aviation Administration at the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Attachment: MOA Legal Description with Graphics

Walker High MOA, CA

Boundaries: Beginning at lat 38° 35' 00"N., long 119° 05' 00"W.;
to lat 38° 15' 00"N., long 119° 20' 00"W.;
to lat 38° 12' 00"N., long 119° 41' 00"W.;
to lat 38° 30' 00"N., long 119° 41' 00"W.;
to lat 38° 35' 00"N., long 119° 30' 00"W.;
to the point of beginning.

Altitudes: 13,500 feet MSL to but not including FL180.

Times of Use: Intermittent by NOTAM at least four hours in advance, up to 40 days per year for approximately 12 hours per day.

Controlling Agency: FAA, Oakland ARTCC.

Using Agency: USMC Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, CA.

Walker Low MOA, CA

Boundaries: Beginning at lat 38° 29' 09"N., long 119° 27' 58"W.;
to lat 38° 21' 45"N., long 119° 27' 39"W.;
to lat 38° 17' 41"N., long 119° 28' 28"W.;
to lat 38° 15' 36"N., long 119° 36' 46"W.;
to lat 38° 17' 10"N., long 119° 39' 05"W.;
to lat 38° 23' 58"N., long 119° 37' 41"W.;
to lat 38° 29' 13"N., long 119° 32' 39"W.;
to the point of beginning.

Altitudes: Surface to but not including 13,500' MSL; excluding that airspace surface to 3,000' AGL over wilderness areas.

Times of Use: Intermittent by NOTAM at least four hours in advance, up to 100 days per year for approximately 15 hours per day.

Controlling Agency: FAA, Oakland ARTCC.

Using Agency: USMC Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, CA.

Attachment: Walker High/Low MOA Legal Descriptions and Graphic

