SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR

Expansion of the Foreign Military Sales F-35 Pilot Training Center

at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Arkansas

Public Hearing Presentation for the Expansion of the Foreign Military Sales F-35 Pilot Training Center at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Arkansas Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

September 2025

WELCOME!

Thank you for attending tonight's Public Hearing for the Expansion of the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) F-35 Pilot Training Center (PTC) at Ebbing Air National Guard (ANG) Base, Arkansas Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

- Hearing Schedule:
  - Virtual Hearing
    - Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025
    - Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. CST
  - In-Person Hearing
    - Location: Fort Smith, AR
    - Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025
    - Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. CST
- The same content will be presented at each hearing.
- Refer to the project website for more information: https://www.fmsptceis.com/

Public Hearing Agenda

This hearing will be conducted in 3 parts.

- Part 1: Video Presentation
  - Provides background information from the F-35 Joint Program Office
  - Summarizes the SEIS Proposed Action and Alternatives
  - Describes the environmental consequences for select resources
  - Explains the Draft SEIS review process
- Part 2: Informal Q&A Session
- Part 3: Verbal Comments
  - Substantive comments help the Air Force make an informed decision
  - Public and stakeholder input will be recorded, and substantive issues will be addressed in the Final SEIS

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Present information regarding the potential environmental effects of the proposed expansion of the foreign military sales (FMS) F-35 pilot training center (PTC) at Ebbing Air National Guard (ANG) Base.
- Receive public comments on the Draft SEIS.
- The Draft SEIS has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

What is NEPA?

- NEPA is a federal law that requires federal agencies to identify and consider the environmental consequences of implementing proposals.
- Requires federal agencies to follow a rigorous process prior to making a final decision on a proposal, including consideration of comments.
- The analysis of environmental consequences is presented in an EIS, which accomplishes the following objectives:
  - Identifies and describes the affected environment.
  - Evaluates potential effects from the proposed alternatives.
  - Identifies permits or proposed mitigations that would avoid, minimize, or reduce the potential for adverse environmental effects.
- The NEPA process concludes with a Record of Decision (ROD) that identifies which alternative is selected and outlines any mitigation measures that will be implemented.

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  - Publication of a Draft SEIS for public comment.
  - Preparation of a Final SEIS.
  - Signing a ROD.

Note that scoping is not required for a SEIS.

Background of the Proposed Action

Why is the Air Force Preparing a SEIS?

- In 2023, the Air Force completed an EIS for the *Beddown of a Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Pilot Training Center (PTC) at Ebbing Air National Guard (ANG) Base, Arkansas or Selfridge ANG Base, Michigan* (2023 FMS PTC EIS).
- On March 11, 2023, the Air Force signed a ROD selecting Ebbing ANG Base as the location to establish the FMS F-35 PTC, which included:
  - Beddown of 24 F-35 aircraft
  - Relocation of 12 F-16 aircraft from Luke Air Force Base
  - Various infrastructure projects
  - Additional personnel
- After the Air Force signed the ROD, FMS nation customers purchased additional F-35 aircraft and developed new training requirements.
  - The Air Force must expand the scope of the FMS PTC beddown at Ebbing ANG Base to accommodate the additional F-35 aircraft.
  - The changes from the 2023 FMS PTC EIS and ROD are substantial enough to require the Air Force to prepare a SEIS.

WHAT IS THE SEIS PROPOSED ACTION?

- Beddown 12 additional F-35 aircraft at Ebbing ANG Base
- Refine F-35 training operations at the airfield and in the airspace
  - Include short take-off and vertical landing (STOVL) operations for F-35B aircraft
  - Update flight paths and operations to meet current training needs
- Construct new facilities at Ebbing ANG Base and Fort Smith Regional Airport
- Increase personnel to support the additional aircraft

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE SEIS PROPOSED ACTION?

- The **purpose** of the SEIS Proposed Action is the same as the 2023 FMS PTC EIS:
  - Establish a permanent FMS PTC at a single location within the Continental United States to provide consolidated FMS F-35 pilot training for our FMS nation customers.

WHAT IS THE NEED FOR THE SEIS PROPOSED ACTION?

- The **need** for the SEIS Proposed Action is based on the additional purchases of FMS aircraft by our nation customers.
- The Air Force needs additional F-35 capacity at Ebbing ANG Base to expand beyond the limits authorized in the 2023 FMS PTC EIS and ROD to meet nation customer agreements and training requirements.

COOPERATING AGENCIES

- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
  - Ebbing ANG Base is a tenant at Fort Smith Regional Airport.
  - Since the Proposed Action involves construction of infrastructure on property that is leased to Ebbing ANG Base by the airport, FAA must review and approve an updated Airport Layout Plan before the Air Force can implement the Proposed Action.
  - Therefore, the FAA has jurisdiction by law and special expertise related to the SEIS Proposed Action at Fort Smith Regional Airport.

COOPERATING AGENCIES (continued)

- U. S. Forest Service (USFS)
  - USFS manages several areas under the training airspace including national forests, Wilderness Areas, and Wild and Scenic Rivers.
  - They have specialized expertise on these resources related to the airspace component of the Proposed Action.
  - As a result, the USFS has contributed to the environmental effects analysis presented in the Draft SEIS and will continue to provide their input throughout the process.

Proposed Action and Alternatives

The Air Force evaluated three alternatives in the Draft SEIS

- NEPA requires federal agencies to develop and identify reasonable alternatives to a proposed action, including those assessed in a SEIS.
- Alternatives evaluated in the Draft SEIS include:
  - Proposed Action
  - Alternative 1
  - No Action Alternative

PROPOSED ACTION

- Beddown 12 additional F-35 aircraft at Ebbing ANG Base
  - Operate from Fort Smith Regional Airport airfield
  - Utilize existing designated special use airspace
- Add personnel at Ebbing ANG Base
- Construct new facilities on Ebbing ANG Base and Fort Smith Regional Airport

PROPOSED ACTION:
Aircraft Operations

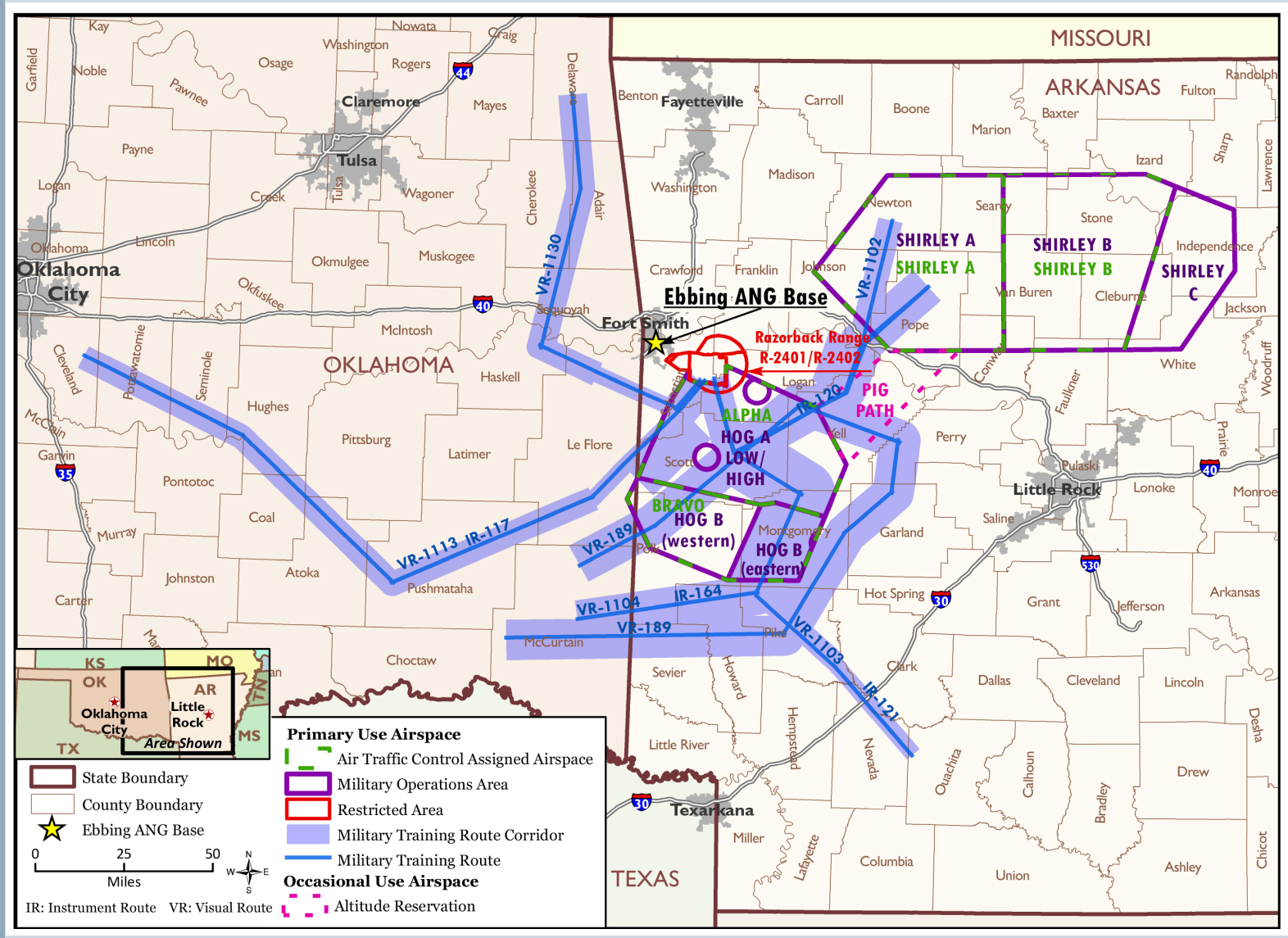
Airfield Operations and Airspace Events

- Airfield operations would increase by 8% compared to the 2023 FMS PTC EIS.
  - Incorporates STOVL operations for F-35B aircraft
  - Refines F-35A operations based on updated training needs
- Airspace events would increase by 13% compared to the 2023 FMS PTC EIS.
- Nighttime operations and events would decrease by 9% at the airfield and by 23% in the airspace.

PROPOSED ACTION: Aircraft Operations

Airspace and Ranges

Airspace and ranges would not change from what was included in the 2023 FMS PTC EIS.

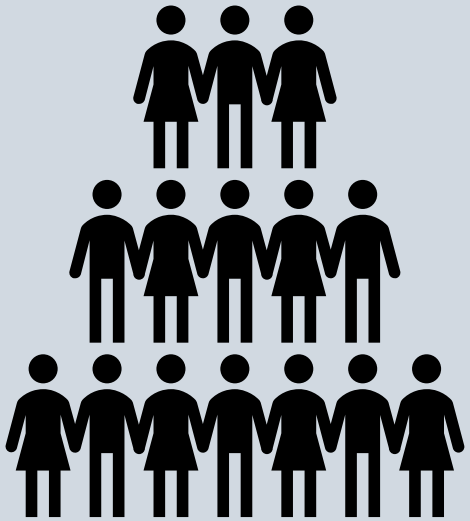


PROPOSED ACTION: Aircraft Operations

Munitions and Countermeasure Use

- Munitions and countermeasure use would be conducted in the same authorized ranges and airspace included in the 2023 FMS PTC EIS.
  - Use of live and inert munitions would increase at Fort Polk, Louisiana and Razorback Range.
  - Countermeasure use (i.e., chaff and flares) in authorized airspace would also increase.
- The Air Force would continue to follow restrictions and guidelines in areas approved for munitions and countermeasure use activities.

The Proposed Action would add



271 Personnel

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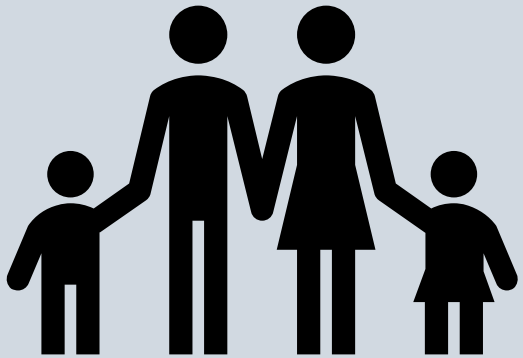


325 Dependents

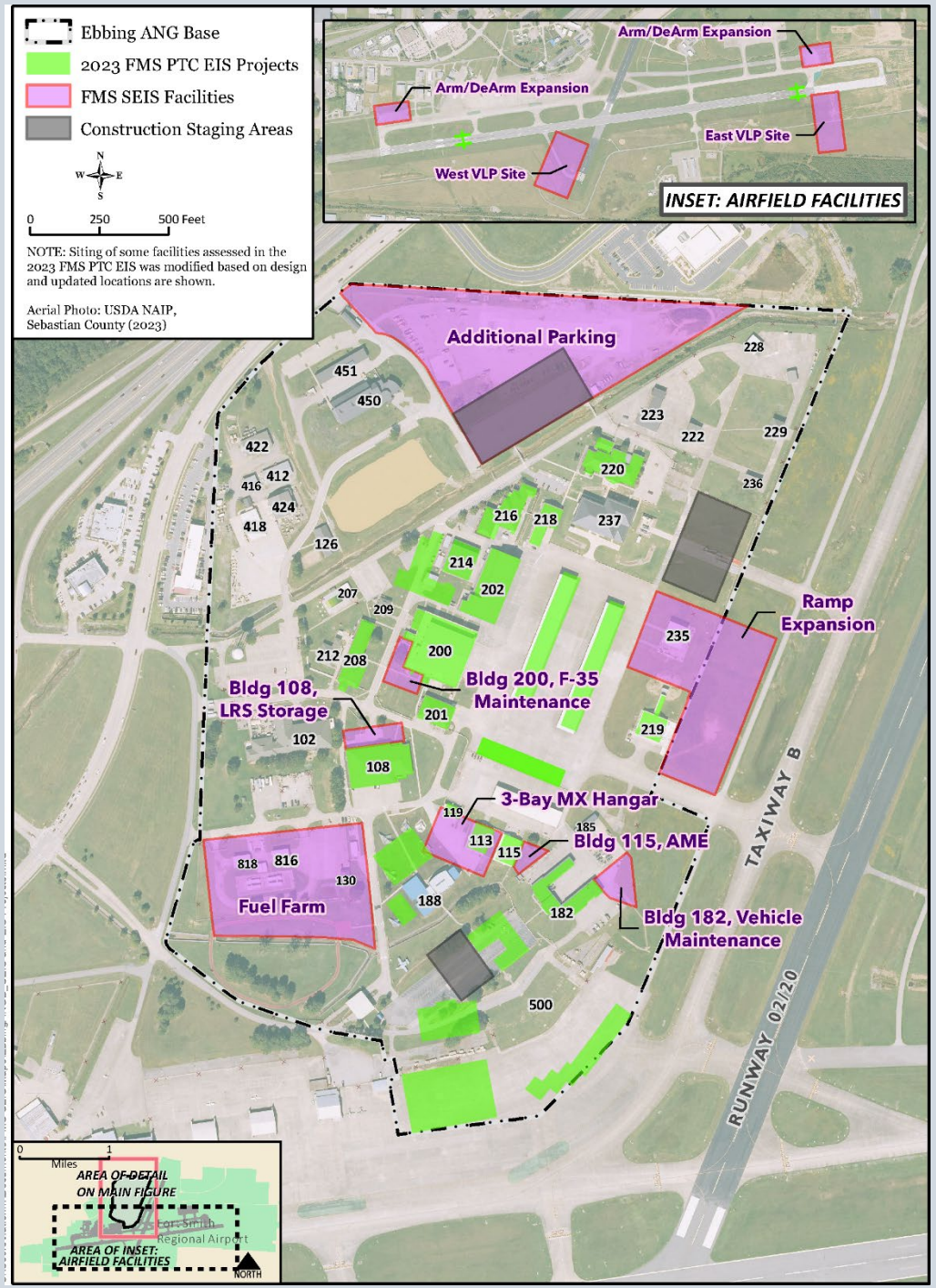
= 596 Total Persons

31% increase in total persons compared to what was authorized in the 2023 FMS PTC EIS ROD

PROPOSED ACTION:
Personnel

New Facilities at Ebbing ANG Base and Fort Smith Regional Airport Under the SEIS Proposed Action

All FMS PTC Facilities at Ebbing ANG Base and Fort Smith Regional Airport



PROPOSED ACTION: Facility Requirements

PROPOSED ACTION:
VLP Site Subalternatives

- To support F-35B STOVL operations, the Air Force would construct one 220-foot by 220-foot vertical landing pad (VLP), with a 100-foot by 700-foot taxiway within the Fort Smith Regional Airport airfield.
- The Proposed Action includes two subalternatives:
  - The West VLP Site Subalternative
  - The East VLP Site Subalternative

ALTERNATIVE 1

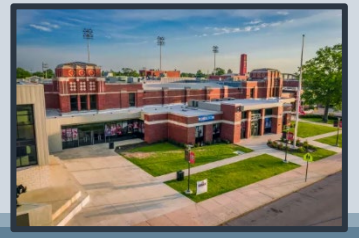
- The Air Force would not beddown the 12 additional F-35 aircraft at Ebbing ANG Base.
- Operations would be modified for the 24 F-35 aircraft already authorized by the 2023 FMS PTC EIS and ROD to satisfy new requirements and refined operational procedures for F-35A and F-35B aircraft, including:
  - STOVL operations for F-35B aircraft
  - Revised flight tracks and profiles based on an updated training syllabus
  - Afterburner would be used on 95% of F-35 departures
  - No reduced-power departures
- No changes in personnel at Ebbing ANG Base from the 2023 FMS PTC EIS ROD.
- No new facilities would be constructed, except for the VLP to support F-35B STOVL operations.
  - West VLP Site and East VLP Site Subalternatives described under the Proposed Action are also included for Alternative 1

NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE

- The Air Force would not expand the FMS PTC mission at Ebbing ANG Base.
- The Air Force would continue to implement the 2023 FMS PTC ROD signed on March 11, 2023.
- The No Action Alternative serves as a baseline against which the effects of the Proposed Action and Alternative 1 are compared in this SEIS.
- If the No Action Alternative were selected
  - A new basing action would be needed to determine another location for the additional F-35 aircraft, which does not meet the underlying purpose and need.
  - The Air Force would conduct additional NEPA analysis.
- The No Action Alternative would not meet national security agreements with FMS nation customers.

- Noise
- Land Use
- Socioeconomics
- Physical Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Biological Resources

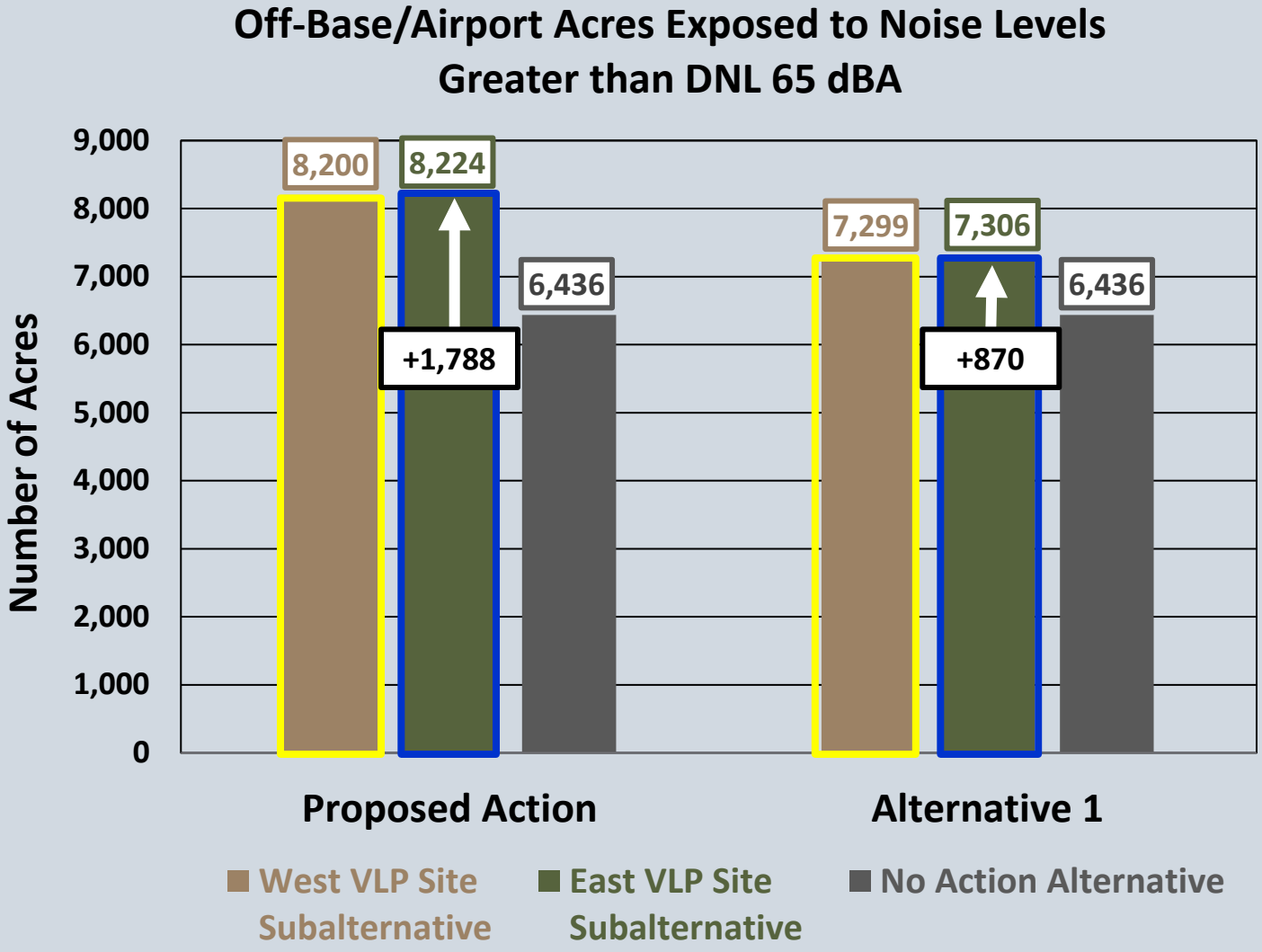




ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ANALYZED

NOISE EFFECTS
LAND AREA AFFECTED

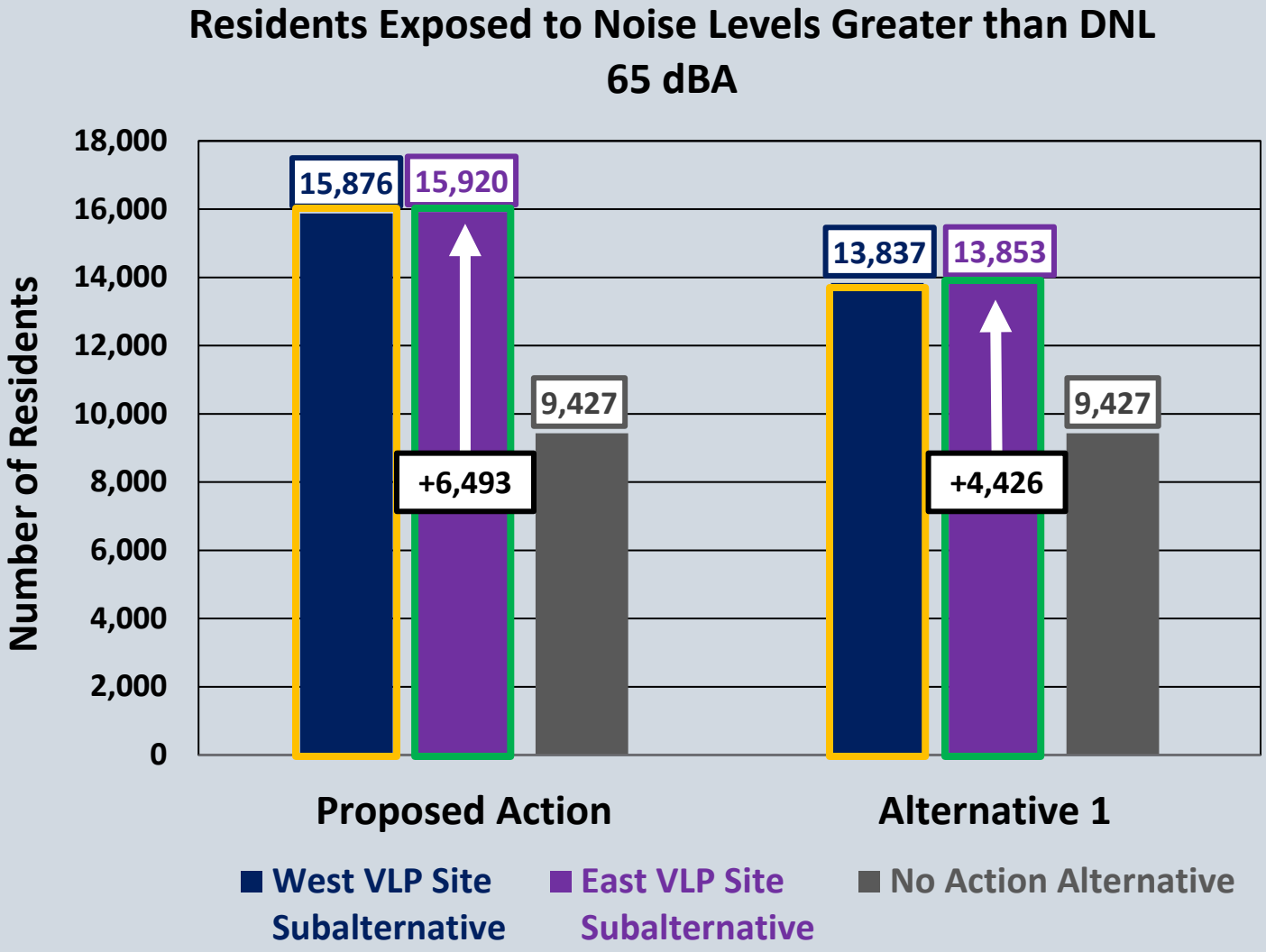
- **Proposed Action:**
  - Up to 8,224 acres of land would be affected by noise levels > DNL 65 dBA
  - Increase of 1,788 acres (28%) over the No Action Alternative.
- **Alternative 1:**
  - Up to 7,306 acres of land would be exposed to noise > DNL 65 dBA
  - Increase of up to 870 acres (14%) over the No Action Alternative.
- There is a very minor difference in the acres exposed to DNL 65 dBA between the East VLP Site and West VLP Site Subalternatives.



Note: The West and East VLP Site Subalternative results include all airfield operations.

NOISE EFFECTS
PERSONS AFFECTED

- **Proposed Action:**
  - Up to 15,920 residents would be exposed by noise levels > DNL 65 dBA
  - Increase of up to 6,493 persons (69%) over the No Action Alternative.
- **Alternative 1:**
  - Up to 13,853 residents would be exposed to noise > DNL 65 dBA
  - Increase of up to 4,426 persons (47%) over the No Action Alternative.
- The difference in residents exposed to noise between the West VLP Site and the East VLP Site Subalternatives is marginal.



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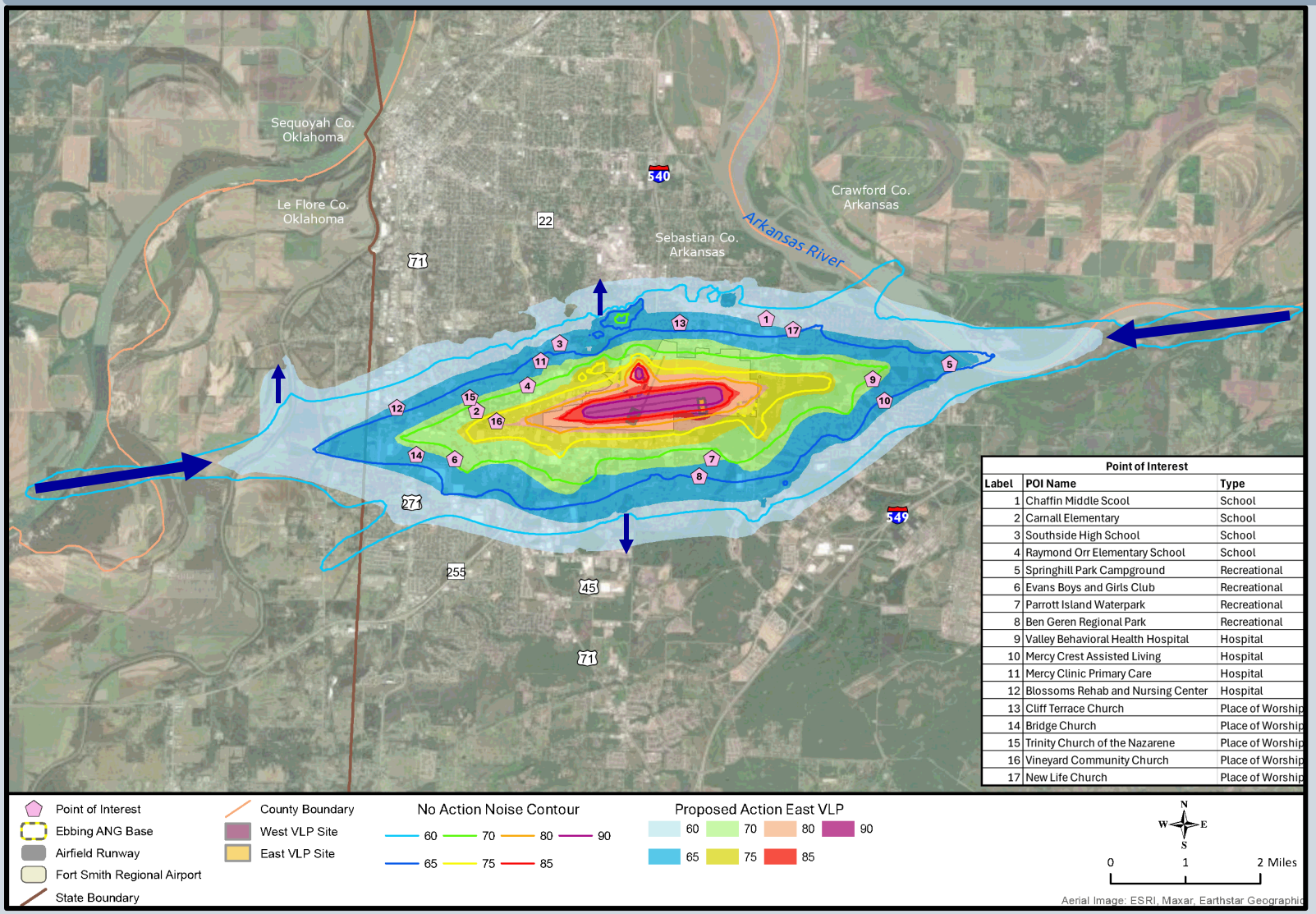
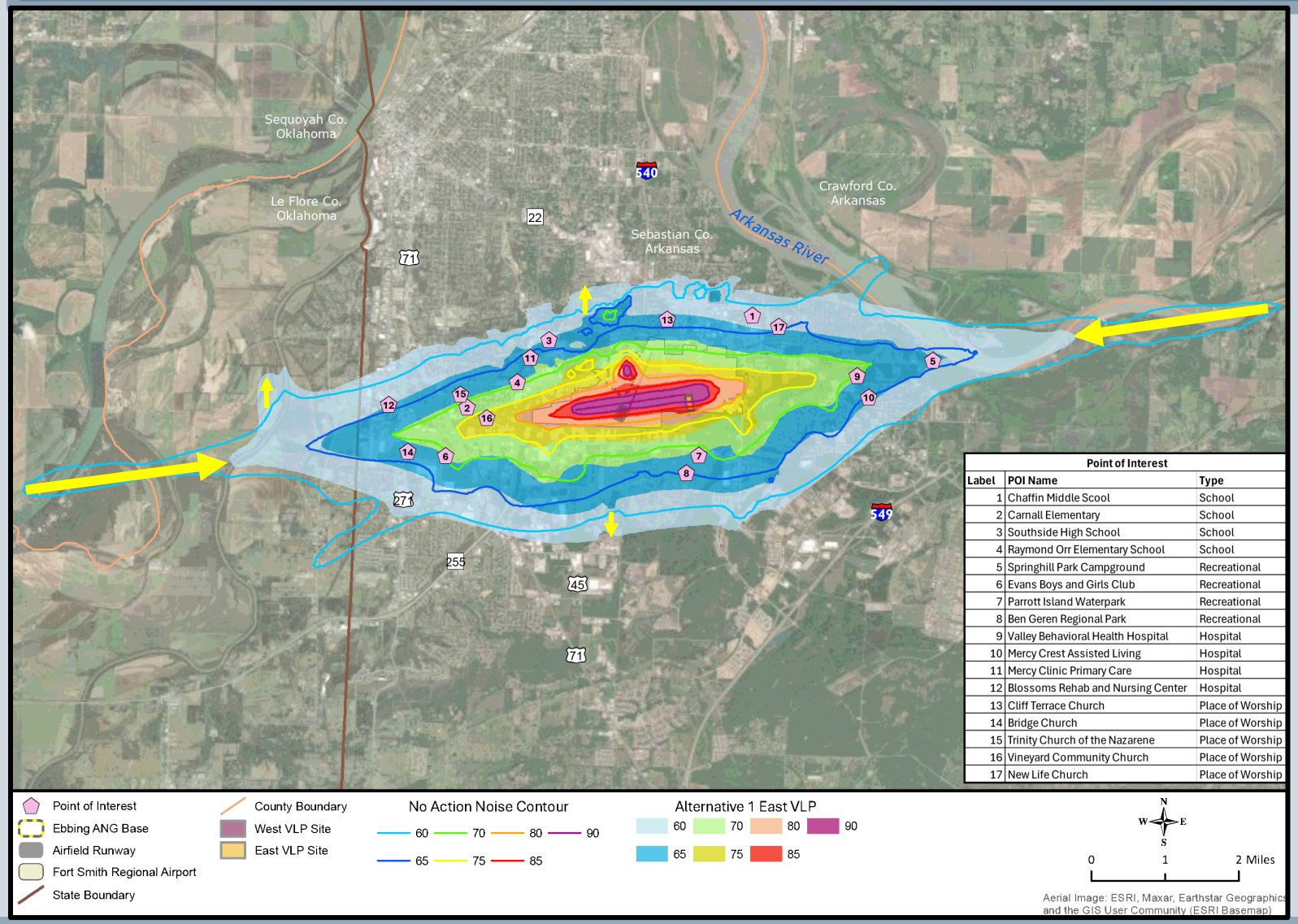
PROPOSED ACTION NOISE CONTOURS



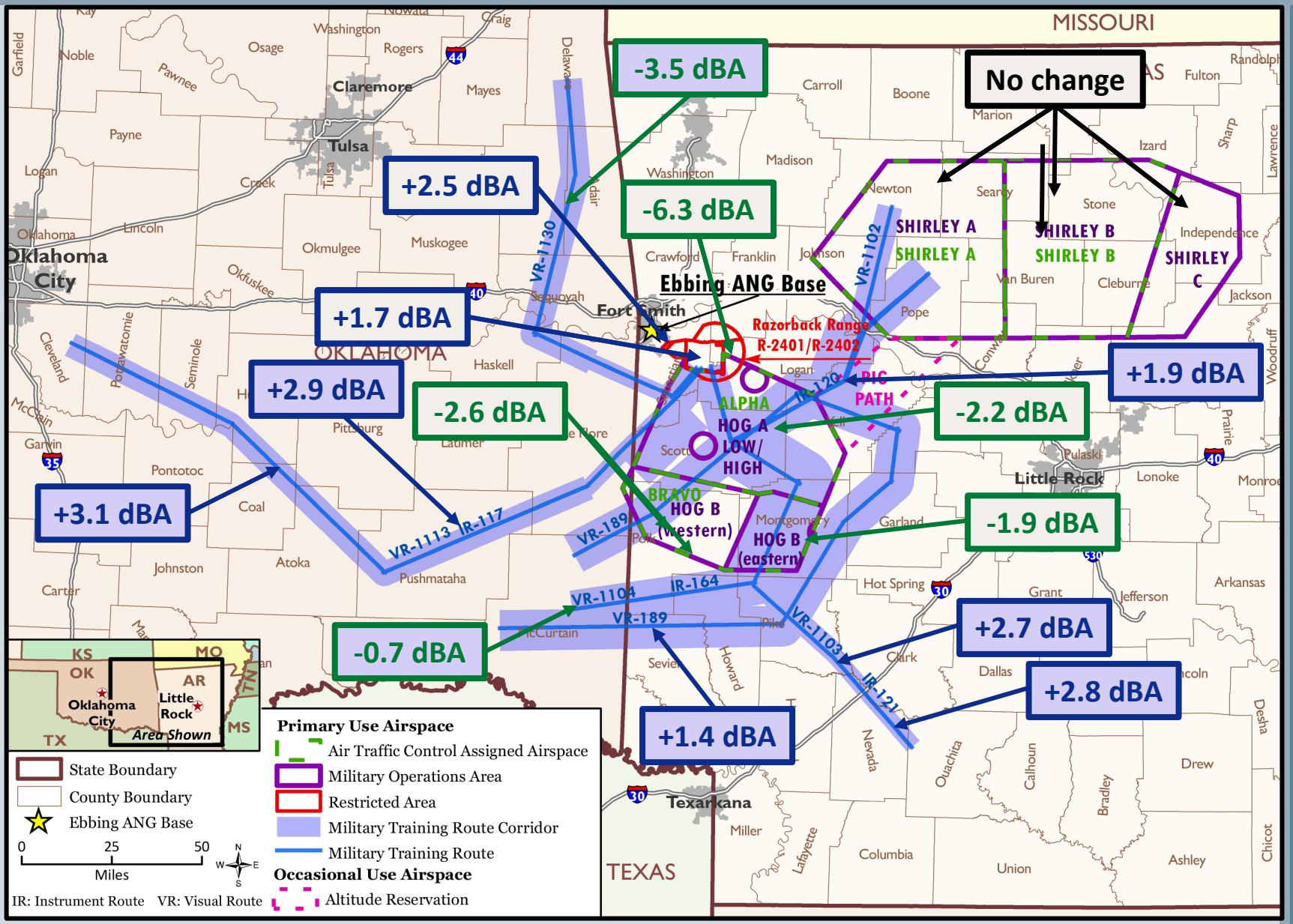
- Noise exposure would be reduced in areas to the east and west.
- Noise exposure would slightly extend to the north and south.
- Changes in noise contours are from
  - Additional F-35 aircraft
  - 8% increase in airfield operations
  - Incorporating F-35B STOVL operations
  - Revised flight tracks for updated training requirements

ALTERNATIVE 1 NOISE CONTOURS



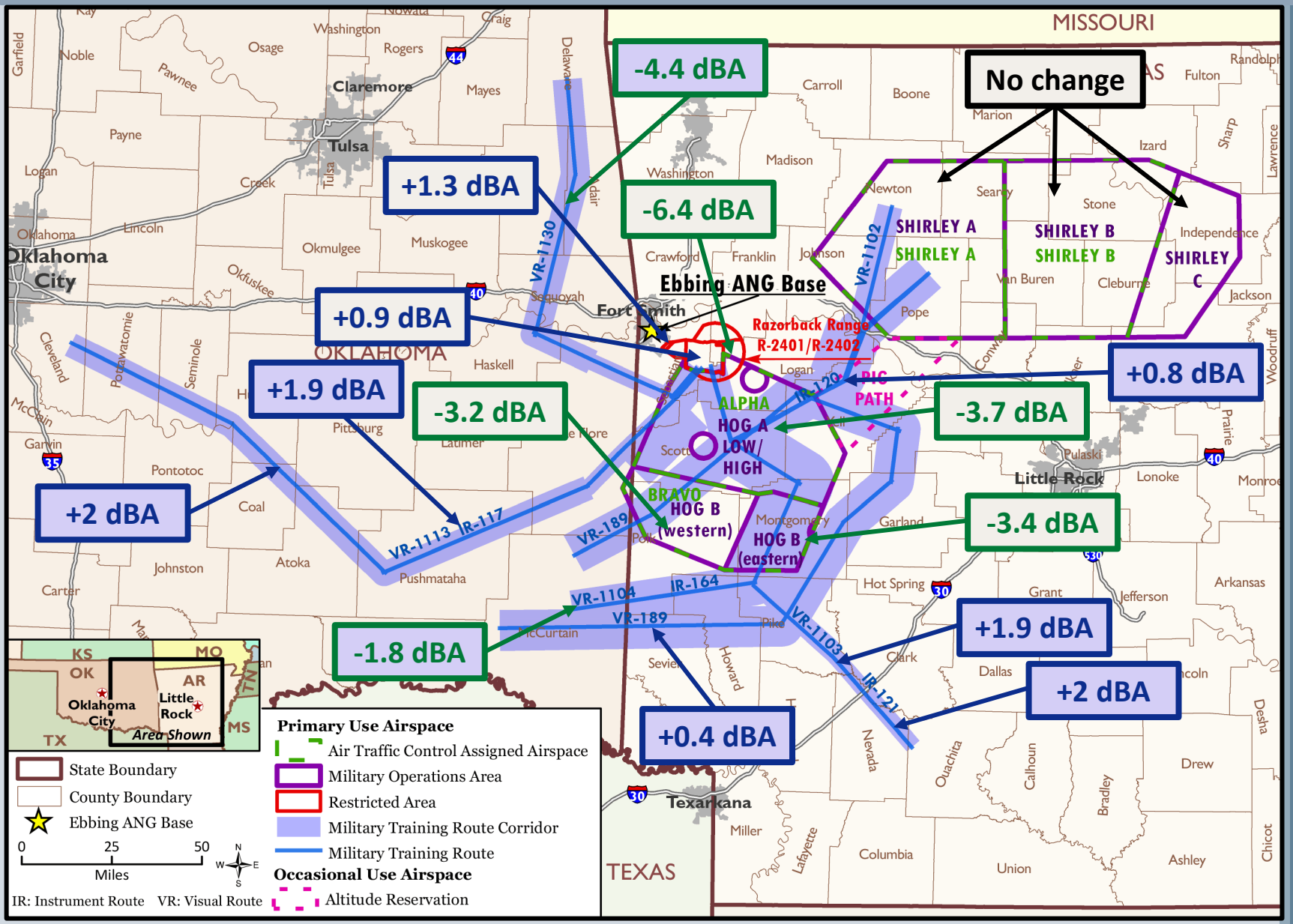
- Changes in noise contours are similar to those for the Proposed Action.
  - Areas east and west of the base would have reduced noise exposure
  - Areas north and south of the base would have increased noise exposure
- Changes in noise contours are from
  - Incorporating F-35B STOVL operations
  - Revised flight tracks for updated training requirements

PROPOSED ACTION
AIRSPACE NOISE EFFECTS



- In the Military Operating Areas (MOAs) L_{dnmr} noise levels would
  - Decrease by up to 6.3 dBA
    - R-2402B/C (Razorback Range)
    - Hog MOAs
  - Increase by up to 2.5 dBA
    - R-2401A
    - R-2402A
  - No change in the Shirley MOAs
- L_{dnmr} noise levels in the Military Training Routes (MTRs) would
  - Decrease by up to 3.5 dBA
  - Increase by up to 3.1 dBA
- Noise levels would remain below DNL 65 dBA.

ALTERNATIVE 1
AIRSPACE NOISE EFFECTS



- L_{dnmr} noise levels in the MOAs would
  - Decrease by up to 6.4 dBA
    - R-2402B/C (Razorback Range)
    - Hog MOAs
  - Increase by up to 1.3 dBA
    - R-2401A
    - R-2402A
  - No change in the Shirley MOAs
- L_{dnmr} noise levels in the MTRs would
  - Decrease by up to 4.4 dBA
  - Increase by up to 2 dBA
- Noise levels would remain below DNL 65 dBA.
- Changes in L_{dnmr} noise levels are due to updated F-35 training requirements since the 2023 FMS PTC ROD.

NOISE EFFECTS SUMMARY

- No Action Alternative
  - No additional noise effects would occur above those described in the 2023 FMS PTC EIS
- Proposed Action
  - Up to an additional 1,788 acres of land and 6,493 people around the installation would be affected by DNL 65 dBA or greater.
  - Underneath the airspace and ranges, time-averaged noise levels would remain below L_{dnmr} 65 dBA
- Alternative 1
  - Up to an additional 870 acres of land and 4,426 people around the installation would be affected by DNL 65 dBA or greater.
  - Underneath the airspace and ranges, time-averaged noise levels would remain below L_{dnmr} 65 dBA

LAND USE EFFECTS SUMMARY

Effects to Residential Land Use Surrounding Ebbing ANG Base and Fort Smith Regional Airport

- No Action Alternative
  - Land use effects would continue as described in the 2023 FMS PTC EIS.
  - Significant adverse effects to residential land use surrounding the installation.
- Proposed Action
  - Expose up to 561 additional acres of residential land use to noise levels of DNL 65 dBA and greater, resulting in adverse and significant effects.
- Alternative 1
  - Residential land use areas exposed to DNL 65 dBA and greater would increase by up to 323 acres, resulting in adverse and significant effects.

Effects to Land Uses Under the Airspace

- Noise levels in the airspace for all alternatives would remain below L_{dnmr} 65 dBA, which is compatible with all land use categories in developed areas.
- For the Proposed Action and Alternative 1, some noise-sensitive land uses would experience small increases in time-averaged noise levels.
  - These noise level increases are not considered significant based on DoD and FAA guidelines for outdoor recreational uses.

SOCIOECONOMICS EFFECTS SUMMARY

No Action Alternative

- No new personnel above those authorized in the 2023 FMS PTC EIS and ROD.
- Socioeconomic conditions would continue under existing trends.

Proposed Action

Additional 596 personnel would result in:

- 5% increase in Sebastian County's total population, but remains within the County's projected population

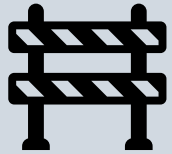
- Demand for 271 additional housing units

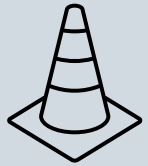
- 204 additional school-aged children
  - May require larger class sizes
  - Average class size throughout Sebastian County is below state requirements
  - No significant effects to educational services

- Potential beneficial effects to employment and income from incoming personnel and construction activities.

Alternative 1

- No additional personnel over the No Action Alternative.
- Temporary and minor beneficial effects to employment and income could occur during VLP construction activities.

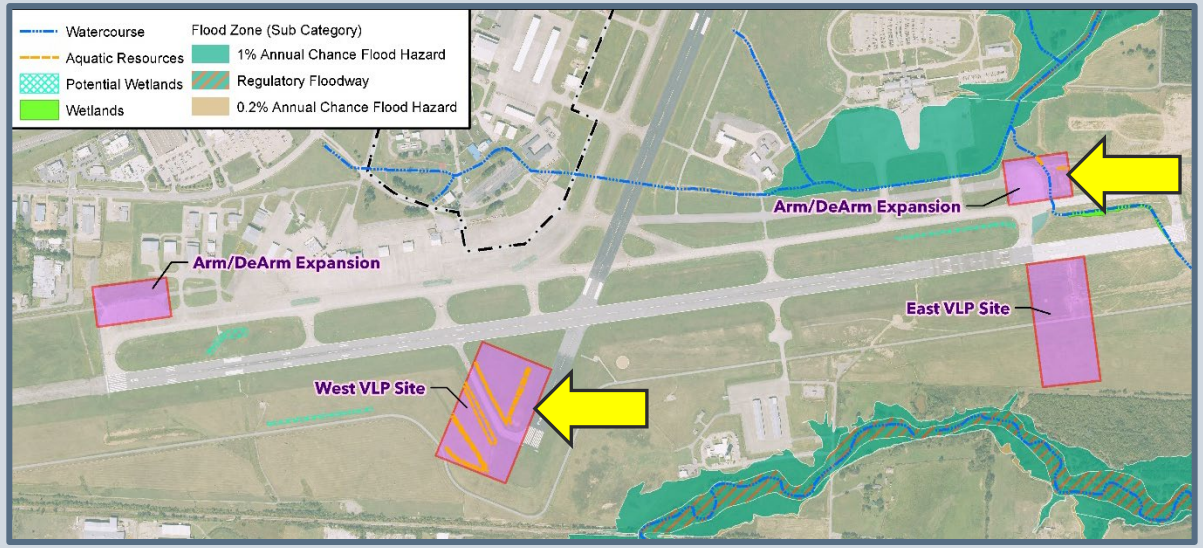




PHYSICAL RESOURCES EFFECTS SUMMARY

Installation and Surrounding Area

- Construction activities would not have significant effects to topography, soils, or surface waters and no effects to groundwater, wetlands, or floodplains.
- 2025 surveys identified several aquatic features within the eastern arm/de-arm expansion area under the Proposed Action and the West VLP Site for the Proposed Action and Alternative 1.
  - None of these features fit the definition of waters of the U.S. (WOTUS).
  - Only the USACE Little Rock District, Regulatory Branch can make official determinations.
  - Prior to construction, the Air Force would coordinate with the USACE to obtain either an Approved JD or a Preliminary JD.
  - If jurisdictional WOTUS are designated and cannot be avoided, the Air Force would apply for Clean Water Act Section 404 permits, as necessary.



Airspace and Ranges

- The Proposed Action would increase the use of chaff and flares within the airspace.
  - Chaff and flare concentrations would not result in discernible changes to soil or water quality.
  - There would be no adverse effects to physical resources beneath the airspace.
- The No Action Alternative and Alternative 1 would not affect physical resources under the airspace because there would be no ground disturbance or changes in countermeasure use.

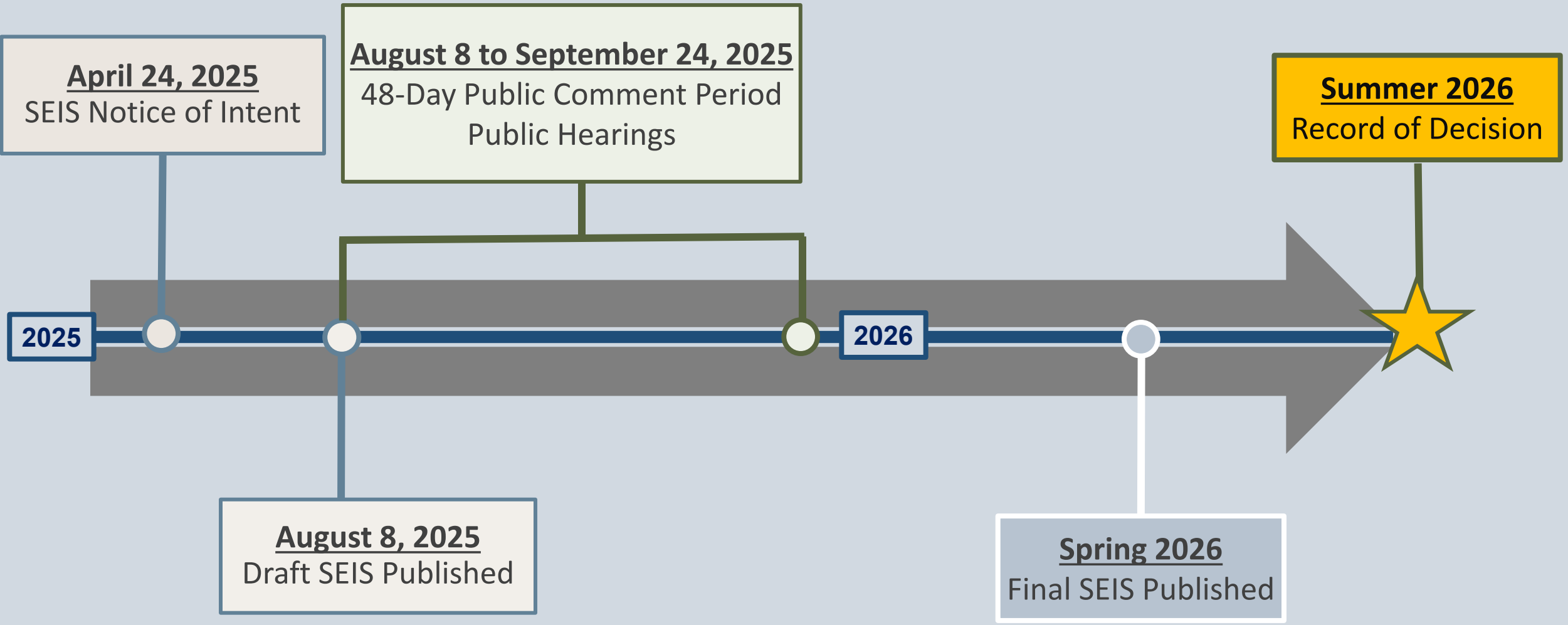
CULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES EFFECTS SUMMARY

Cultural Resources

- There would be no effects to archaeological or traditional cultural properties and no adverse effects to architectural resources.
- The Air Force is consulting with the Arkansas and Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Officers and 24 federally recognized Tribes under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- The results of these consultation efforts will be presented in the Final SEIS.

Biological Resources

- Airfield operations at Fort Smith Regional Airport *may affect but are not likely to adversely affect* 4 federally-listed bat species.
- Aircraft operations in the airspace *may affect but are not likely to adversely affect* 5 federally-listed bat species and 5 federally-listed bird species.
- The Air Force has completed informal consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the USFWS Arkansas and Oklahoma Ecological Services Offices.



Ebbing SEIS Anticipated Milestone Schedule

Commenting on the Draft SEIS

There are several ways to comment on the Draft SEIS.

Substantive comments identify potential alternatives, information, and analyses relevant to the proposed action.

- Provide verbal comments during this hearing, which will be recorded by a court reporter
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- Write down comments using the comment cards
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What is Public Involvement?

NEPA and the Department of the Air Force (DAF) regulations require Tribal, government agency, and public participation throughout the environmental impact analysis process. Tribal, government agency, and public participation is an integral part of the SEIS. The purpose of soliciting input is to identify interested parties and relevant issues so they can be considered in the SEIS.

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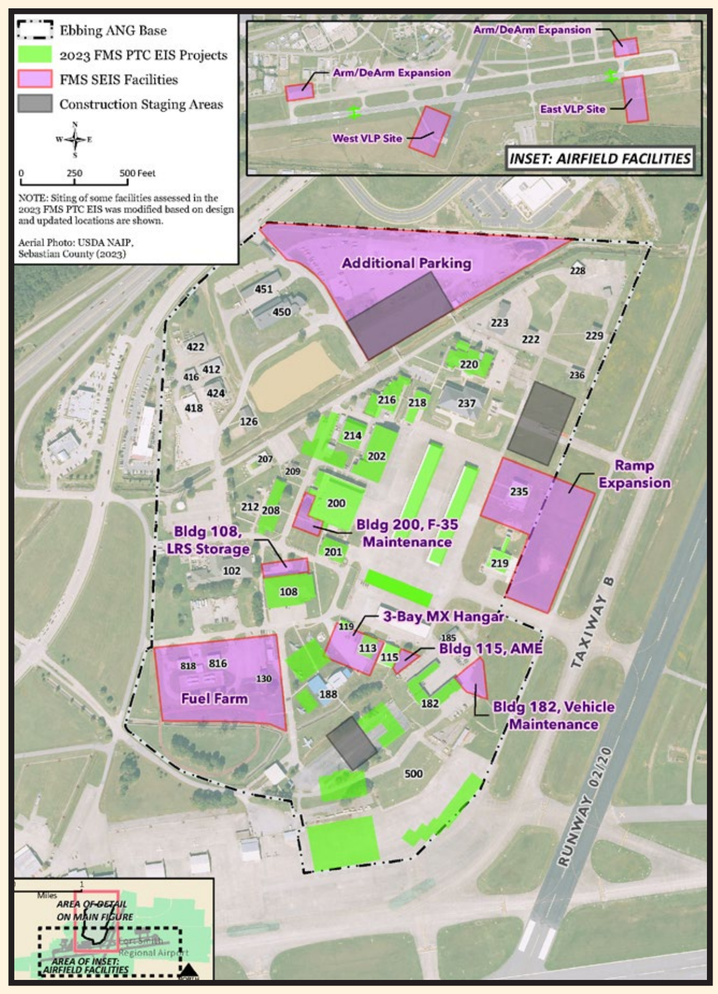

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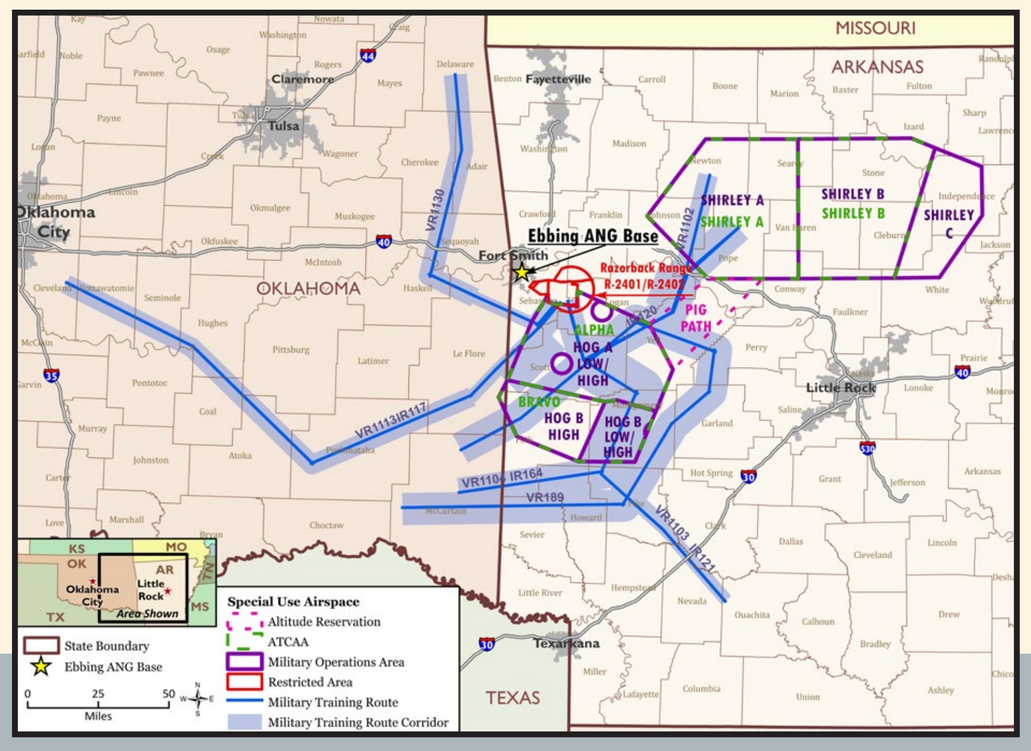

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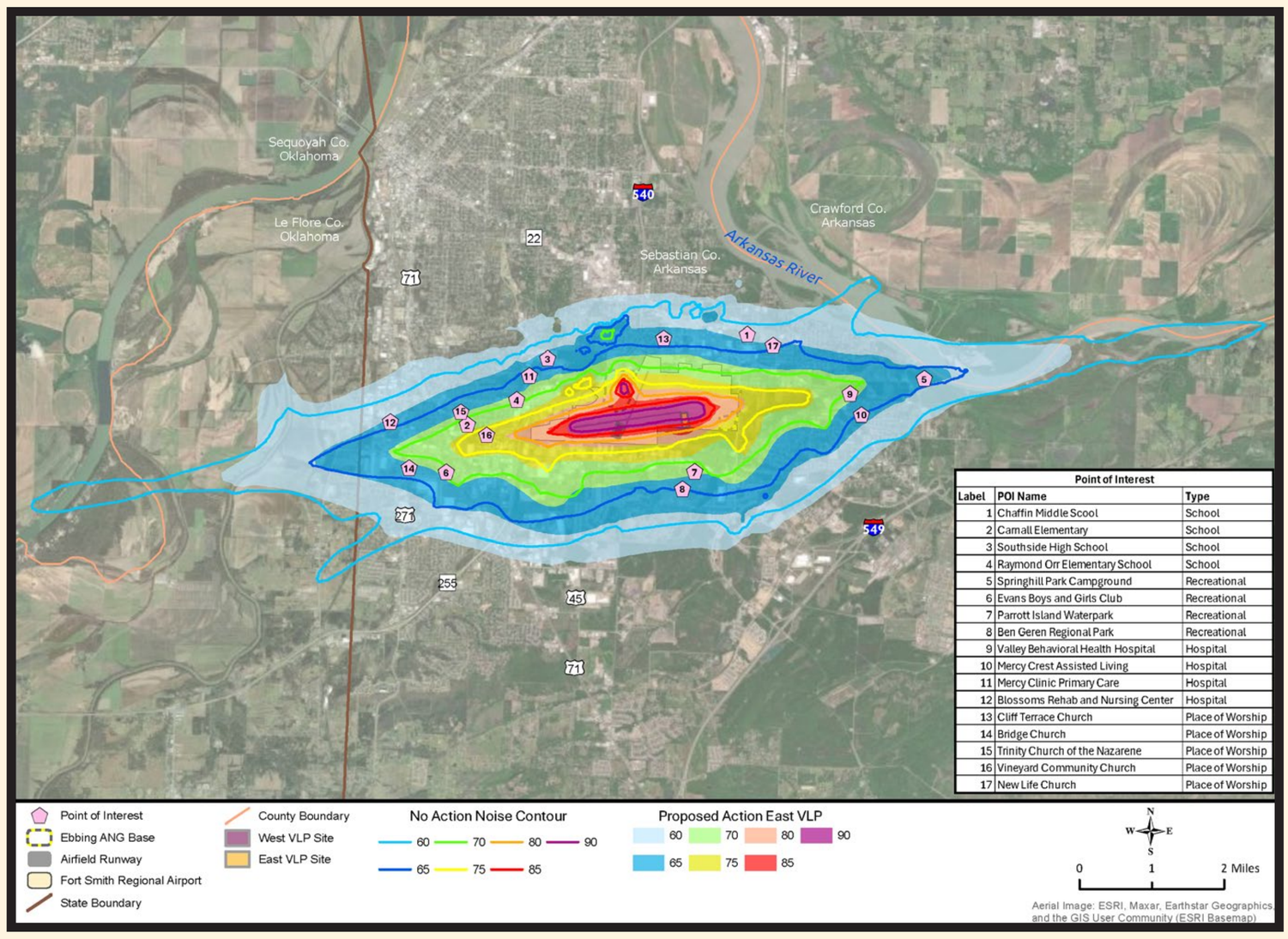

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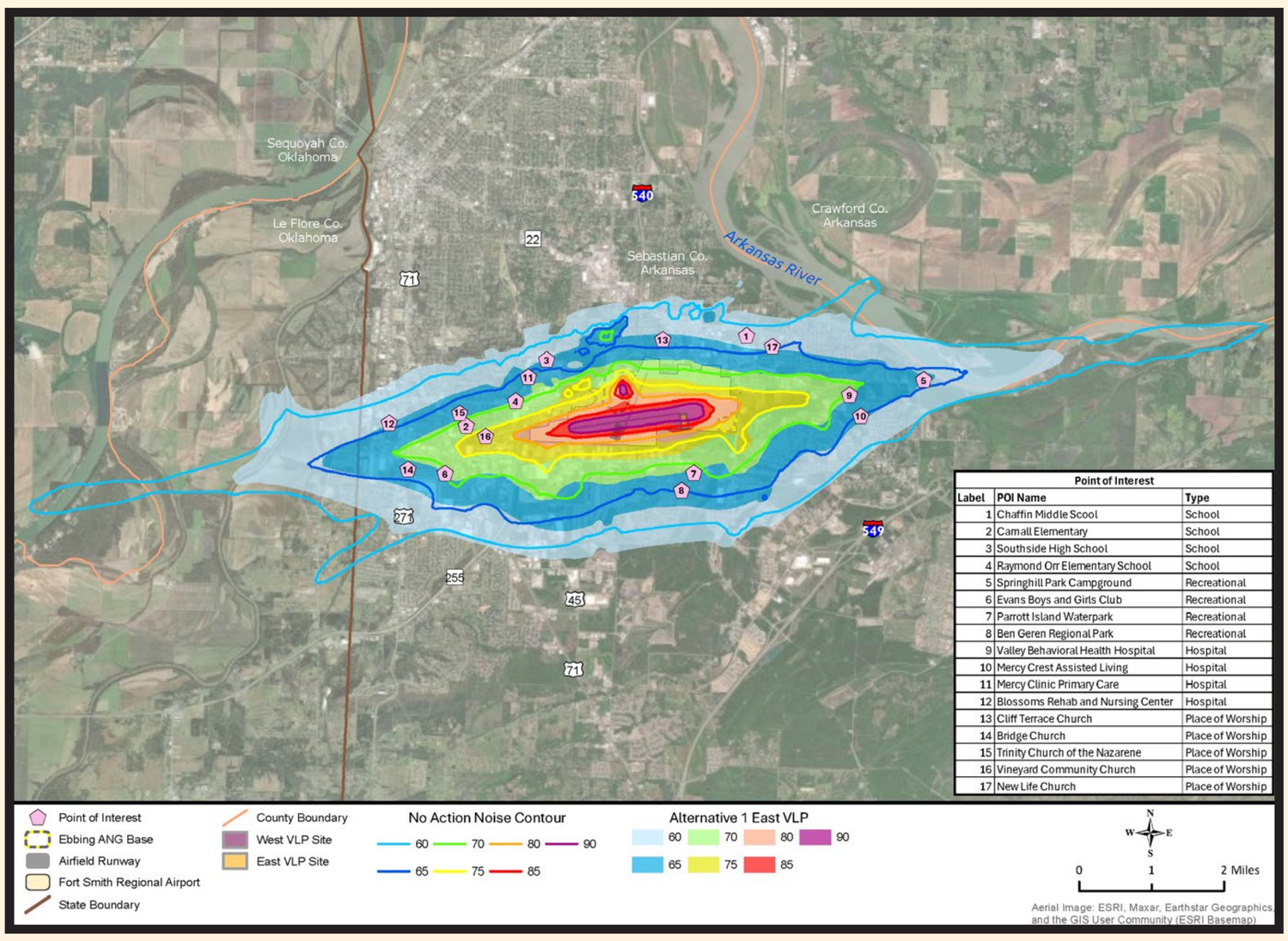

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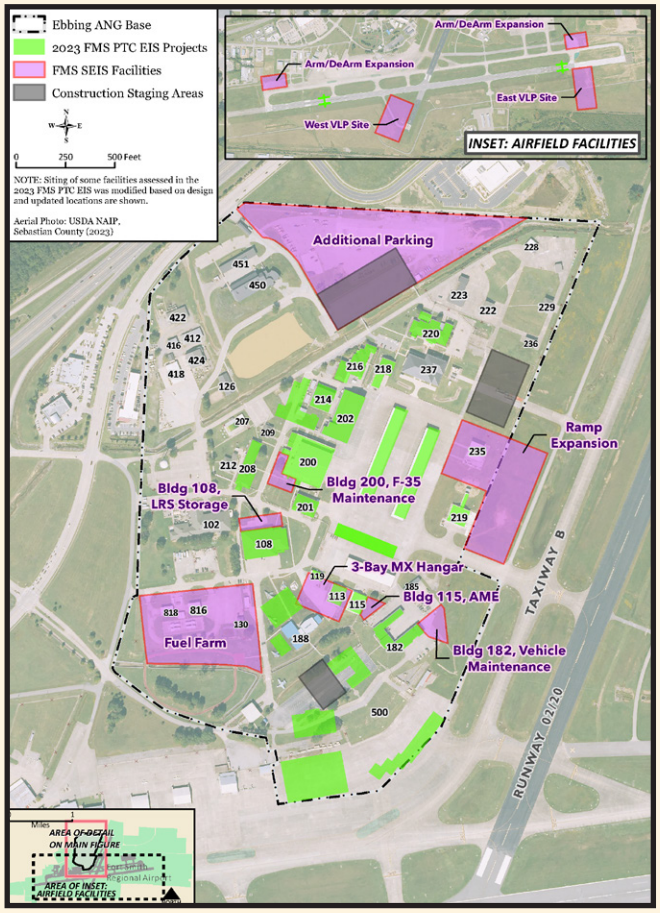

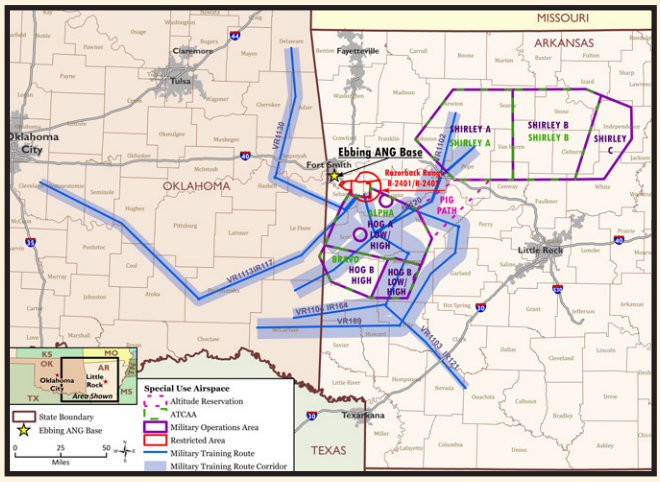

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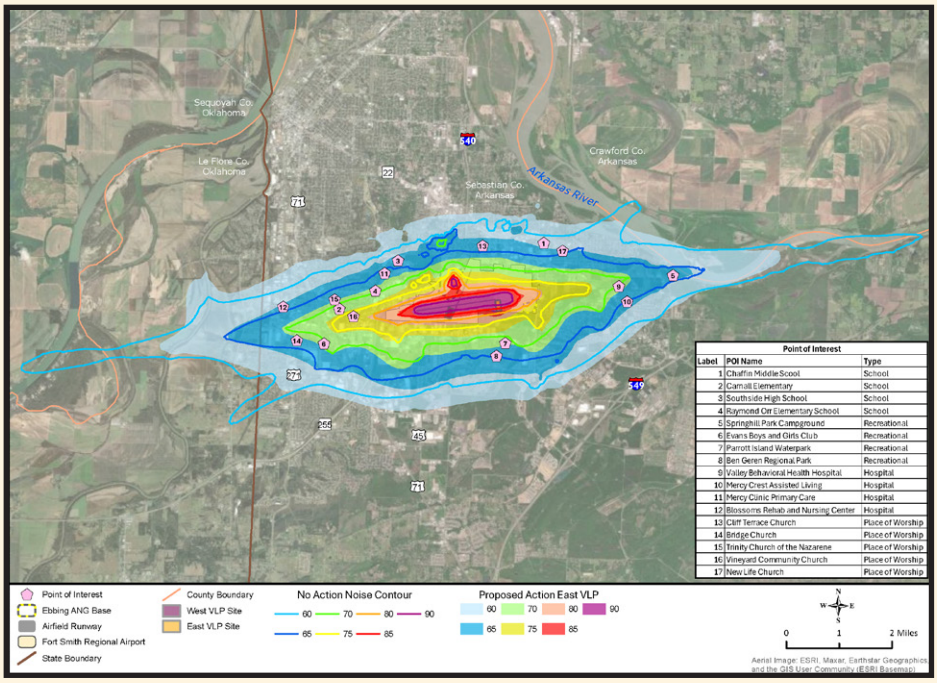

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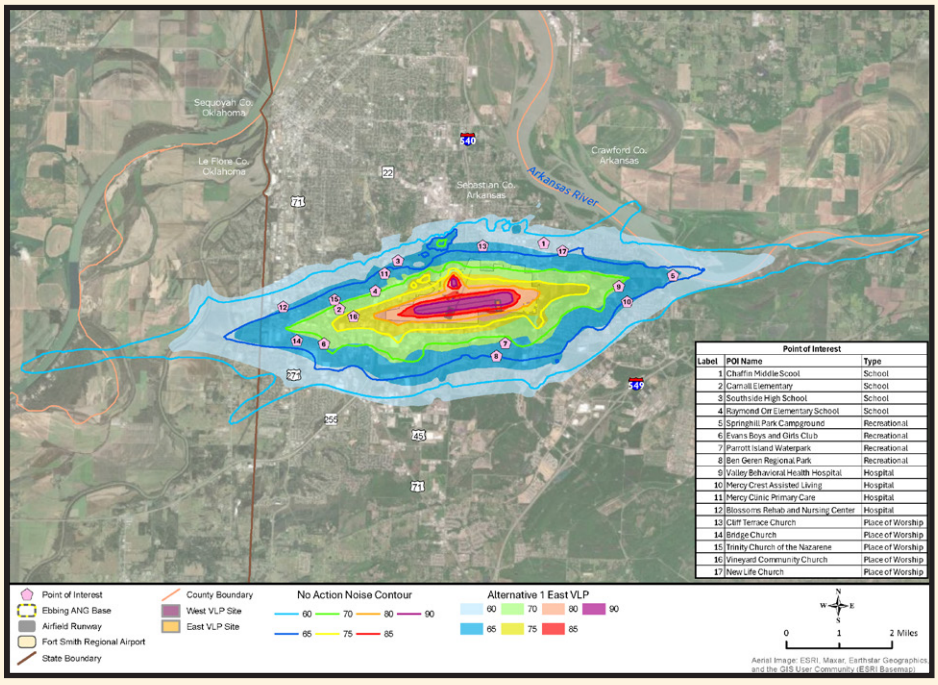

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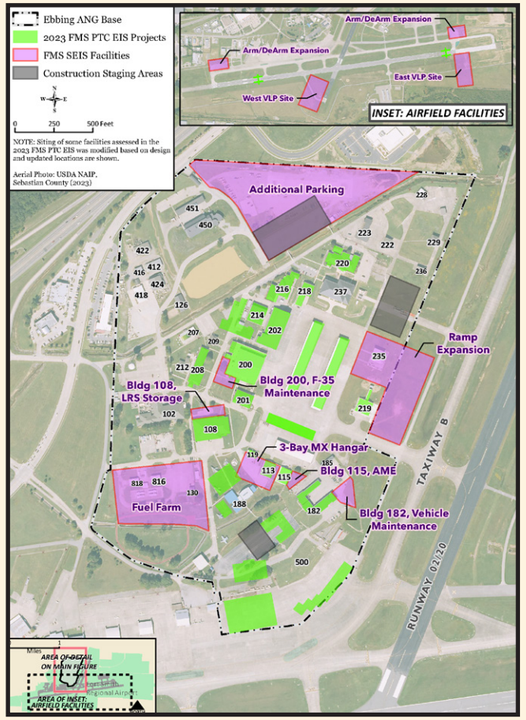

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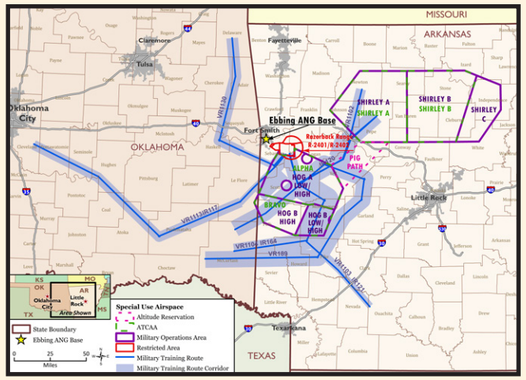
- West VLP Site and East VLP Site Subalternatives listed above are included for Alternative 1

Underneath the Airspace and Ranges:

- Utilize the same airspace and ranges that were included in the 2023 FMS PTC EIS
- No change in the number of airspace events



- Update flight tracks in the airspace based on updated training syllabus
- No change in munitions and counter-measure use

Under the **No Action Alternative** the DAF would not expand the FMS PTC mission at Ebbing ANG Base. The DAF would continue to implement the 2023 FMS PTC EIS ROD signed on March 11, 2023 and would not meet national security agreements with FMS nation customers.

What are the Potential Environmental Effects?

NOISE

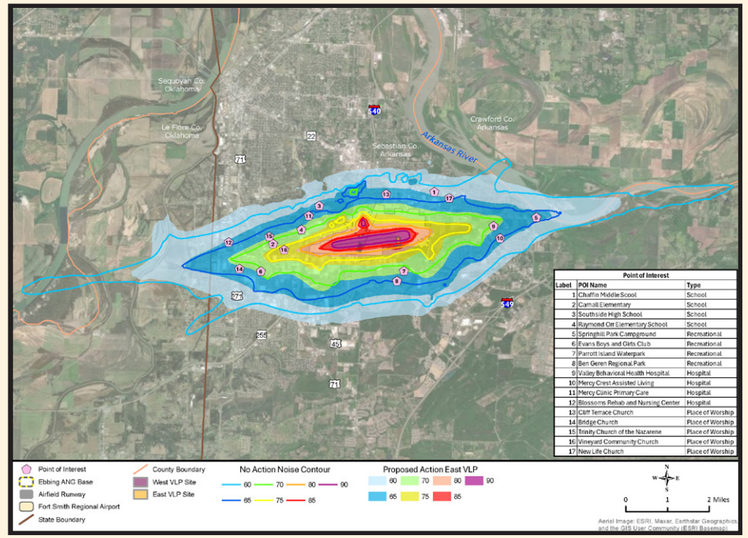
Proposed Action

Around the Installation and FSRA:

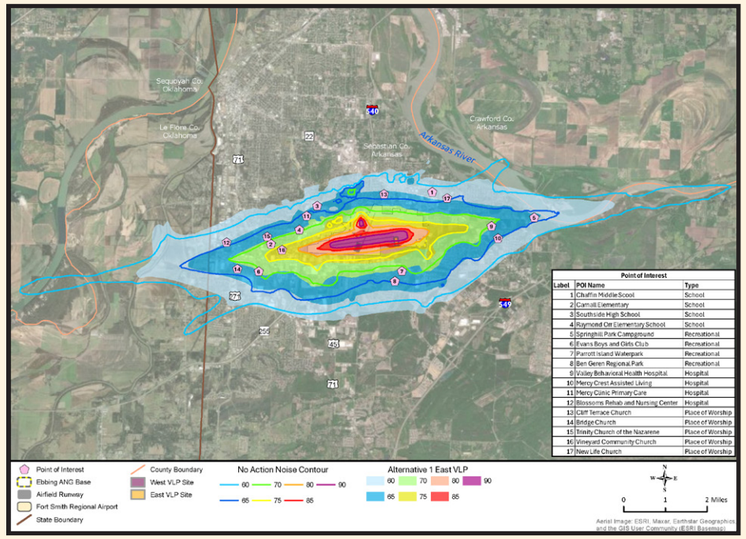
- Up to an additional 1,788 acres of land and 6,493 people would be affected by DNL 65 dBA or greater

Underneath the Airspace and Ranges:

- Time-averaged noise levels would remain below L_{dnmr} 65 dBA



Proposed Action Noise Contours



Alternative 1 Noise Contours

Alternative 1

Around the Installation and FSRA:

- Up to an additional 870 acres of land and 4,426 people would be affected by DNL 65 dBA or greater

Underneath the Airspace and Ranges:

- Time-averaged noise levels would remain below L_{dnmr} 65 dBA

No Action Alternative

- No additional noise effects would occur above those described in the 2023 FMS PTC EIS.

What are the Potential Environmental Effects?
(continued)

LAND USE

Proposed Action

Around the Installation and FSRA:

- Up to 561 additional acres of residential land use exposed to noise levels of DNL 65 dBA and greater
- Adverse and significant effects

Underneath the Airspace and Ranges:

- Some noise-sensitive land uses would experience small noise level increases
- Not considered significant based on Department of Defense (DoD) and FAA guidelines for outdoor recreational uses

Alternative 1

Around the Installation and FSRA:

- Residential land use areas exposed to DNL 65 dBA and greater would increase by up to 323 acres
- Adverse and significant effects

Underneath the Airspace and Ranges:

- Some noise-sensitive land uses would experience small noise level increases
- Not considered significant based on DoD and FAA guidelines for outdoor recreational uses

No Action Alternative

Around the Installation and FSRA:

- Would continue as described in the 2023 FMS PTC EIS
- Significant adverse effects to residential land use surrounding the installation

Underneath the Airspace and Ranges:

- Noise levels would remain below L_{dnmr} 65 dBA, which is compatible with all land use categories in developed areas

SOCIOECONOMICS

Proposed Action

Additional 596 personnel would result in:

- 5% increase in Sebastian County's total population
  - Need for 271 additional housing units
  - 204 additional school-aged children, but no significant effects to educational services
- Potential beneficial effects to employment and income from incoming personnel and construction activities

Alternative 1

- No additional personnel over the No Action Alternative
- Temporary and minor beneficial effects to employment and income may occur during vertical landing pad construction activities

No Action Alternative

- No new personnel above those authorized in the 2023 FMS PTC EIS and ROD
- Socioeconomics conditions would continue under existing trends

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

All Alternatives

Around the Installation and FSRA:

- No significant effects to topography, soils, or surface waters from construction activities
- No effects to groundwater, wetlands, or floodplains from construction activities
- 2025 surveys identified several aquatic features within the eastern arm/de-arm expansion area under the Proposed Action and the West VLP site for the Proposed Action and Alternative 1
  - None of these features fit the definition of waters of the U.S. (WOTUS)
  - If jurisdictional WOTUS are designated and cannot be avoided, the DAF would apply for Clean Water Action Section 404 permits, as necessary

Underneath the Airspace and Ranges:

Proposed Action

- Increased use of chaff and flare within the airspace would not result in discernible changes to soil or water quality
- No adverse effects to physical resources beneath the airspace

Alternative 1 and No Action Alternative

- No effects to physical resources under the airspace

CULTURAL RESOURCES

All Alternatives

- No effects to archaeological or traditional cultural properties
- No adverse effects to architectural resources
- The DAF is conducting consultations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

The results of cultural resources consultation efforts will be presented in the Final SEIS.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

All Alternatives

- Airfield operations at FSRA may affect but are not likely to adversely affect 4 federally-listed bat species
- Aircraft operations in the airspace may affect but are not likely to adversely affect 5 federally-listed bat species and 5 federally-listed bird species
- The DAF has completed informal consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act

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5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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- Provide constructive solutions with documentation or resources to support your comments or recommendations.
- Submit comments that are clear, concise, and relevant to the project.
- Let us know what environmental and community factors you consider important for analysis in the Final SEIS.
- During the Draft SEIS public review and comment period, your comments will be considered for environmental analysis and may result in revisions to the SEIS. Although comments will be accepted throughout the analysis process, input must be received by September 24, 2025, to ensure inclusion in the Final SEIS.

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The Department of the Air Force (DAF) has issued a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register announcing the availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Expansion of the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Pilot Training Center (PTC) at Ebbing Air National Guard (ANG) Base where the ANG is a tenant at Fort Smith Regional Airport (FSRA), Arkansas. The Draft SEIS evaluates the potential environmental effects of the DAF's proposal to expand the FMS PTC at Ebbing ANG Base/FSRA. The DAF proposal includes infrastructure construction, demolition, and renovation activities; additional personnel to support the FMS PTC mission; and changes in aircraft operations at Ebbing ANG Base/FSRA and corresponding airspace units.

A copy of the Draft SEIS is posted on the project website at **www.fmsptceis.com.**

The DAF will host two public hearings to allow members of the public to learn about the project, including a description of the project's alternatives and potential environmental effects, and provide formal public comments.

Public hearings will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (local Arkansas time) on the following dates:

September 4, 2025,
virtual via Zoom Webinar.

September 9, 2025, Fort Smith Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, 55 S. 7th St., Fort Smith, Arkansas

To register to attend the virtual public hearing, visit: **www.fmsptceis.com.** Meeting links and instructions will be distributed after registering and prior to the virtual public hearing. The virtual public hearing can be accessed by phone at 1-888-788-0099, Webinar ID: 886 2955 7361, Passcode: 048921.

COMMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE FINAL SEIS.

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