

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 times of 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

Why is this Needed?

The need for the Proposed Action is to address the lack of required high altitude airspace at PRTC and current limitations on the duration and complexity of Large Force Exercises.

Cooperating Agency

The Federal Aviation Administration has jurisdiction of the National Airspace System and the sole authorization to establish or modify airspace. Thus, they are a cooperating agency on this Proposed Action.