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Ms. Danna G. Sturm, Coordinator Nevada State Clearinghouse/SPOC Capitol Complex Carson City, Nevada 89710

Dear Ms. Sturm:

Thank you for your letter of October 9, 1991, wherein you mentioned your concerns relevant to the Delta Military Operations Area (MOA) proposal.

I have enclosed several copies of our circular advertising the proposal. We will extend the comment period until November 15, 1991, in order that you may have ample opportunity to distribute the requested copies.

The establishment of a MOA does not preclude use of that airspace by general aviation aircraft. The Delta MOA is proposed to encompass aircraft which are currently exiting R-4803 after delivering their practice ordnance. These aircraft are in a climbing and turning attitude when they exit the restricted area, and thus the development and charting of a MOA enhances aviation safety by identifying this area to all users.

Should you be in need of further information please contact Bud Riebel, Supervisor, Airspace Section, AWP-531, at (213) 297-1180.

Sincerely,

Sabra W. Kaulia

Manager, System Management Branch

Enclosures



NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT: CASE NO. 91-AWP-17NR
NAVAL AIR STATION, FALLON, NEVADA
ESTABLISHMENT OF DELTA MOA
AMENDMENT TO GABBS CENTRAL MOA

The Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of the Navy are requesting the establishment of the DELTA Military Operating Area (MOA) just south of the Hazen VORTAC and along the western edge of Restricted Areas 4803 North and South. This MOA, approximately 3 nautical miles by 13 nautical miles in area, will separate/segregate non-hazardous military operations from IFR traffic and will identify for VFR traffic where these activities are conducted.

DELTA MOA will be used by Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force tactical aircraft whose pilots will bear the burden to remain within the confines of the MOA. In addition, the Fallon Air Traffic Control Facility will assist the aircrews to remain within assigned airspace and, when requested, provide radar advisories to non-participating (general aviation) aircraft.

DELTA MOA will have designated altitudes of 1,200 feet AGL to 9,000 feet MSL operating from 0715-2330 local Monday-Friday, 0745-1815 local Saturday, and other times by NOTAM. The Controlling Agency will be FAA, Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center and the Using Agency will be the Naval Air Station at Fallon, NV.

The following is the legal description of the proposed DELTA MOA:

Beginning at lat. 39°30′00"N., 118°58′30"W;
to lat. 39°20′07"N., 118°56′03"W;
thence via the arc of a 3 NM radius circle centered
at lat. 39°20′40"N., 118°52′15"W;
to lat. 39°18"00"N., 118°52′00"W;
to lat. 39°17′00"N., 118°59′10"W;
to lat. 39°29′30"N., 119°02′40"W;
to the point of beginning.

Please see the attached chart depicting the proposed airspace.

In addition, the Navy, in concert with the FAA, is proposing to amend the boundaries of the Gabbs Central MOA by excluding that airspace encompassed by a 3 NM radius circle centered on Gabbs Airport, NV., from the surface to 2,000 feet AGL. This exclusion,

along with the already existing 3 NM circle exclusion centered on the city of Gabbs, NV., should provide aerial access to private and public use land and for terminal VFR and IFR flight operations. Please see the attached map for details.

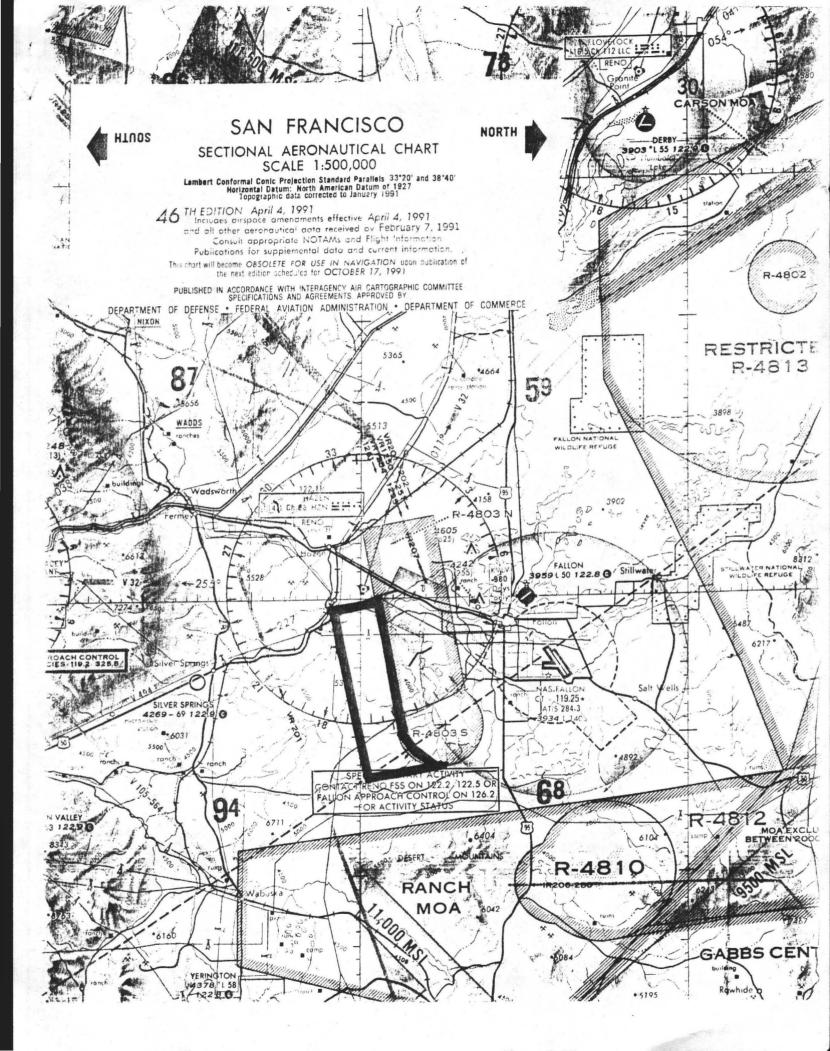
The FAA is providing an opportunity for all interested persons to comment on the acceptability of this proposal. Additional information may be requested from Gene Enstad, System Management Branch, FAA Western-Pacific Regional Headquarters, Los Angeles, California at (213) 297-0010 or FTS 984-0010. Aeronautical comments must be submitted to the Manager, System Management Branch, AWP-530, P. O. Box 92007, WWPC, Los Angeles, CA 90009. Comments must be received by October 11, 1991.

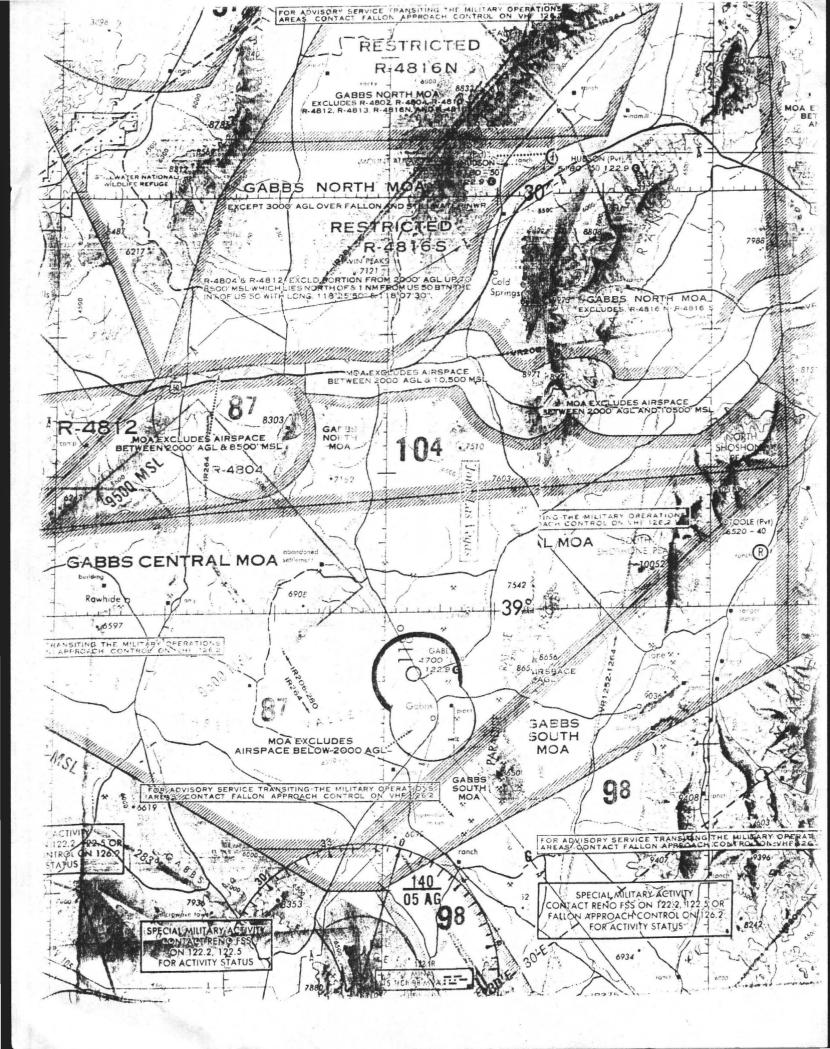
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Attachments (maps)





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Dear Ms. Sturm,

The Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses in Nevada regrets that we cannot support additional use of airspace.

Despite the fact the MOA does not preclude use of the airspace by general aviation aircraft, it severly restricts the ability to use the airspace at all times, and certainly makes that use more hazardous.

At least with "restricted" airspace, general use can only use it when absolutely clear. With the MOA, the "use at own risk" prevails. This "intermittent" use restricts the BLM's ability to census, monitor, and capture, at times when such activity is less hazardous to the animals health and welfare.

As experience has shown with the MOA's, even with previous appointments, the military cannot guarantee what the military in Lemoore or somewhere else may send in. Several times one of our Commissioners has been flying when unexpected military air craft has threatened the safety of the agency personnel as well as accompanying personnel.

The Commission recognizes the positive benefits from the military in Nevada, but we strongly feel that absolutely no more restrictions should be placed on air space that would hinder or prohibit protection, management, and control of wild horse populations in Nevada.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

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Sincerely,

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