

**PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT  
Of  
Playas Temporary Military Operations Areas (MOAs)  
Southwestern New Mexico**

**AIRSPACE STUDY: 08-ASW-11-NR**

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is considering a request by the United States Air Force (USAF), to establish the Playas Temporary Military Operations Area (MOA) in southwestern New Mexico. The purpose of this temporary MOA is to identify and define an airspace area which would contain aircraft conducting military operations.

The proposed temporary MOA would be effective December 1-12, 2008. Expected times of use will be 0700 – 2300 MST.

A variety of Air Force aircraft including A-10, HC-130, AH-64, and HH-60 will conduct operations within the proposed Playas Temporary MOA over the Playas New Mexico Training and Research Center, in support of the Angel Thunder Combat Search and Rescue Exercise. Activities will occur between 300' Above Ground Level (AGL) and 18,000' Mean Sea Level (MSL).

**COMMENTS INVITED:** The purpose of this notice is to invite interested persons to submit in writing any comments they may have regarding the overall aeronautical aspects of the proposal presented in this notice. Comments which provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are the most helpful. Persons wishing to comment should submit correspondence to:

Manager, Operations Support Group, AJO-2C2  
Airspace Study, 08-ASW-11-NR  
Department of Transportation  
Federal Aviation Administration  
2601 Meacham Blvd  
Fort Worth, TX 76137

Comments received on or before September 8, 2008, will be considered before final action is taken on the proposal. The proposal may be changed in light of comments received.

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

**PROPOSAL:** Detailed description of the MOA is listed below. Refer to the enclosed copy of the El Paso Sectional for a graphical presentation of the proposal.

**1. DIMENSIONS FOR Playas Temporary MOA, NM**

a. Horizontal.  
Beginning

at lat. 32°10'43"N., long. 108°42'48"W.;

to lat. 32°09'20"N., long. 108°19'29"W.;  
to lat. 31°49'27"N., long. 108°21'03"W.;  
to lat. 31°50'48"N., long. 108°44'28"W.;

b. Vertical. 300' AGL to but not including FL 180.

## 2. TIME OF USE

December 1–12, 2008: 0700 – 2300 MST. Occasional use outside of these times. Contact Albuquerque ARTCC for status.

## 3. CONTROLLING AGENCY

FAA, Albuquerque Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC), Albuquerque, New Mexico.

## 4. USING AGENCY

U.S. Air Force, Commander 563<sup>rd</sup> Rescue Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona

## 5. MISCELLANEOUS

Activities. Military aircraft conducting extensive maneuvers including simulated Close Air Support, Air Combat Maneuvers, and Forward Airborne Controller Training. Supersonic flight is not authorized. Flights will be conducted in visual meteorological conditions. Airspace will be returned to the FAA controlling agency when not needed for training.

No restrictions will be imposed on nonparticipating Visual Flight Rules (VFR) aircraft. VFR pilots are expected to exercise vigilance while transiting the temporary MOA. They are strongly encouraged to contact the nearest flight service station, and request the latest NOTAM information or contact Albuquerque ARTCC to ascertain the status of the temporary MOA.

## 6. ENVIRONMENTAL/LAND USE ASPECTS

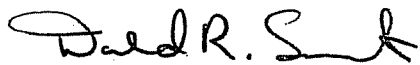
Provide comments on the environmental and land use aspects of the proposal to:

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ARTCC-530; AJW-327C; New Mexico State Aviation Director; Arizona State Aviation  
Director; Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona

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