

Environmental Impact Statement

OPTIMIZATION OF POWDER RIVER TRAINING COMPLEX

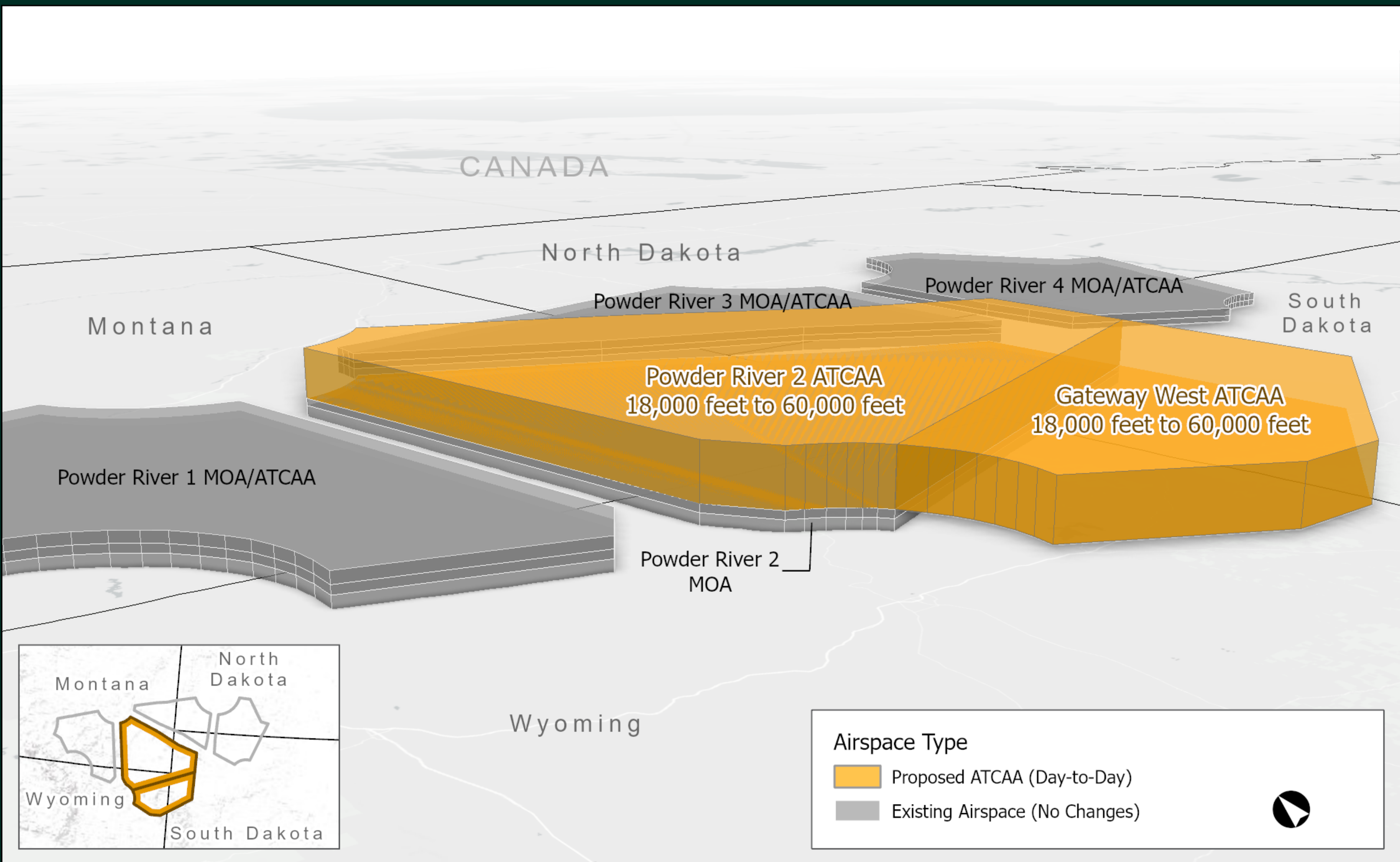
Ellsworth Air Force Base



What are the Preliminary Alternatives?

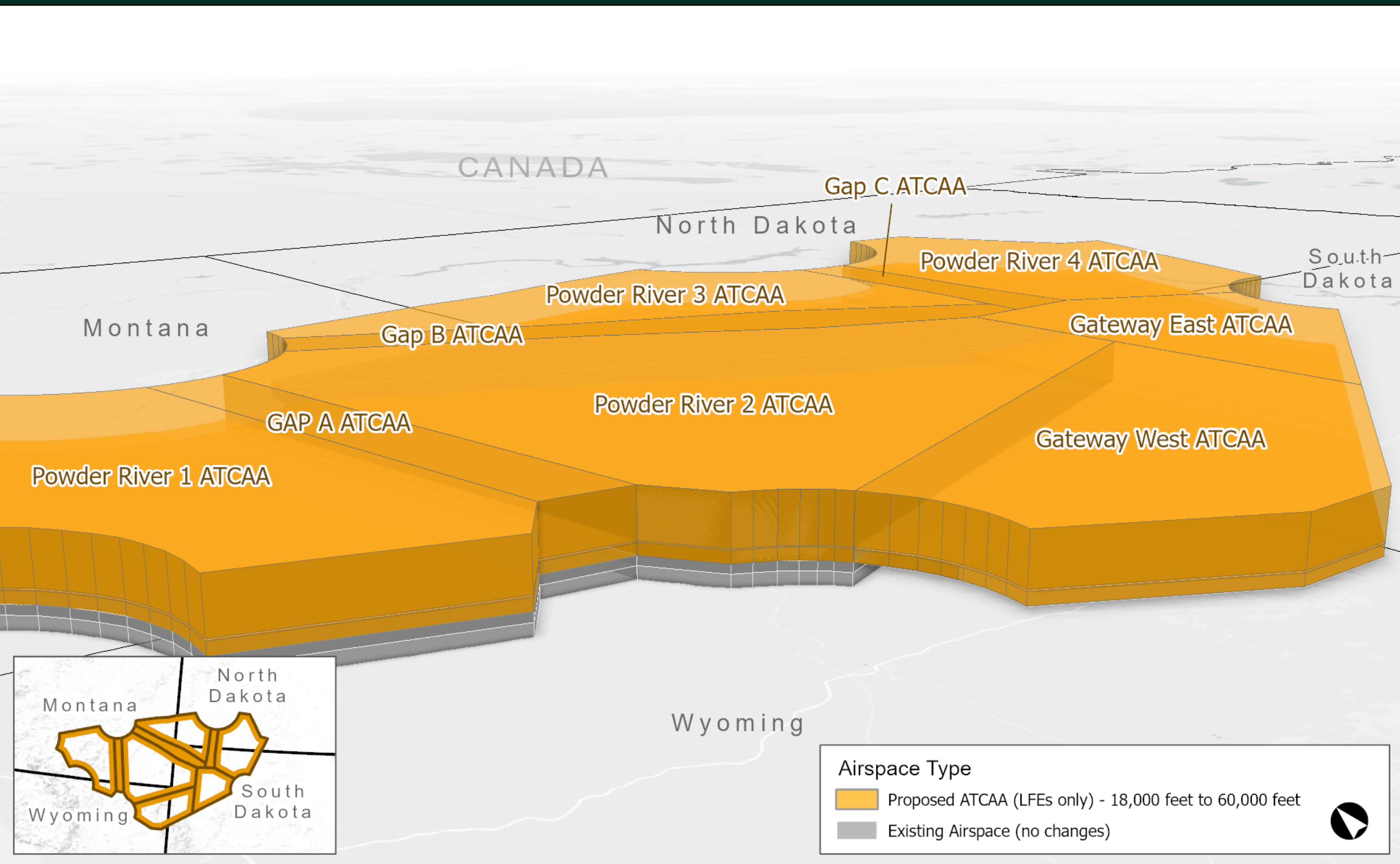
Alternative 1

Changes for Day-to-Day Training (Monday through Friday)



- Raise ceiling of Powder River 2 and Gateway West ATCAAs from 26,000 feet to 60,000 feet
- Change the MOA published times of use to 7:00am to 12:30am Monday to Thursday, 7:00am to 6:00pm Friday, other times by Notice to Airmen (NOTAM)

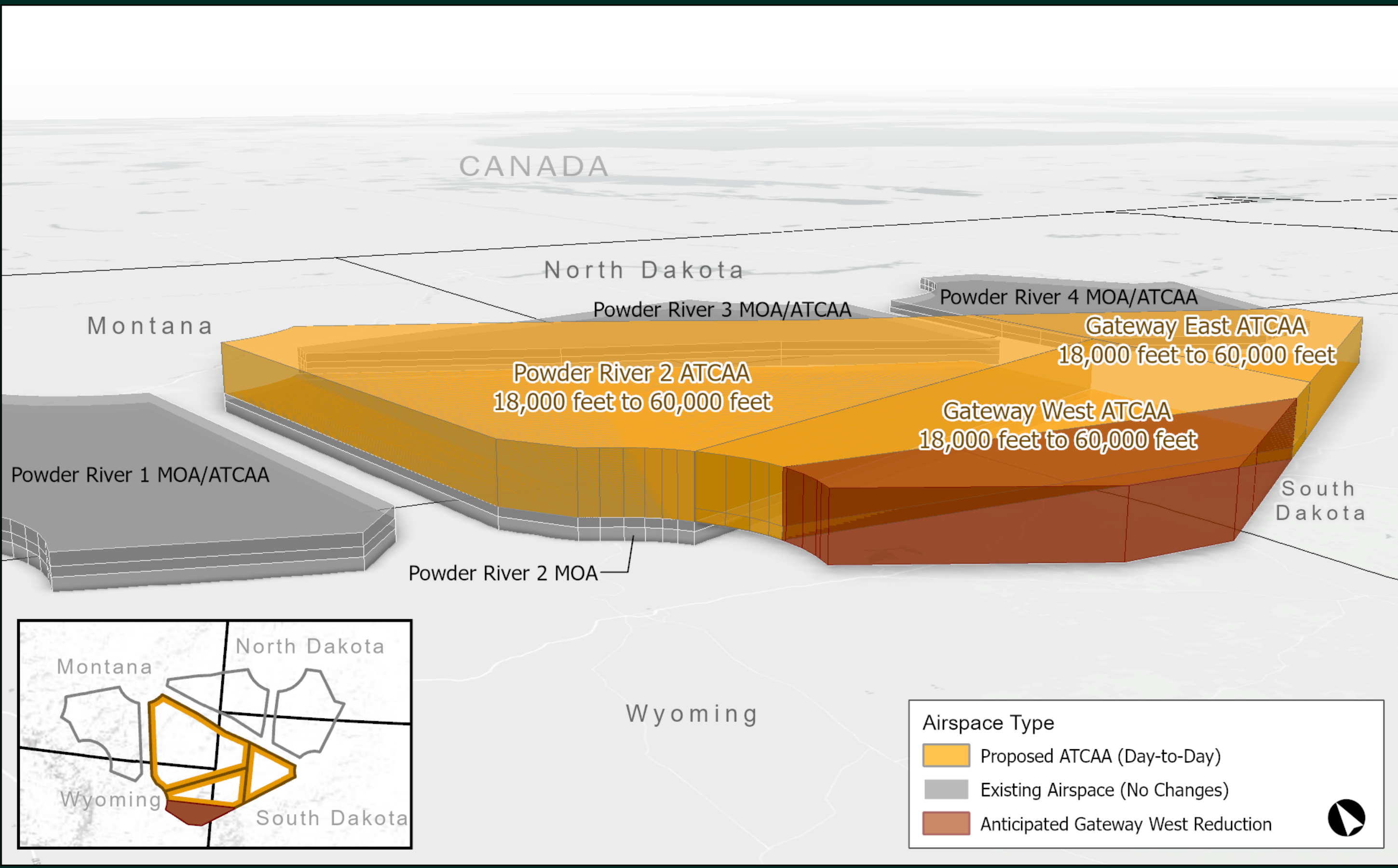
Changes for Large Force Exercise Training (up to 30 days per year)



- Raise ceiling of all PRTC to 60,000 feet
- Increase total flying days annually from 10 days to 30 days
- Increase duration allowed for individual exercises from 3 days to 12 days (no weekends)

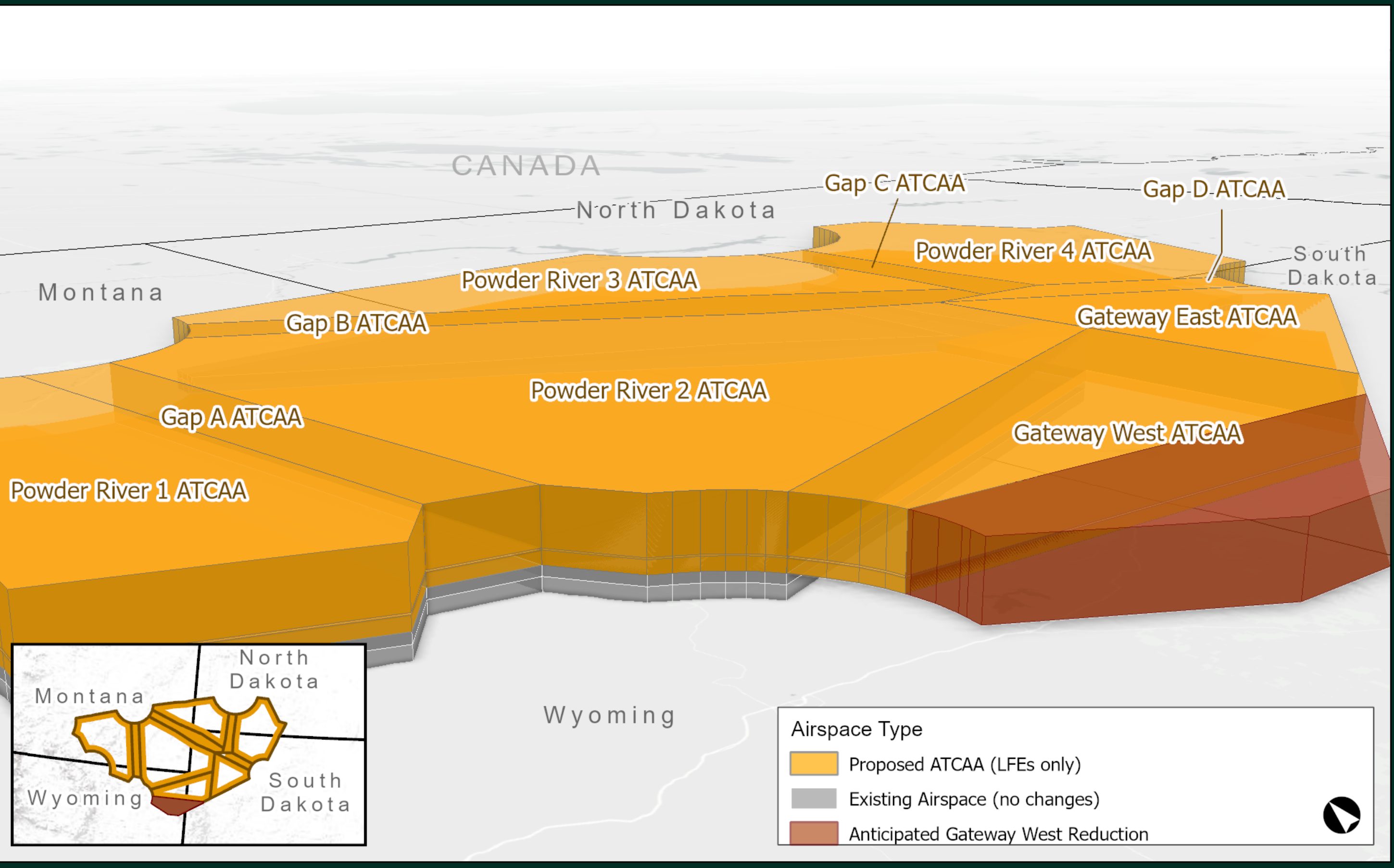
Alternative 2

Changes for Day-to-Day Training (Monday through Friday)



- Reduce dimensions of Gateway East ATCAA and allow for day-to-day use
- Reduce dimensions of Gateway West ATCAA
- Raise ceiling of Powder River 2, Gateway East/West to 60,000 feet
- Change published times of use (same as Alternative 1)

Changes for Large Force Exercise Training (up to 30 days per year)



- Raise ceiling of all PRTC to 60,000 feet (same as Alternative 1)
- New Gap D ATCAA to fill space left by modified Gateway East ATCAA
- Increase duration allowed for individual exercises from 3 days to 12 days (same as Alternative 1)

No Action Alternative

Under the No Action Alternative, none of the existing airspace would be modified and training requirements would remain unmet.