



Military Base Planning and Support Office

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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 BRAC actions
- Liaison's with community organizations supporting military bases
- Works with the state's congressional delegation



Commission

- Consists of: Lieutenant Governor; nine from counties adjoining military bases; two others at large from other counties (Lt Gov plus eleven)
- Obtain and evaluate information about the federal government's considerations, plans, policies, and initiatives relating to military BRAC
- Obtain and evaluate information relating to the impact of federal military BRAC plans on the state's economy and the military base areas local economy
- Work with and provide assistance to community organizations whose purpose is the support of the long-term viability of the military bases in their area
- Ensure collaboration among the community organizations and an understanding of the joint efforts between the military bases in the state
- Work with and provide assistance to the state's congressional delegation on matters relating to federal base realignment and closure plans
- Advise the Governor on measures necessary to ensure the continued presence of military bases in the State



Base Realignment and Closure

- DoD did not request a Base Closures round in recent DOD budget
- DOD and other federal agencies will continue realignment and closure actions with or without BRAC
- Department of Defense Infrastructure Capacity Report (Oct 2017), Excess: Army, 33%; Navy 7%; and Air Force, 32%
- The State and communities need to address military value and other criteria now.
- DoD Report on Effects of a Changing Climate (Jan 2019)
 - White Sands Missile Range: Drought and Desertification
 - Kirtland AFB: Drought and Desertification



Prior BRAC Criteria

- **Military Value**
 - Current and future mission capabilities and the impact on operational readiness of the total force of DOD, including the impact on joint warfighting, training, and readiness.
 - Availability and condition of land, facilities, and associated airspace.
 - Ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, surge, and future total force requirements to support operations and training.
 - Cost of operations and the manpower implications.
- **Factors impacting consideration for mission growth**
 - Extent and timing of potential costs and savings
 - Economic impact on existing communities
 - Ability of infrastructure to support forces and missions
 - Environmental impact



Encroachment on the Military Mission

- **Encroachment:** Incompatible development surrounding military installations that threatens the ability to carry out the training/testing mission
 - Force readiness is linked to quality and frequency of training
 - DoD ranges and operating areas face a broad spectrum of challenges
 - The Services and the Major Commands have been slow to respond
 - Installation commanders learn on the job, but have no training, inadequate staffs and very little headquarters support to deal with encroachment
- **Examples of encroachment**
 - Frequency management
 - Energy transmission
 - Alternative energy sources
 - Cultural sites
 - Population growth
 - Unexploded ordnance
 - Commercial development
 - Competition for water
 - Noise abatement
 - Light pollution
 - Airspace congestion and obstruction
 - Wildlife habitat
 - Air quality



Encroachment in New Mexico

- Holloman AFB
 - Renewable Energy (wind farms, transmission lines) and other vertical obstructions on military training routes (MTR); noise complaints
- Cannon AFB
 - Renewable Energy (wind farms, transmission lines) near Melrose Air Force Range, Cannon AFB, and MTRs; light pollution; noise complaints MTRs
- Kirtland AFB
 - Valle de Oro Wildlife Refuge, light pollution, renewable energy , urban development, noise complaints along low level flying routes & around KAFB
- White Sands Missile Range
 - Renewable Energy development (especially SunZia), development in Northern and Western Call-Up Areas,
 - Vertical obstructions along MTRs

There is no state-wide permitting process or any requirement for the military mission to be considered during community or private project development



Compatible Siting of Renewable Energy

- OMBPS is collaborating with Mid-Region Council of Governments to seek an Office of Economic Adjustment grant to conduct a study of compatible siting of renewable energy projects in New Mexico.
 - Applies to transmission lines, wind and solar generation
 - Proposal requests grant of \$700,000 over 24 months
- Overall OEA grant objective: “...(C)ommunity planning assistance to prevent siting of energy projects from adversely affecting DoD’s test, training, and military operations”
 - Objectives:
 - **Develop a state-wide database and web-based planning tool** which includes means of siting renewable energy initiatives and electricity transmission lines in ways to minimize the impact on military missions
 - **Draft recommended legislation, county ordinances, and permitting process** that ensures impacts to the military mission are considered early in the siting process
 - **Develop a policy recommendation** that can be forwarded to the military services regarding the siting of renewable energy projects in New Mexico



Holloman Air Force Base

- F-16 Squadron Beddown
 - #1 Military Base Planning Issue in NM
 - Air Force plan: 100 F-16s, 85 now; initial F-16 Pilot Training
 - Contract maintenance
- Holloman AFB – White Sands Missile Range– White Sands Missile Range Airspace Integrated Process Team
 - Goal: “increase both test and training capacity of the range, maximizing flexibility and providing insight to integration opportunities”
- Air Force Regional Special Use Airspace Optimization Program
 - Draft EIS was due January 2019, next, hearings in eight NM communities
 - Concerns in Southeast and Southwest NM; extensive Air Force Outreach
 - Collaboration among HQ Air Force, HAFB, CAFB, KAFB, WSMR, FAA



White Sands Missile Range

- Northern Extension Area, 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
 - Recent discussions – interim agreement, 7 years, pending longer-term resources
- Sun Zia
 - Record of Decision January 2015
 - PRC reviewed SunZia application, concerns; directed SunZia to reapply
 - Concerns about long-term impacts on military missions and ranching activities



Cannon Air Force Base / Melrose Air Force Range

- State (NM EDD) support of Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI) project (easements pertaining to over 29,000 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
- Monitor EPA and DoD policy and actions related to PFOS/PFOA contamination



Kirtland Air Force Base

- 58th Special Operations Wing
 - Signed MOU with Belen on use of Alexander Municipal Airport
 - Cleared for MC-130J, HH-60 and UH-1; No CV-22 ops due to heat
 - Cibola National Forest Environmental Assessment in progress
 - Supports 58 SOW, Pararescue School, Marines, Army training
 - Using 1-yr temporary, renewable permit; seeking 30-yr agreement
- Valle De Oro – Environmental assessment of management plan delayed
 - USAF and FAA are cooperating agencies
 - USFWS including “no flood” option
- Enhanced Use Lease
- Jet fuel spill and contamination remediation



OMBPS Way Ahead

- Establish commission
- Establish and develop information and stewardship network
- Understand renewable energy initiatives and impacts
- Legislation
 - Coordinate State legislation to protect against encroachment to military operating areas
 - Support and advocate for reciprocity licensure
- Develop MBPC/OMBPS website through NM Economic Development Department
- New Mexico Commander Summit