The Big Picture: The Real Air Force Plan for New Mexico

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The Pentagon’s 2010 Base Structure Report lists 4,999 total sites in the US, its territories, and overseas.

WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES
U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2011 FISCAL YEAR
TOTAL OUTLAWS (FEDERAL FUNDS) $2,945 BILLION

38% HUMAN RESOURCES
18% PAST MILITARY
30% CURRENT MILITARY
8% GENERAL GOVERNMENT
6% PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Non-MILITARY: 52% AND $1,547 BILLION

- Health/Human Services
- Soc Sec Administration
- Food Stamps
- Housing & Urban Dev.
- Labor Dept.
- The Children's (over-600,000)
- other human resources

- Agriculture
- Interest
- Transportation
- Homeland Security (42%)
- HUD
- Commerce
- Energy (non-military)
- Veterans Affairs
- Other Federal

- Treasury, incl. 20% Interest on debt ($100B)
- Government personnel
- Justice Dept.
- State Dept. (partial)
- International Affairs
- NASA (50%)
- Judicial
- Legislative
- Allowances (proposals)
- other general govt.

MILITARY: 48% AND $1,398 BILLION

- Military Personnel $159 billion
- Operation & Maint. $319 billion
- Procurement $141 billion
- Research & Dev. $78 billion
- Family Housing $3 billion
- DoD Trans.$12 billion
Non-DoD military spending includes:
- Retiree Pay/Healthcare $65 billion
- DoE nuke weapons/clean up $20 billion
- NASA (50%) $9 billion
- International Security $15 billion
- Homed Sec (Defense) $40 billion
- State Dept. (partially) $7 billion
- FBI military $4 billion
- Intrafund transfers $5 billion

- Health/Human Services
- Soc Sec Administration
- Food Stamps
- Housing & Urban Dev.
- Labor Dept.
- Tax Credits

 HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED
Current military includes Dept. of Defense ($721 billion) and the military portion from other departments as noted in current military box above ($155 billion). “Past military” represents veterans’ benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt.* For further explanation, please go to www.warresisters.org.

These figures are from an analysis of detailed tables in the Analytical Perspectives book of the Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2011. The figures are federal funds, which do not include trust funds — such as Social Security — that are raised and spent separately from income taxes. What you pay (or don’t pay) by April 15, 2010, goes to the federal funds portion of the budget. The government practice of combining Trust and Federal funds began during the Vietnam War, thus making the human needs portion of the budget seem larger and the military portion smaller.

*Analysts differ on how much of the debt stems from the military; other groups estimate 50% to 60%. We use 80% because we believe if there had been no military spending most (if not all) of the national debt would have been eliminated.

The Government’s Deception
The pie charts (right) is the government view of the budget. This is a distortion of how our income tax dollars are spent because it includes Trust Funds (e.g., Social Security), and the expenses of past military spending are not distinguished from nonmilitary spending. For a more accurate representation of how your Federal income tax dollar is really spent, see the large graph.

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47 Air Force Bases in Lower 48

Map does not include National Guard (108 bases), Naval Air Stations (35 bases), Marine Air (34 bases) and Army Airfields (50). Total = 274
Source: http://www.swda.us/about-southwest-defense-alliance/
and click to map
Figure 3-1. Military Training Area Near Cannon AFB and Melrose AFR
LATN to LATA to-?

- 2005 – Planning and state and federal funding for massive airforce expansion in New Mexico begins. Cannon “saved” from proposed shut down.

- 2010 - The public learns that Cannon Special Ops wants the skies over NM and Colorado for very low altitude flights.

- 2011 – The public tells Cannon NO!

- 2012 – What will the future look like?
## Cannon NEPA Activities 2007 compared to 2011

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2007 Meetings were held only in Clovis, Fort Sumner, and Clayton

Source: www.cannon.af.mil
Pulling the EA and FONSI: the Official Statement

"After careful evaluation, it became clear that a Finding of No Significant Impact could not be reached for this EA and still accomplish all of the training critical for our special operations forces," said Brig. Gen. Michael Kingsley, AFSOC vice commander....

The wing, however, continues to have a requirement to train aircrews in low altitude flying. Currently this is being accomplished through the use of established Military Training Routes, Special Use Airspace, Visual Flight Rules, and excess capacity from other bases... However, they provide less than optimal training and will not be sufficient as Cannon continues to receive its full complement of aircraft, expected to be complete in 2017.
Cannon’s Statement continued:

[AND COMING UP NEXT]
These fully defined training requirements may require more detailed environmental impact analysis and may lead to preparation of an EIS. The Air Force expects to make this determination in early 2013.

"We will find the best way to achieve our critical training objectives while remaining good neighbors to the people of Colorado and New Mexico and good stewards of our environment," said Kingsley.

Example:
From 2010 Cannon General Plan. This is page 39 of the 278 page plan for our future that we did not know about.
Cannon has no water

- General Plan: “2005 USGS study of 10 years of ground water hydrology showed a constant decline in the water table for the 120 wells within a 3-mile radius of Cannon AFB. A recent ground water study indicates ground water has been dropping at a consistent rate of 2 to 2.5 feet per year for the last 10 years.”

- Due to the significant drawdown of the aquifer over the last 50 years and with only a little over 20 years of ground water left....Cannon AFB embarked on a new water conservation initiative to irrigate the golf course, golf course driving range, and Recreational Area with treated effluent from the newly constructed wastewater treatment plant.
Section 22. CANNON AIR FORCE BASE INFRASTRUCTURE, EXPANSION AND RENOVATION--CHANGE AGENCY--SEVERANCE TAX BONDS.--The unexpended balance of the appropriation originally authorized to the department of finance and administration in Subsection 2 of Section 15 of Chapter 111 of Laws 2006 to acquire land and water rights and to plan, design and construct infrastructure for Cannon air force base in Curry county and reauthorized in Laws 2007, Chapter 341, Section 98 to include acquiring land and water rights statewide and renovating, equipping and furnishing infrastructure and other improvements to be used in connection with the new mission of Cannon air force base, including expansion and renovation of the base, is appropriated to the office of military base planning and support for those purposes.
N.M. land grant expands AF training

1/19/2012 - WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The U.S. Air Force accepted a land gift offer from the State of New Mexico during a ceremony in Santa Fe Jan. 18, hosted by the New Mexico State Land Office.

The 11,000-acre land gift, valued at approximately $3.2 million, will support the Joint Air Force Special Operations mission at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

On June 23, 2003, the State of New Mexico and the Air Force entered into a Memorandum of Understanding that initiated the framework for gifting the land. The Air Force Real Property Agency, the 27th Special Operations Wing, the Air Force Special Operations Command, and Headquarters Air Force have worked with the State of New Mexico to receive this gift.

The Air Force will use the additional land for special operations training — including aircraft live fire ranges and desert and urban warfare training — at Cannon AFB.

Officials present at the ceremony included Terry Yonkers, the assistant secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics; New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez; State Land Commissioner Ray Powell; state legislators; and Roosevelt and Curry county officials. During the first part of the ceremony, Powell leased the state trust land to the State of New Mexico. Then Martinez assigned the lease to the Air Force.

"It's an honor for me to be here today to accept this very gracious gift from the State of New Mexico on behalf of the men and women of the United States Air Force," Yonkers said. "Ranges and airspace are the life blood of our ability to train and be ready to fight those conflicts the nation asks of us."

"The 11,000 acres of lease trust land will allow the Air Force to expand territory for military training in the Melrose Range area," said Powell during his opening remarks. "This is a win-win-win, it is going to help create jobs, help the community in terms of economic security, and it's going to help our national security."

Martinez said, "With the war in Iraq at an end and the progress made in Afghanistan, our nation is at a moment of transition. These 11,000 acres will help in that transition as the land will be used to help in the training of our armed forces, just as the 27th Special Operations Wing at Cannon Air Force Base by fostering potential expansion of missions there."

The Air Force Real Property Agency acquires, manages and disposes of Air Force-controlled real property worldwide. AFRPA, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, is a field operating agency within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics. AFRPA oversees approximately 16 million acres of land - almost twice the size of New Jersey.

(Courtesy of Air Force Real Property Agency Public Affairs)
WASHINGTON - U.S. Senators Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall today reported that an omnibus spending bill that passed 67-32 today in the Senate includes $215 million to support New Mexico's military installations and National Guard facilities. The measure also includes additional funding though the Department of Defense for a 1.6 percent pay raise for U.S. Military personnel and is now on its way to the president for signature.

The measure contains funding for important projects requested by Sens. Bingaman and Udall, including $41 million for a new hangar aircraft maintenance unit and $15 million for the construction of a new 96-room airmen dormitory at Cannon Air Force Base, where recent growth has led to a shortage of available, affordable housing either on base or in the surrounding community.

"Our military installations and the National Guard receive strong support from this bill," Bingaman said. "I'm glad Congress was able to finalize this measure and get to the president's desk before the holidays."

http://www.tomudall.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=994
Udall-Bingaman Release continued: **CANNON AIR FORCE BASE:**

$41.2 Million - **New SOF Hangar Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Cannon Air Force Base:** Funding would be used to construct a new facility to maintain aircraft in support of increased mission requirements.

$15 Million - **New Dormitory for Cannon Air Force Base:** Funding will be used to construct a three-story, four-plex style dormitory with 96 rooms and a common area to support airmen and improve their quality of life.

$17.3 Million - **UAS Squadron Ops Facility at Cannon Air Force Base:** Funding will be used to construct a facility for Unmanned Aircraft System Squadron Operations.

$28 Million - **New Apron and Taxiway at Cannon Air Force Base:** Funding would be used to pave a parking apron that provides parking space, tie-down points, service points, and line maintenance areas for aircraft. This parking area is necessary to create room for the MC-130J aircraft that become a part of Cannon's force as the 27th SOW continues to expand its presence on the base.

$26 Million - **Improvements to Parking Apron at Cannon Air Force Base:** Funding would be used to pave a parking apron for large aircraft up to the C-130 size.

$39.7 Million - **Operations and Training Complex at Cannon Air Force Base:** Funding would be used to construct a training and operations complex for the Special Operations Forces whose mission on the base will increase dramatically over the next few years.
Udall-Bingaman Release continued: CANNON - continued

$9.6 Million - Improvements to Simulator Facility at Cannon Air Force Base: Funding would be used for additions and alterations to the new Simulator Facility for the MC-130J aircraft. The aircraft simulator facility will provide mission rehearsals and crew training prior to the arrival of the aircraft to Cannon in coming years.

$7.6 Million - New Wastewater Treatment Plant at Cannon Air Force Base: Funding would be used to construct a much needed wastewater treatment plant to serve the growing community.

$15 Million - SOF Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Facility at Cannon Air Force Base: To construct a new facility to plan, brief, critique combat crews and to direct flight operations in support of increased mission requirement due to expansion at Cannon.

$10.9 Million - SOF C-130 Squadron Operations Facility at Cannon Air Force Base: New facility to support the bed-down of ten operational squadrons at Cannon Air Force Base.

$10.9 Million - SOF C-130 Wash Rack Hangar at Cannon Air Force Base: Will be used to construct a permanent aircraft washrack hangar to provide all-weather capability maintenance. No facilities exist at Cannon that can accommodate the C-130 washing in a climate controlled environment, impacting flying operations and the mission.
Udall-Bingaman Release continued:

**KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE:**

$25 Million - Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center Sustainment Center at Kirtland Air Force Base: Will be used to construct a two story facility to support nuclear mission at Kirtland Air Force Base.

**HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE:**

$11.2 Million - Child Development Center at Holloman Air Force Base: Funding will be used to for a new child development center to provide day care services for active duty dependent children.

$5.8 Million - F-16 Academic Facility at Holloman Air Force Base: To build a new academic facility to support the transition to an F-16 mission at HAFB. Will provide academic training for two flying squadrons.

$8 Million - Parallel Taxiway Construction: Funding will be used to construct a taxiway parallel to Runway 07/25 extending from the existing Taxiway F eastward to intersect with the new taxiway being constructed.

$4.2 Million - F-16 SEAD Training Facility at Holloman Air Force Base: Funding to build a new facility to support the transition to an F-16 mission. Will provide academic training for the SEAD mission and include pilot academic training classrooms and computer based trainers.
After an EIS is done, the environment can still be destroyed

- We will just know exactly how much air pollution will result from refueling.
- We will know which cultural treasures will be harmed.
- We will know which types of wildlife will be affected.
- We will know how many migrating birds will be killed by aircraft. And on, and on.
- What we won’t know is why the air force is allowed to destroy the environment.
Peaceful Skies Coalition Position - DoD must provide a comprehensive Baseline and Cumulative Impacts analysis to the American people before any of its current or future NEPA activities can move forward.

- Baseline and Cumulative Impacts are at the heart of the NEPA.

- Court Ruling: The requirement to consider cumulative impacts, therefore, is designed to avoid the “combination of individually minor” effects situation – to avoid the “tyranny of small decisions” or death by a thousand cuts scenario. *Grand Canyon Trust v. FAA*, 290 F.3d 339, 346 (D.C. Cir. 2002).
From Peaceful Skies Coalition EA Comments:

- USAF cannot analyze the direct and indirect effects of the proposed LATA in isolation, but must examine the cumulative effects of the proposed LATA together with all other Department of Defense training areas and operations in New Mexico, Colorado and at least the rest of the 48 contiguous states.

- USAF NEPA review process needs a proper baseline to conduct the required “trends analysis.” By failing to properly define the baseline and from the baseline engage in a trends analysis, the USAF will be unable to track any effects and changes that will occur over time.
What about Holloman? A stealth bomber base

- The base wants the F-35. The DEIS stated Holloman would have **Up to 150,000 flights per year.**
- **Up to 260,000 munitions to be blown up and 132,000 training flares per year**
- The small communities affected by Holloman say: There are “severe effects from sonic booms, including broken windows, possible concussions and possible cow abortions... their businesses were suffering because of the booms.”
- Save Our Skies member “the 2006 "Finding of No Significant Impact" from the environmental impact statement for the F-22 at Holloman. He said the Air Force had wanted more airspace and more supersonic airspace, and called the FONSI an "airspace grab" not too unlike the land grab when the Army forced ranchers off their land to create WSMR.”
- Sonic booms are strong enough to break windows and set off car alarms.
What about Kirtland?
Primary Unit:
Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center

- **Mission:** Conduct nuclear operations; organize, train, equip and deploy expeditionary forces; and operate, secure and support Kirtland AFB.

- **Priorities:** The standing wing priorities are to continue to strengthen gains in the nuclear enterprise mission, ensure expeditionary combat force readiness, and make our mission partners successful.

www.kirtland.af.mil
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) 07-20-12— the largest threat to a city's drinking water supply in history, as much as 24 million gallons of jet fuel - or twice the size of the Exxon Valdez oil spill - seeping into an underground aquifer and steadily toward this drought-stricken city's largest and most pristine water wells. ...

Initially, the Air Force estimated the spill to be about 100,000 gallons. But as more than 130 monitoring wells have been dug around the site, estimates on the size and severity of the spill have continued to grow.

Link: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/07/20/kirtland-air-force-base-fuel-spill_n_1688603.html
Open House at Kirtland
What about White Sands Missile Range?

- At 2.2 million acres White Sands Missile Range is larger than Connecticut, Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia combined and represents 17 percent of the land owned by the U.S. Army.

**Mission:** We will aggressively expand our customer base of traditional and nontraditional DoD, other Government agencies, foreign military, and commercial programs. (source: www.wsmr.army.mil)
Where’s that economic benefit from military spending in NM?

Source: ERS, USDA, 2012
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**Definitions:** Source: U.S. Census, SAIPA, at www.census.gov/cgi-bin/saipe/saipe.cgi

**Note:** Children = under age 18 in poverty

**Data Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates
The Elephant Walk – Each of these planes costs $45,000,000. These are the F-16’s at a single base, there are many, many more at other bases.

The Good News

A national – and international – coalition has grown among the many communities fighting US military expansion. Some of the key partners:

**Arizona** – Tucson Forward

**Colorado** – Not 1 More Acre, Grasslands Trust, Conejos County Clean Water, 17 state and local environmental organizations

**Idaho** – Save Our Valley

**NM** – PEACEFUL SKIES COALITION and Holloman Neighbors – Save Our Skies

**North Dakota** – North Dakota Peace Coalition

**Vermont** – Stop the F-35

**Japan** – Peace Depot, Tokyo
STOP OSPREY
あきらめたら
認めしたことになる

NO BASE!
NO OSPREY!
命の軽視ゆるさない

STOP OSPREY
頭下げられたら
NOだ!!
The environment must be protected