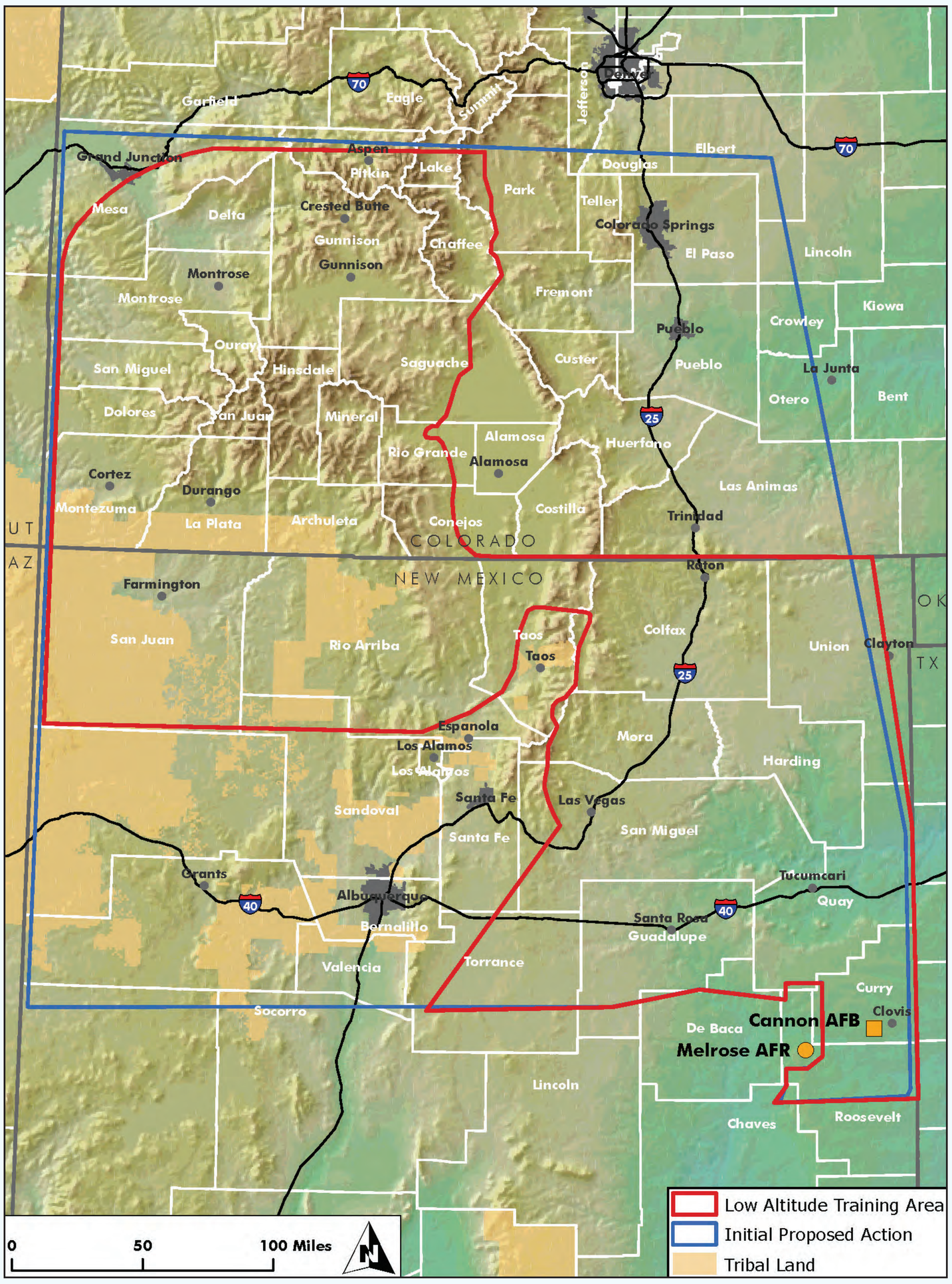
Establishment of Low Altitude Training Area for Cannon AFB, New Mexico

Proposed Action

Under the Proposed Action, a low altitude training area would be identified in northeastern New Mexico and southwestern Colorado as depicted. The proposed area would include mountainous terrain for realistic training. There would be an average of three training missions per night from Cannon AFB. No location would be overflown twice during a night.



Initial Proposed Action Plus Proposed Training Area Boundaries

Comparison of Initial Proposed Action

Information obtained from the public meetings held during September 2010, input from the public, other federal, state and local agencies; as well as input from other airspace users, identified issues that helped us determine the scope of our analysis, and resulted in the current configuration of the proposed training area.

No Action Alternative

No Action consists of 27 SOW training using existing Military Training Routes (MTRs) and Military Operations Areas (MOAs) with altitude floors to 500 ft or below and restricted areas. These existing airspaces and their use are described in the AFSOC EIS 2007 (Air Force 2007). 27 SOW aircrews would continue to conduct low altitude training in accordance with AFI 11-202V1, AFI 11 2MC 130V3, and FAA VFR (14 CFR Part 91, 91.119). The FAA 91.119 rules specify the minimum safe altitude for operating an aircraft.