



Quietskies

Over San Juan County

Update: October 21, 2018

GREETINGS:

Thank you to everyone who has written, emailed or called our legislators and Governor Inslee to ASK FOR A SIT-DOWN MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY in Washington D.C.

Our legislators are responding to the Oct. 3rd regional gatherings and are counting the numbers of emails and calls they receive.

IF YOU HAVEN'T CONTACTED THEM YET - please take 10 minutes to do it. Contact information is available at:
<https://www.quietskies.info/copy-of-contacts>

THIS IS THE TIME TO PUSH and LET THEM KNOW THAT THE WHOLE REGION IS BEING IMPACTED BY GROWLER EXPANSION.

The Navy's Final Environmental Impact Statement is boilerplate and reflects only the Navy's position. Groups in 5 counties need an opportunity to sit down with the Secretary of the Navy and decision makers so that the Growler impacts on real people can be discussed.

The Record of Decision for the Environmental Impact Statement should be out in about 8 days - Our legislators need to hear from us NOW – before October 29th:

TALKING POINTS:

- a. We are NOT WILLING TO BE COLLATERAL DAMAGE for the Growler Mission
- b. We do not want San Juan County, or our region, to be a NAVY WAR TRAINING ZONE
- c. Siting all the Growlers in the U.S. in one place - Ault Field on Whidbey - is DEGRADING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE and the peace and quiet of our exceptional natural environment.
- d. We are FOR QUIET SKIES AND QUIET SEAS
- e. Ask them to SECURE A MEETING with their staff, the Sound Defense Alliance and the Secretary of the Navy prior to the Record of Decision (ROD) which may be as soon as Oct. 29.

Cynthia D. is stepping away from Quiet Skies due to health issues. The Quiet Skies working group will still be sending our Growler Updates, coordinating with the Sound Defense Alliance (SDA), sending out bi-monthly Noise reports from the San Juan County Noise reporting website and more . . .

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP and become part of the working group, contact Quiet Skies - www.quietskies.info - use the "contact" link to reach Quiet Skies. We need helping hands!

THERE'S LOTS OF WAYS TO HELP:

- * Posting Growler information on Social media, "liking" Quiet Skies website and the Sound Defense Alliance website.
- * Contacting legislators
- * Writing opinion pieces for the local papers
- * Becoming a member of the Sound Defense Alliance (<https://sounddefensealliance.org/> Legislators pay attention to the size of mailing lists.
- * Encouraging neighbors (and ourselves) to file Growler Noise reports: (sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/)

Now that we're part of the Sound Defense Alliance - it is vital that we use this momentum to let our legislators know we are part of a regional voice - with our letters, calls, media, noise reports etc.

WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REIN IN NAVY EXPANSION IN OUR REGION IF WE SPEAK UP!

Share this on Social Media: www.facebook.com/quietskiesoversanjuancounty/

PLEASE CONTINUE TO ENTER GROWLER NOISE REPORTS on the San Juan County reporting site: sjc.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/

The Navy predicts a 47 percent increase in noise with the addition of 36 more Growlers. The Navy claims that Jet noise in SJC has no significant impact. Our data shows a different story.

IN THE COMING WEEK LET'S USE OUR COLLECTIVE VOICE to let our legislators know it's time for them to step up and help us preserve this wonderful place we call home.

Thanks to each of you for continuing to file jet noise reports !

sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/

