

Environmental Impact Statement **OPTIMIZATION OF POWDER RIVER TRAINING COMPLEX**

Ellsworth Air Force Base



What is the Air Force Proposing?

Proposed Action

The Proposed Action includes: **(1)** improvements to the airspace structure at PRTC to address shortfalls in day-to-day training, and **(2)** increasing Large Force Exercise capability at PRTC to meet threats to National Security.

Improvements for day-to-day operations:

- Raise the altitude to support high-altitude training
- Change published times of use to reflect actual use

Improvements for training capabilities of Large Force Exercises:

- Raise the altitude to support high-altitude training
- Increase the total number of training days for Large Force Exercises from 10 days to 30 days per year
- Increase the duration allowed for individual Large Force Exercises from 3 days to 12 days (no weekends)



Why is this Needed?

- Current PRTC does not provide space for aircrews to complete high altitude training
- Current limitations on Large Force Exercises prevent realistic training

Cooperating Agency

- The Federal Aviation Administration has jurisdiction of the National Airspace System and the sole authorization to establish or modify airspace
- The Federal Aviation Administration is a cooperating agency for the Proposed Action

Thank you for your participation!

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