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Base Realignment and Closure Operations Branch

MEMORANDUM FOR: Department of the Army Representative, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Service Center, ATTN: SFC Nathan Shell, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy, Fort Worth, TX 76117

SUBJECT: Special Use Airspace – Controlled Firing Area (CFA), Fort Wingate Depot Activity (FWDA), New Mexico

1. PURPOSE: To request approval from FAA for CFA in accordance with Order JO 7400.2H.
2. DESCRIPTION:
 - a. NAME: Fort Wingate Depot Activity CFA
 - i. Within an area bounded by line (see attachment) beginning at:
Lat. 35° 25' 22.476" N, Long. 108° 37' 38.821" W; to
Lat. 35° 27' 7.539" N, Long. 108° 37' 57.380" W; to
Lat. 35° 27' 14.970" N, Long. 108° 36' 54.960" W; to
Lat. 35° 26' 46.272" N, Long. 108° 36' 49.848" W; to
Lat. 35° 26' 46.718" N, Long. 108° 36' 11.114" W; to
Lat. 35° 25' 30.273" N, Long. 108° 36' 9.783" W; to
Thence to the point of beginning.
 - b. ALTITUDE: Surface to 3,000 feet above ground level.
 - c. CONTROLLING AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Albuquerque Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC).
 - d. USING AGENCY: Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)
 - e. DATES AND TIMES OF USE: June 1, 2021 through June,1 2023, from 0700 to 1800 local time, at least 30 minutes after sunrise and 30 minutes prior to sunset.
3. JUSTIFICATION: Fort Wingate Depot Activity is a closed facility that is undergoing environmental restoration. Areas throughout Fort Wingate are contaminated with explosives and unexploded ordnance. Environmental restoration includes the removal and destruction of explosives and unexploded ordnance recovered from Fort Wingate. The CFA covers the Corrective Action Management Unit, which allows for safe and controlled destruction of explosives and unexploded ordnance. The CFA also covers the Inner Fence area, including the Hazardous Waste Management Unit (see attachment), where destruction of explosives and unexploded ordnance discovered and determined "unacceptable to move" may occur. Approval of this CFA by FAA will ensure the environmental restoration at FWDA continues in accordance with the Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit.
4. ACTIVITIES: The CFA is to accommodate the safe destruction of explosives and unexploded ordnance recovered from FWDA via detonation.

5. SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- a. Weather – blasting operations shall not be conducted unless the following condition exist:
 - i. Ceiling at least 5000' above the highest altitude with the CFA.
 - ii. Visibility sufficient to permit visual surveillance extending five (5) miles in all directions beyond the CFA. Weather information is obtained from the National Weather Service via website.
- b. Surveillance:
 - i. Surveillance must be maintained five (5) minutes prior to and during all times that hazardous activity is in progress.
 - ii. Aircraft must not be observed within the entire CFA and within five (5) statute miles in all directions beyond the CFA boundary.
 - iii. Fully trained and qualified visual observer(s), equipped with binoculars and communications equipment, must provide visual surveillance of the entire CFA and five (5) miles in all directions beyond the CFA boundary.
 - iv. Visual observer(s) must have direct and immediate communications with the Senior Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Supervisor/Blasting Supervisor and must be thoroughly briefed as to observer responsibilities. If at any time communication is lost, hazardous activity must cease until reliable communication is reestablished.
 - v. Observers must immediately notify the senior UXO Supervisor/Blasting Supervisors anytime an aircraft approaches the area, and if an aircraft is arriving or departing from the airport/heliport. Upon such notice, all activity posing a hazard to aircraft must cease.
- c. Communication:
 - i. The Senior UXO Supervisor/Blasting Supervisor must notify the Gallup Airport Manager at (505-863-5501) twenty-four (24) hours, or as soon as possible, before any demolition begins.

6. USING AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. Ensure the activity is confirmed with the CFA.
- b. Make the necessary provisions to ensure safety of persons and property.
- c. Retain responsibility in the event of any incident resulting from activity conducted in the CFA.

7. The point of contract for this memorandum is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District Lead Ordnance and Explosives Safety Specialist, Dennis. J. Myers, at 817-609-5014, dennis.j.myers@usace.army.mil.

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