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Colonel Ryan P. Keeney
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Dear Colonel Keeney:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (CEQ No.20210013) for the special use airspace optimization at Holloman Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico. This is pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

The Final EIS document analysis of impacts of the AFB plans to optimize the special use airspace available for current and predicted future pilot training at Holloman AFB. The AFB needs properly sized and configured airspace for the base's training program and plans to reconfigure and expand existing airspace or establish new airspace to do so.

EPA reviewed and commented on the Draft EIS on December 11, 2019, and had no comment. Since there are no changes to the proposed action as reviewed at the draft stage, we have no further comment and look forward to the receipt of the Record of Decision. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Jansky, the project review lead, at 214-665-7451 or michael.jansky@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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