

Petition Opposing LATN (Low Altitude Tactical Navigation)

To: President Barak Obama, Lieutenant Commander General Donald Wurster of the US Air Force Special Operations Command, Senator Jeff Bingaman NM, Senator Tom Udall NM, Rep. Ben Ray Lujan NM, Gov. Susana Martinez NM, Senator Michael Bennett CO, Senator Mark Udall CO, Gov. John Hickenlooper CO

We, the undersigned, oppose the LATN (Low Altitude Tactical Navigation) nocturnal flight training program, proposed to originate out of Cannon Air Force Base and fly at altitudes as low as 200 ft. over 94,000 square miles of New Mexico and Colorado, for these and other reasons: disruption of peace and quiet to an area dependent on tourism; threats to health and public safety, disruption of Native American communities, disruption of wildlife, bird migration, domestic animals and livestock, with possible illegal harm to endangered species; potential damage to traditional adobe structures; pollution from jet fuel exhaust and possible spills during refueling maneuvers; danger of catastrophic military crashes that could ignite wildfires; and probable emotional trauma to sufferers of PTSD. The LATN program will train pilots for night operations in the disastrous Afghanistan war, the cause of countless indiscriminate civilian deaths. Meanwhile the ranks of US poor are burgeoning, education and health care are in crisis, the depleted job market stagnates, and military adventurism sinks our nation ever deeper into debt and unsustainable wars. We ask for your support in insisting that the US Air Force permanently withdraw this wasteful and dangerous proposal.

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