



UPDATE: February 29, 2020

What is the Navy Doing to our Children?

February, 2020. Our neighbors on Whidbey Island report this:

"We were totally surprised by the Growlers at the Transportation Center in Coupeville today. The result was two crying children and the rest of us running for our cars to protect them.

The jets were the lowest I've seen at about 300 feet from the ground, turning hard and low, so we got all of the engine noise blown right at us. It took hours to calm the children down and our ears rang all afternoon.

"Is this really what the Navy wants to do to our children?"

Help Citizens of Ebey's Reserve (COER) roll back the Growler jet Noise - support their Injunction. You can donate by going to their website or by sending your check to

COER, P. O. Box 202, Coupeville, WA, 98239

Make checks payable to COER or COER Charitable if you want a tax deduction.

Community Gatherings

We are stronger in fighting the Growler onslaught by joining together. As a region we can get the attention of our elected officials, support one another, share experiences, develop strategies, raise money and take action.

Sound Defense Alliance is planning meetings from the Olympic Peninsula to Skagit County working with local communities. They will happen in late April and early May.

Orcas, Lopez and San Juan have expressed interest. Now is the time to begin preparation. If you are willing to lead the work in your community please contact us at QuietSkiesSanJuan@gmail.com.

No Military Training in Washington State Parks

The US Navy proposes to conduct covert training at 68 coastal sites in Washington, which incredibly, includes 29 Washington State Parks. Essentially this is war gaming. Up to 20 camouflaged troops at a time will carry simulated weapons made to look like standard military weapons. They will sneak out of the water and cross beaches to hide in upland vegetation for 2-72 hours while spying on park visitors.



REPORT EXCESSIVE JET NOISE:

<https://www.quietskies.info/access-the-county-report-site>



Everything about this proposal is wrong.

State parks prohibit the display of guns and other weapons, intimidating and disturbing park employees, volunteers, and visitors. The environment is put at risk.

There is the potential for tragic accidents such as when two military trainees posing as terrorists in North Carolina were shot by an unsuspecting deputy.

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission needs to hear from you expressing your strident opposition to this wrong headed proposal.

Please do the following:

- 1) Sign this [petition](#)
- 2) Send an email opposing this proposal: commission@wa.parks.gov
- 3) Join the Facebook Group for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/No.Wargames.In.WA.State.Parks>
- 4) Share this petition widely on social media
- 5) Attend the WA Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on March 12th in Chelan
- 6) Click and donate. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/stop-military-training-in-wa-state-parks> We have plans to vigorously oppose this proposal and we need the resources to bring these plans into action.
- 7) For more information, send an email to wean@whidbey.net

We Need Newsletter Material and an Editor

Quiet Skies Over San Juan County now has 367 subscribers to our newsletter! We welcome articles, news stories, poetry, photos and artwork for the email newsletter.

And we need an editor to take over assembling the newsletter. Experience with MailChimp would be helpful, but it's easy to learn. If you have material, or willing to become the editor, please email us at QuietSkiesSanJuan@gmail.com.

RESTORE THE BALANCE

Support the Sound Defense Alliance. We appreciate any size donation. [Click here](#).

