

## **Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Comprehensive Airspace Initiative, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia**

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and its implementing regulations, the Department of the Air Force (DAF) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental consequences associated with the DAF's proposed comprehensive airspace initiative at Moody Air Force Base (AFB), Georgia. The DAF is publishing a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register announcing the availability of the *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Comprehensive Airspace Initiative at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia*. The publication of the NOA on 19 May 2023 begins a 30-day waiting period that closes on 18 June 2023.

The Final EIS addresses substantive comments received during the public comment period for the Draft EIS and evaluates the potential environmental impacts from the proposed low-altitude special use airspace (SUA) to support pilot training at Moody AFB. The Moody Airspace Complex consists primarily of mid- to higher-altitude SUA (8,000 feet above mean sea level [MSL] up to 18,000 feet) with limited low-altitude SUA (less than 8,000 feet MSL). Aircrews of A-10C, A-29, HH-60G, and HC-130J aircraft assigned to Moody AFB have severely constrained access to existing low-altitude SUA wherein they can conduct required training operations at low altitude to gain operational proficiency and meet their low-altitude close air support, personnel recovery, and combat search and rescue mission objectives for combat readiness. The proposed airspace changes would provide additional low-altitude DAF-controlled SUA to support low-altitude training missions.

The DAF identified four action alternatives to expand low-altitude training SUA at Moody AFB. All four alternatives would create new low-altitude Military Operations Areas (MOAs) beneath and within the lateral confines of existing MOAs and Restricted Areas of the Moody Airspace Complex. Three of the four action alternatives, *Alternative 1: Create New Military Operations Areas with a 1,000-Foot Floor, Create a New Grand Bay Military Operations Area, and Lower the Floor of Moody 2 North Military Operations Area; Alternative 2: Create New Military Operations Areas with a 2,000-Foot Floor, Create a New Grand Bay Military Operations Area, and Lower the Floor of Moody 2 North Military Operations Area; and Alternative 3: Create New Military Operations Areas with a 4,000-Foot Floor, Create a New Grand Bay Military Operations Area, and Lower the Floor of Moody 2 North Military Operations Area*, were analyzed in the Draft EIS and remain unchanged in the Final EIS. A fourth action alternative, *Modified Alternative 1: Create New Military Operations Areas with a 1,000-Foot Floor with Modified Lateral Boundaries, Create a New Grand Bay Military Operations Area, and Lower the Floor of Moody 2 North Military Operations Area*, was created in response to comments received during the public review of the Draft EIS and through Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) input.

The DAF has selected Modified Alternative 1 as the Preferred Alternative. The DAF decision maker will review the Final EIS and decide which alternative, or the No Action Alternative, should be implemented. If the Record of Decision concludes by selecting the Preferred Alternative, the DAF will request that the FAA chart the Corsair North Low, Corsair South Low, Grand Bay, Moody 2 North, Mustang Low, and Warhawk Low MOAs as described by Modified Alternative 1 in the Final EIS.

The Final EIS is available for review on our project website at <https://moodyafbairspaceeis.com>. Hard copies of the document are also available for review at the following public libraries through 18 June 2023, located throughout the region:

- Boston Carnegie Library, 250 South Main Street, Boston, Georgia 31626
- Brooks County Public Library, 404 Barwick Road, Quitman, Georgia 31643
- Clinch County Public Library, 478 West Dame Avenue, Homerville, Georgia 31634
- Cook County Library, 213 East Second Street, Adel, Georgia 31620
- Douglas-Coffee County Public Library, 200 South Madison Avenue, Suite D, Douglas, Georgia 31533
- Dougherty County Main Library, 300 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31701
- Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library, 123 North Main Street, Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750
- LeRoy Collins Main Library, 200 West Park Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301
- Miller Lakeland Library, 18 South Valdosta Road, Lakeland, Georgia 31635
- Moultrie-Colquitt County Library Main Branch, 204 5th Street SE, Moultrie, Georgia 31768
- Willis L. Miller Library, 2906 Julia Drive, Valdosta, Georgia 31602
- Tifton-Tift County Library, 245 Love Avenue, Tifton, Georgia 31794

Questions concerning the Final EIS or the NEPA process can be directed to Moody AFB Public Affairs Office by calling 229-460-8034 or emailing [23wg.pa@us.af.mil](mailto:23wg.pa@us.af.mil).