



Quietskies

Over San Juan County

Update: October 13, 2016

GREETINGS:

We have been experiencing incredible noise from jet activity. The folks who are RESPONSIBLE for placing the Growler on Whidbey are Representative Rick Larsen, Senators Cantwell and Murray and Governor Inslee and of course Oak Harbor. This would be a good time to ask the elected officials what they are "ACTIVELY" doing to mitigate the significant noise problem. They have created the "war training zone" in our region which is affecting our lives every day and every night.

PHONE CALLS, EMAILS, LETTERS ALL WORK. THEY NEED TO KNOW WHAT THEY'VE DONE.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The long awaited 2014 DRAFT EIS, which requests that 36 more Growlers be added to the 82 Growlers currently based at NASWI, will be published mid November, 2016. No firm date as yet. WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL OUR COMMENTS IN THE 2015/15 SCOPING PROCESS???

"Scoping, an open process involving the public and other Federal, state and local, agencies, commences to identify the major and important issues for consideration during the study." OUR COMMENTS HELPED TO IDENTIFY THE MAJOR ISSUES WHICH ARE THEN STUDIED AND INFLUENCE THE "DRAFT EIS".

WHAT IS A DRAFT EIS???

"The draft EIS provides a detailed description of the proposal, the purpose and need, reasonable alternatives, the affected environment, and presents analysis of the anticipated beneficial and adverse environmental effects of the alternatives."

NEXT STEP: "Following a formal comment period and receipt of comments from the public and other agencies, the FEIS (Final Environmental Impact Statement) will be developed and issued. The FEIS will address the comments on the draft and identify, based on analysis and comments, the "preferred alternative"."

<https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/projdev/docueis.asp>

ONE MORE STEP: There is one more step before this process is complete: Record of Decision: more on that later.

* * * THERE WILL BE A FORMAL COMMENT PERIOD ON THE DRAFT - THIS MEANS MORE LETTERS FROM ALL OF US. * * * STAY TUNED

THANKS TO EVERYONE USING THE COUNTY NOISE REPORTING WEBSITE.

sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting We now have roughly 5,100 noise reports on file. You can view the data and the comments (minus names) on the Quiet Skies website. The data and graphs are updated and sent to our legislators monthly.

Thanks to all for working to reclaim our Quiet Skies.

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