

Jet Noise Reports, January 2015 – April, 2018



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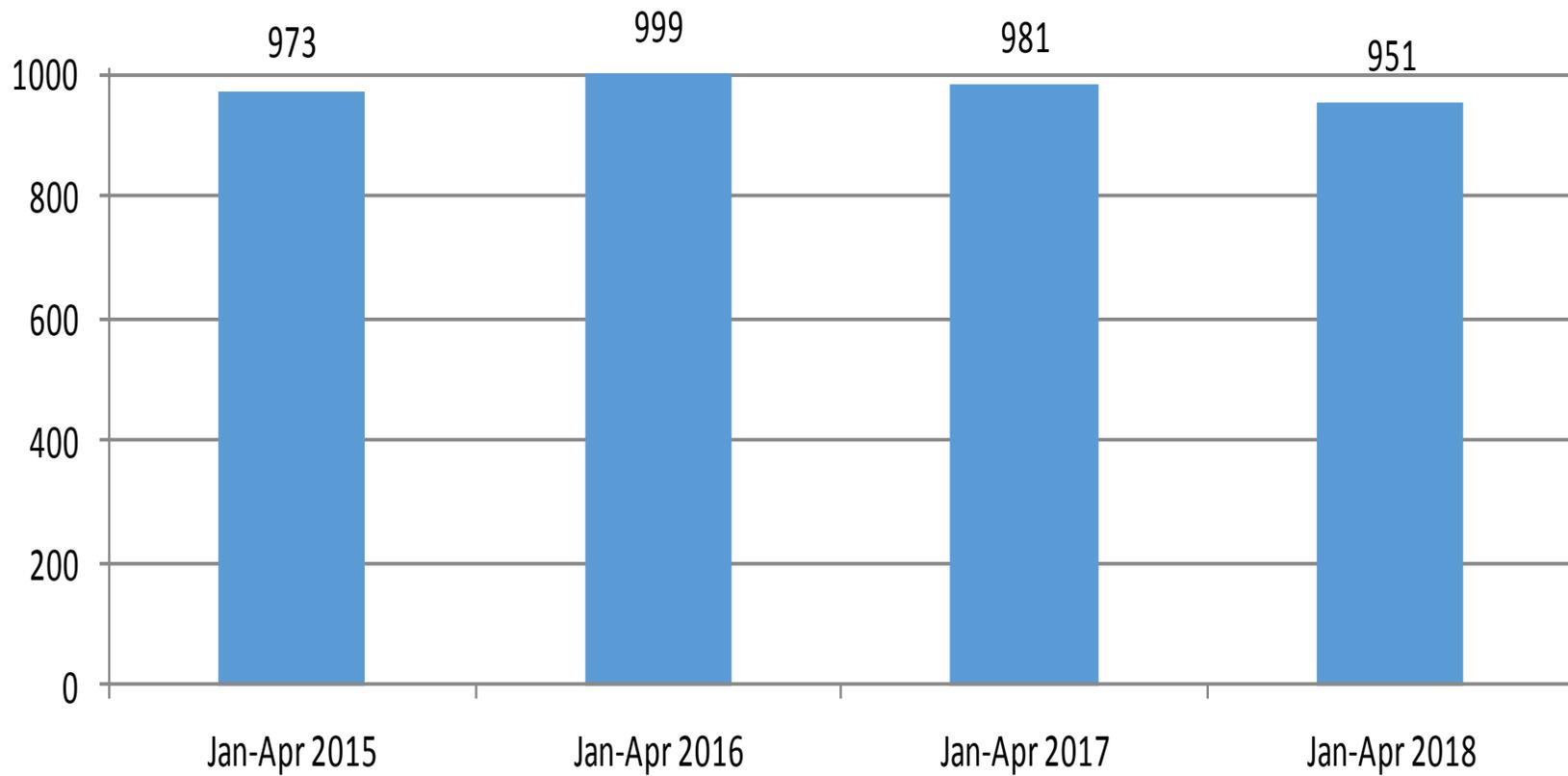
The San Juan County Jet Aircraft Noise Reporting website <http://sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/> was developed and approved by the County Council to enable San Juan County residents to have a reliable source for recording and tracking their comments and complaints about jet noise from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. Reporting began on May 15, 2014; data has been analyzed for this report since January 2015.

As these reports are compiled it has become increasingly apparent that some residents are reporting multiple noise incidents in their comments and in the section titled “Time”, but they are consolidating these incidents into one single report. See the comments below for examples. A report is only counted once despite the internal reference to multiple incidents. Thus, the number of noise incidents is actually much larger than the number of reports.

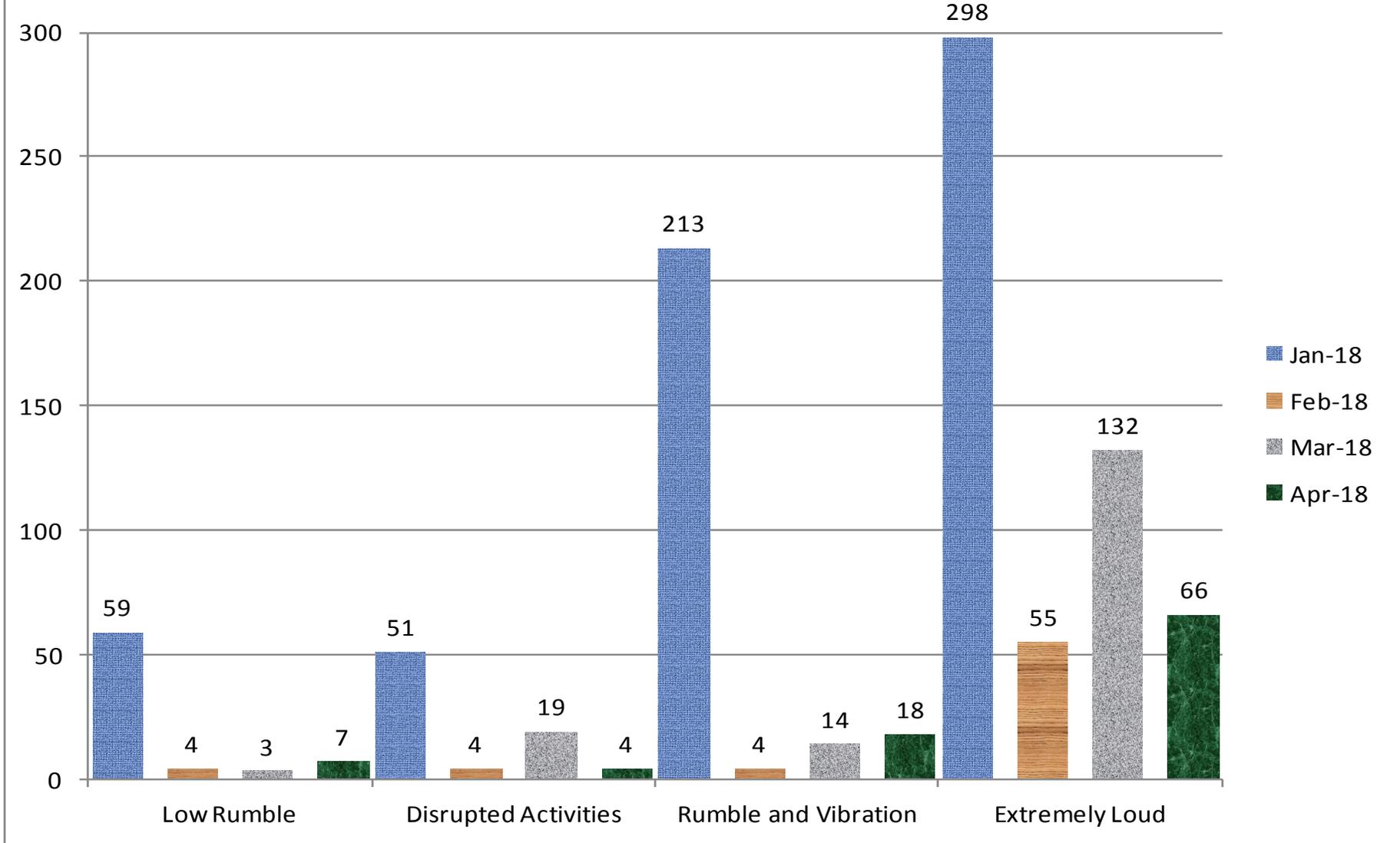
Some residents have instruments that measure the decibels inside their home, as seen in a number of the comments. Noise level is measured in decibels, with lawn mowers producing around 90 dB. This is louder than traffic noise -- which averages around 80 dB. As seen in reports now and over the past years, and currently, *Growler jets are producing anywhere from 65 to 118 dBA inside homes.*

Total noise events in 2018 are on track to match 2015 through 2017. This January we had 65% more noise events than the average for the prior three Januaries. There has been no relief for County residents.

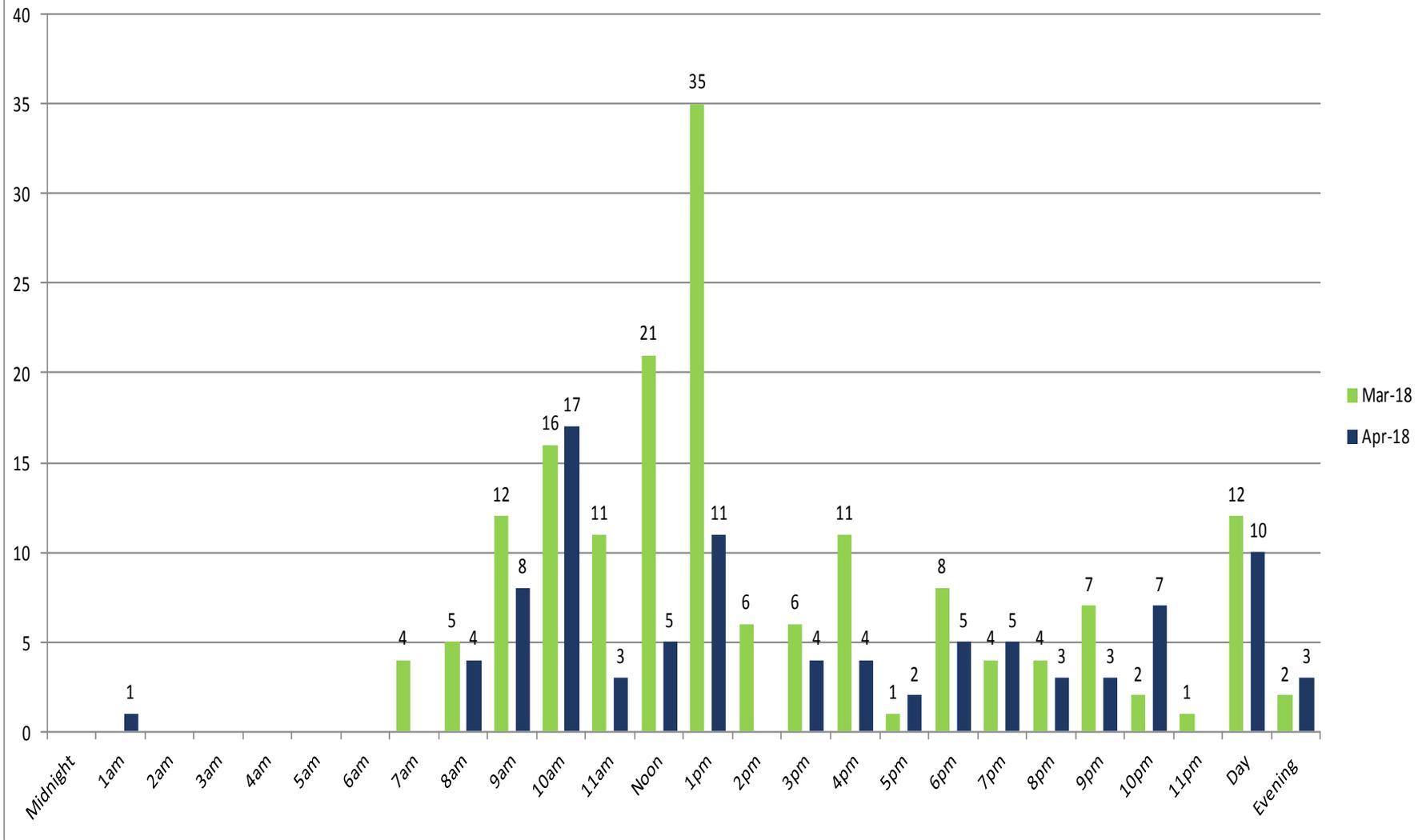
January-April, Jet Noise Reports Comparison: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018



Reports by Loudness, January - April, 2018



Jet Noise Reports by Hour of Day, March and April, 2018



For example, reports submitted reporting noise 11:00 am through 11:59am are clustered in the 11 o'clock hour. Some reports do not include a specific time. For those, related data may indicate Day or Evening. In some cases, time of the noise event cannot be discerned from entered data and is recorded as N/A.

Comments Submitted with March and April 2018

Reports

Evening roaring. Very painful to inner ear. TERRIBLE sensation.

3/1/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: Walking on Natl. Monument lands. 9 - 9:55am Sounds like FCLP but ,of course, none is scheduled for morning.

3/1/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: 11:34am - 11:55am Stunningly loud Growler noise on the top of Chadwick Hill

3/1/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: Walking outside. the noise was so loud I actually felt pain in my head. That's a first. Growlers need to be away from where anyone lives. LIVING IN A WAR TRAINING ZONE IS COMPLETELY NUTS!

3/1/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: More roaring - Overflight

"3/1/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ:

5pm - 9:30pm A few short breaks - steady and loud noise in the 75 - 85 decibel range. It's time to take the noise to our legislators who love it so much and think it's easy to live with."

The plane must have been flying very low, directly over my home. It disrupted what I was doing for sure.

3/2/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: Growler noise all morning and then walking up the road - a staggeringly loud Growler noise.

obscene amount of noise and disruption

Over head, very loud. Scared my pets.

3/6/2018 Tue: S LOPEZ: Overflight of 2 Growlers - gear down. 84 decibels. Hideous.

3/6/2018 Tue: S LOPEZ: Overflight - literally heart my ears.

3/6/2018 Tue: S LOPEZ: 4:44 and 4:47pm Giant house rattling ROARS.

3/7/2018 WED: S LOPEZ: 7:25AM, 7:30AM - 80 DECIBELS in the house.

3/7/2018 WED: S LOPEZ: Overflight - 78.6 decibels in the house - again.

"3/7/2018 WED: S LOPEZ: 74.7 dBA

Growlers should not be flying in our region - at all. It's like living next to an erratic Blast Furnace."

3/7/2018 WED: S LOPEZ: Overflight - gear down, 82.3 decibels

3/7/2018 WED: S LOPEZ: Yet another overflight. 73.5 dBA

Morning grumblings

Also *:23am, 8:31am, 9:56am, 10:05am, 11:23am, 11:25am and many other times

Driving in car on Anacortes after meeting to discuss Navy Growler Noise, and whole car was shaking @7:30pm

3/8/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: 8:07am - 1pm. No FCLP scheduled. This 5 hour marathon of noise is probably FCLP - or some other training the Navy is not willing to reveal.

3/8/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: More noise, more stress, more vibration . . .

3/8/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: And more noise . . . It's been a long day of ROARING AND BLASTING

Loud, low rumble that seemed to go on forever. Cat ran under the table.

3/9/2018 Fri: S LOPEZ: Overflight - 76.4dBA

3/9/2018 Fri: S LOPEZ: Huge ROAR! 87.1dBA

Deep roaring and rumbling creating penetrating vibration. TERRIBLE sensation.

A beautiful day ruined by the disturbing sound of jets

Off and on all day. noise always disrupts activities.

This thundering rible overhead woke me from my sleep - NOT the way I like it. The remainder of the day the sky was filled with loud rumbling noise, causing headaches again,

Rumble rise and fall since 9:30am, hit an uncomfortable vibration level at 11:15am

Off and on roaring vibration from engine testing. The vibration inside your head is so horrible that it make one feel that you are standing just feet away from a blast furnace!

Horrible penetrating vibration deep inside your head from roaring of engine testing. Has been going on for 2 hours! Difficult to be outside working.

3/12/2018 Mon: S LOPEZ: Everything rattling . . . and this is a week when zero FCLP's are scheduled.

3/12/2018 Mon: S LOPEZ: 78.8dBA - Supposedly no FCLP this whole week.

3/12/2018 Mon: S LOPEZ: 9:31am - 3:30pm - 6 hours of noise that sounds exactly like FCLP and the Navy is not able to notify us of a change in schedule. Computer incompetence? Arrogance?

3/12/2018 Mon: S LOPEZ: 3:30pm - 6:52pm Sporatic ROARS AND BLASTS FOR ANOTHER 3.5 HOURS. . . no FCLP scheduled.

Morning, rumbling, roaring, shaking. The roaring of these jets disrupts physical equilibrium, it is TERRIBLE.

Numerous takeoffs from NAS Whidbey. You can feel it in your chest. Conversation impossible.

Low flying Growler aircraft with gear down

Low flying Growler aircraft over my house

Low flying Growler aircraft with gear down

Two aircraft overhead that within 10 minutes where the roar is deafening!

3/13/2018 Tue: S LOPEZ : Day # 2 of NOISE in a week of scheduled quiet. Noise from 8:20am - 1:23pm . Makes you question how the Navy operates if they can't even update a schedule for neighbors.

3/15/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: 8:31 am - 12:44pm - sporadic roars and blasts in the range of 70 - 84.6 decibels in the house.

3/15/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: Overflight of two Growlers. 78.5 DBA

One Growler flew over pretty quietly, proving it is possible. The next one, a few minutes later, generated VERY loud engine noise as it turned from westbound to southbound.

Jets flying over from North to South every 5-10 minutes disrupting activities. So close I can see them.

"Very loud all day long

difficult to talk to my crew at times"

TERRIBLE roaring and vibration. Deeply DEEPLY disturbing to inner ear and whole body. As if being violently shaken from the inside. This is TERRIBLE

Sinister thunder from the south- sounds of the Military reserve that is Fidalgo Island, Anacortes near ferry. Disturbing and peaceless place

Since dark, marring peace- yes they are flying all the way down in Coupeville- has to be 25 + miles away and can hear this racket in Anacortes- near the ferry. Intolerable levels of noise pollution.

Interrupted a conversation, with my wife, inside my home.

3/21/2018 Wed: S LOPEZ: 8:50am - 10:25am - Disruptive roars

3/21/2018 Wed: S LOPEZ: 7:48 pm - 8:42 pm - 7 huge take - off Blasts plus maybe some engine testing. 70 - 89DBA.

3/21/2018 Wed: S LOPEZ: 9:07pm - 10 pm Sounds like Growlers returning from Coupeville. The noise is so, so loud. Even when the Growlers are not flying FCLP at Ault - San Juan County gets the coming and going and it's disruptive.

Disturbed activities and very loud all day. At times the vibration went through my body

Low flying Growler aircraft

"Jet noise all evening

very loud and disturbing"

3/22/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: Morning ROAR!

3/22/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: Steady roar - engine testing?

3/22/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: Big Blast - shook the house.

3/22/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: Deep rumble - different from takeoffs and landings.

Loud all day long at work

Low flying Growler aircraft disturbing my work at home

Low flying Growler aircraft with gear down

Low flying Growler aircraft, flying near my house, very loud

Low flying Growler aircraft over my house

Very active morning, sounds like a war zone!!!

3rd friggen war plane over my home this morning disturbing me with a reminder of war!

loud rumble throughout the day at different times.

3/23/2018 FRI: S LOPEZ: 7:30am Huge Long Roar. We now have to live on Navy time.

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3/23/2018 FRI: S LOPEZ: 12 - 12:22pm Roars and overflights.

Fly overs East Lopez

This is 2018. And they still can't find an engine any quieter?

Really?Gr

Very loud jets flying low over my home☹

Over flight

Ridiculously LOUD LOW Growlers over my home now!!! One after another lasting a total FOUR MINUTES!

Very loud fly over....91 dBA

Loud jet noise overhead. 7:27pm. Long roaring. Heard it coming....now overhead, now the long roar as it goes away. Typical growler roaring. TOO LOUD!!!!

close, low, and slow

Loud aircraft flying low overhead every few minutes; there is low cloud cover and they are out of sight but can feel the vibration as they fly over

Another 2 Growlers over North Lopez - this noise has been going on for over TEN minutes now!

multiple flyovers at low speed and altitude that caused extreme continuous noise.

Disturbance lasting 5 minutes. Noise level up to 91 dBA.

Very loud and continuous.

long and slow

World's loudest airplane just went overhead and distracts from office business.

Repeated fly over...this time 74 dBA

Midday, jets flying extremely low overhead, multiple passes. Insane noise. Drowns out everything else, unnerving to have jets flying so low, making such noise. Who allows this????

Another fly over...not sure if a continuation of jet circling or another jet...volume is 76 dBA

Another fly over at 76 dBA

Nearly constant GROWLER NOISE for the last 30 minutes and it's still NOISY overhead!

cloudy

Disturbing peace in this area... 89dBA

Very loud fly over ..89 dBA. Give us a break. Very disturbing to daily activities!

WHAT is going on??? Again, another fly over this time 87 dBA

10:33am. Very loud jet overhead in Lopez Village. So cloudy I cannot see it. Piercing noise.

Extreme jet noise over the village. Too cloudy to see what it is, but it is a VERY LOUD JET.

Afternoon broken by loud jet overhead, with characteristic Growler roar. Was away for several weeks and now come home to being terrorized by the Navy. It was better being away!

Second jet roaring overhead, right on the tail of previous jet. Noise penetrates our home.

What's going on. Jets circling overhead, or is the Navy just shooting one after the other over us. Home filled with jet noise.

Continued jet noise this afternoon. Now here is another one flying over us.

MORE jet noise from ANOTHER jet overhead. South Lopez. Navy considers us expendable.

Loud jet noise above us. A lot of jet noise this early afternoon. Disruptive because it distracts me.

South Lopez. Loud jet just creamed over our home. Characteristic scream, followed by the long echoing roar of the growler. Cloudy, but it seems like it is headed toward Anacortes. STILL roaring as I write this.

ANOTHER growler rolling over us. It is as if the early afternoon Growlers are now returning. NOISY!

Rumbling wall of noise from Whidbey. South end of Lopez

More rumbling and vibrations slamming our home. Mud Bay.

Very loud growler overpass south, then two minutes late north bound

Jets are loud today. The cloud cover is dense, but there is no mistaking the deep shriek and roar of Navy jet. South end of Lopez.

Low flying Growler aircraft

Hearing (doors and windows shut & the TV is on) some loud jet noise that seems to be roaring round and round and round. A jet near us,

roaring around? Now it seems to be coming right over our home with a very loud roar. Like an approaching train.

Following some rumbling and loud noise, we are now hit with a very deep deep roar, like a jet bearing down on our house. It is pervasive. The noise is everywhere.

Jet noise coming from all directions. Too much cloud cover to see, but there is a jet screaming above us.

Are we at war? We have been invaded by jets flying over us continuously. The noise is EVERYWHERE and CONSTANT. Enough to drive us crazy. The Navy is attacking us, invading our homes. Blame to Larsen, Murray and Cantwell.

Low flying Growler aircraft with gear down

"Loud thundering overflight disrupting classes, so music wasn't audible for a while.

All day, on and off low overflights ripping the skies apart with loud rumbings."

9:41 pm at night, trying to go to sleep and everything is shattered! Why can't they fly over un-inhabited areas East of us? Why fly over prime coastal residential real estate terrorizing us????

Home from work LATE after taking care of patients to FCLP overhead- measured to 108 dB, sustained well over 90, insanity and hazardous to innocents on the ground.

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3/26/2018 Mon: Cross Rd: 1:10, 1:27, 1:57 HUGE NOISY OVERFLIGHTS - North Lopez

Very loud jet overhead. Loud scream, then high roar, then the following deep roar. Mud Bay, Lopez

Sudden, Loud, Crushing, Roaring from jet overhead. A huge BLAST of jet noise. South Lopez. Startled while I was on the phone. 12:43pm.

Flyovers by planes creating enough noise so that conversations could not be normally heard

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Extremely loud jets over our home 🚫🚫🚫

Another not-so-quiet afternoon.

Sickening roaring from the south- marring an otherwise peaceful early evening.

9 pm and still tearing the skies apart and rumbling in between. The antithesis of peace here. Near ferry terminal Anacortes

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Another day of violating the peace of our land.

4/5/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: awakened by a gigantic BLAST at 1:56am. I wonder why it's not possible for arriving and departing jets to be quiet in the middle of the night?

4/13/2018 Fri. S LOPEZ: The noise begins. . . . again relentless.

4/9/2018 Mon: S LOPEZ: Natl. Monument lands. 8:24am - 9:25am sporadic roars and BLASTS.

distressing

Departure from NAS Whidbey

4/5/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: 8:57am - 1:20pm. Four hours+ of noise on a day with zero FCLP scheduled.

4/19/2018 Thur, S LOPEZ, 8:58am - 9:28am 79 - 81 decibels in the house

4/4/2018 Wed: S LOPEZ: 9am - 6:30pm = 9 hours of fairly constant Growler roaring. A few breaks - but only a few.

4/10/2018 TUE: S LOPEZ: Walking or trying to walk in the noise. Very uncomfortable without ear protection.

Low rumbling intermittent noise continuous all day; I wonder what this is doing to my beloved horses ☹

4/20/2018 Fri, S LOPEZ, 9:08 am - 1:45pm. Almost constant roars and overflights. 5 hours of noise - impossible to live this way!

Jets flying over our home...again. ☹

Multiple low flying Growler aircraft over my house

The rumble and vibration seems too intense for a location such as this!

4/7/2018 Sat: Chadwick Hill, Natl. Monument lands. Usually Saturdays are free of noise - not today.

4/24/2018 Tue, S LOPEZ: 2 Growlers roughly 5,000feet climbing to the E. Incredibly loud in the house.

4/23/2018 Mon, S LOPEZ: 76.1 dBA

Very loud noise, interrupted my teaching.

A deep disturbing rumble ruining the morning quiet.

4/2/2018 Mon: S LOPEZ: Overflight

Over flight

4/23/2018 Mon, S LOPEZ: Walking and being barraged by noise

Saw and Heard the aircraft overhead while waiting to catch the ferry. it either made several passes or there were multiple plans.

Low flying Growler aircraft

4/10/2018 TUE: S LOPEZ: Still walking - finally quiet at 10:38am

continuous loud aircraft noise

Jets are screaming over our home...again. It's going to be a loud day☹

The aircraft has been flying above for about 15 minutes. The last fly by was extremely loud.

Again commenting on even more intense noise/vibration from the aircraft that has been up there for the last half hour.

Low flying Growler aircraft

the first of multiple fly overs that resulted in very loud noise.

4/6/2018 Fri: Pt. Colville - Natl. Momument. 11 - 11:30am Relentless noise. Finally had to leave because of it.

4/17/2018 WED, S LOPEZ: Overflight, 2 Growlers - incredibly loud and disruptive.

4/9/2018 Mon: Iceberg Point, Natl. Monument - 11:50am - 12:35pm
Low vibratign ROAR from Ault.

A couple hours of constant Growler noise from Whidbey. Could not rest or talk due to the constant noise!

Forget having a quiet conversation for lunch anymore on Lopez Island. Extreme loud flyovers are spoiling that.

Low flying Growler aircraft, over my house

This is the loudest I've heard and it is not acceptable. Cats scattered, I had to stop my conversation and recover.

4/17/2018 Tue, S LOPEZ, Overflight, 76.2 decibels, A scale in the house.

4/13/2018 Fri. S end Store, Lopez, 2 crushingly loud Growlers overhead.

4/17/2018 Tue, S LOPEZ, Overflight, 69.4decibels, A scale

4/23/2018 Mon, S LOPEZ: Overflight, 76.6 dBA in the house.

Extremely loud military jet overflight

Low flying Growler aircraft with gear down

only an insane lobbyist would think that roar is ok for the population living here.

4/26/2018 Thur, S LOPEZ, 78.9 dBA in the house.

Low flying Growler aircraft

4/5/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ:2 pm - 6:32 pm Another 4 plus hours of noise with a few breaks. This on a day of no FCLP's.

4/17/2018 Tue, S LOPEZ, Overflight of 2 Growlers - 4-5,000 feet, 79,9dBA in the house. WAR ZONE

4/3/2018 Tue: S LOPEZ: 2:07pm - 5:18pm. 3+ hours of Growling. Sounds like FCLP - but of course not scheduled and change updates.

I was happy to get home unusually early from Mt Vernon- until I made it to West Anacortes- sinister thunder echoing from the South. No peace in the military zone. Unacceptable

4/12/2018 Thur: S LOPEZ: 3:21pm, 3:22pm, 3:27pm Big BLASTS

All day the jets have been flying and are very loud - hurting my ears even in my house.

4/5/2018 Thur: N LOPEZ: Cross Road, huge ripping overflight and Growler noise. WHY ARE GROWLERS FLYING OVER N LOPEZ?

Tuesday: Growler Blast

Low flying Growler aircraft

4/9/2018 Mon: S LOPEZ: 5 pm - 6:10pm. More roaring - very disruptive.

4/11/2018 TUE: S LOPEZ: 5 pm - 6:27pm - FCLP's

Low flying Growler aircraft

4/26/2018 Thur, S LOPEZ, Overflight, Growler, 78.7 dBA in the house

Significant rumbling and some vibration of my house from Whidbey

4/3/2018 Tue: S LOPEZ: 6:30pm - 7:35pm - another hour of Growler noise in the 77 decibel range

4 hours after I got home to Anacortes- still flying, poisoning the skies with roaring and rumbling- not ok for civilian area, this is not a war zone

4/9/2018 Mon: S LOPEZ: 7PM - 7:30PM - MORE ROARING

4/26/2018 Thur, S LOPEZ, 7 - 9 pm - must be on the E-W runway. Noise is less than usual.

4/4/2018 Wed: S LOPEZ: 7:10pm - 8:30pm and then more BLASTS until 10:15pm. Extremely stressful.

Sadly probably just getting started with sinister rumbling from the south, wrecking the peace of an otherwise lovely evening. Anacortes near WSF terminal

Disquieting scraping rumble of Growlers south of here- unsettling and opposite of peaceful evening. Heard from Anacortes near ferry terminal. Very disturbing

A full day of on-and off heavy rumbling sounds disrupting classes and bringing on another pressure headache.

4/9/2018 Mon: S LOPEZ: 8:07PM - 8:30PM FINALLY QUIET AT 8:30PM

4/23/2018 Mon, S LOPEZ: 8:30pm - 10:30pm - FCLP's - WAR ZONE

After 9pm and roaring/scraping/groaning skies still South of here. Hours of growlers- spoiling any peace in West Anacortes- near ferry

Peaceful until now, then the roaring starts in the south, waking me back up from an early night sleep for an early work day tomorrow. Peace less here.

10 pm and the sounds are of groaning/scraping as if someone is dragging heavy furniture upstairs, except there is no upstairs, only Growlers to the south. Very disturbing sounds as ever. No peace this night as most here.

Many loud overflights throughout the day

Staying in Anacortes we still can't escape the tearing apart of the skies by extremely loud fly-over of a Navy jet. No peace at night today!

It's sad and scary that the Navy can get away with noise violations after hours by blatantly disregarding the law.

Blasting continual sound coming from across the straits. Unbearable!

Disruptive continual flight patterns are disturbing our sleep and sense of well being

disturbing vibration of house

Awakened from deep sleep

Large plane flew right over my orchard while I was working in the fresh air - very disrupting and disturbing

Loud throughout the day - I had to wear hearing protection to muffle the noise

very loud at different times throughout the day

Last night and this morning, deep roaring. This is terrible, disturbing and disruptive noise, painful to the inner ear and painful in general.

extremely loud all day - morning to evening - it is stressful to be inundated all day and early night

"super loud at home. I listened all day to this noise at work (south end) and now I have to hear it at night when I am trying to sleep

it is really unacceptable"

Morning noise. Not so much audible as EXTREMELY painful, like being shaken from the inside. This is NOT healthy.

"Extremely disturbing

hurt my ears"

"Very loud - I was outside in my garden

very disturbing"

"Loud flights over our work site

Grumbling throughout the day"

Super loud and rumbling a couple of times this morning.

Rumble, vibration and extremely loud noise - very disturbing. Jets flying all morning and afternoon

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