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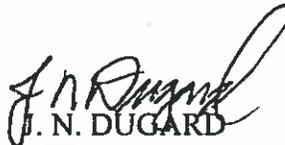
From: Director, Air Warfare (N98)
To: FAA Central Service Area Operations Support Group (OSG)

Subj: PLAYAS TEMPORARY MILITARY OPERATIONS AREA IN SUPPORT OF
SPMAGTF-CR-CC 20.1 CERTIFICATION EXERCISE

Ref: (a) FAA Order JO 7400.2L

Encl: (1) Playas Temporary Special Use Airspace Proposal

1. In accordance with the reference, enclosure (1) is readdressed and forwarded for approval.
2. The abbreviated airspace proposal has been reviewed and been determined to be in compliance with the reference and applicable service policies.
3. All services associated with the airspace will be provided in accordance with facility certification and classification authority.
4. The Chief of Naval Operations point of contact is CDR Peter Morgan, CSA NAVREP (ASW-930), email peter.morgan@navy.mil, commercial phone 817-222-5931.


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From: Deputy Commandant for Aviation, Aviation Expeditionary Enablers, Air Traffic Control (APX-8)
To: Department of the Navy Representative, Federal Aviation Administration Western Service Area (ANM-903), 1601 Lind Ave SW, Renton, WA 98057
Via: Director, Naval Airspace and Air Traffic Control Standards and Evaluation Agency (N980A)

Subj: APX-8 ENDORSEMENT OF THE PLAYAS TEMPORARY SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE PROPOSAL (TSUA)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 3770.2L, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AIRSPACE PROCEDURES AND PLANNING
(b) FAA JO 7400.2L, PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING AIRSPACE MATTERS

Encl: (1) Regional Airspace Coordinator, Marine Corps Installations West, endorsement letter 3700 G-3/5 dated 14 Sep 18

1. Forwarded, recommending approval, in accordance with the references.
2. Proposal has been forwarded by the Marine Corps Installations-West Regional Airspace Coordinator. It has been reviewed by this office and is in compliance with the references.
3. Point of contact is Maj Benjamin J. Kiley at (703) 614-0639, DSN 223-0639 or benjamin.kiley@usmc.mil.



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14 Sep 18

From: Regional Airspace Coordinator, Marine Corps Installations West

To: Manager, Operations Support Group, Federal Aviation Administration Central Service Center, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth TX 76177

Subj: TEMPORARY MILITARY OPERATIONS AREA PROPOSAL IN SUPPORT OF FIRST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE CERTIFICATION EXERCISE 20.1

Ref: OPNAVINST 3770.2L

Encl: Playas Temporary Special Use Airspace Proposal (Aug 2019)

1. Forwarded in accordance with the reference.
2. The proposal has been reviewed by this office and is in compliance with the reference.
3. Albuquerque Air Route Traffic Control Center has been notified of the Marine Corps intent to submit the enclosed proposal. The airspace requested (SPMAGTF-CR-CC 20.1 CERTEX August 2019) mirrors the previously submitted and executed Playas Temporary Special Use Airspace proposal for the SPMAGTF CR-CC 19.1 CERTEX.


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10 Sep 18

From: Assistant Chief of Staff G-7, I Marine Expeditionary Force
To: ATO Central Service Center, Albuquerque Air Route Traffic
Control Center
Via: Regional Airspace Officer G-3, Marine Corps Installations-West
Subj: PLAYAS TEMPORARY MILITARY OPERATIONS AREA IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL
PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE CRISIS RESPONSE CENTRAL COMMAND
20.1 CERTIFICATION EXERCISE

Encl: (1) Playas Temporary Military Operations Boundaries Chart

1. Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Crisis Response Central Command 20.1 (SPMAGTF CR-CC) Certification Exercise (CERTEX) is a Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) directed exercise to be conducted from 26-30 August 2019 at numerous training locations throughout the southwestern United States. The purpose of the exercise is to provide the SPMAGTF CR-CC the opportunity to conduct training in unfamiliar environments during the final phase of its pre-deployment training program. During CERTEX, SPMAGTF CR-CC 20.1 will be required to conduct a series of challenging and realistic training events to test its ability to conduct conventional and specialized missions.
2. Expeditionary Operations Training Group (EOTG) is responsible for the planning and execution of this exercise and respectfully requests your support. This letter outlines specifics regarding the training exercise and requests to establish an existing temporary Military Operations Area (MOA) in accordance with FAA Order 7400.2L. The Playas Training and Research Center will host day and night recovery force insertion and extraction training. Therefore, we are requesting to separate nonhazardous military exercise activities from IFR traffic and identify to VFR traffic where this short-term exercise event shall be conducted.
3. The scheduled CERTEX will require select members of the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and United States Air Force (USAF) to plan and execute Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel (TRAP) during 26-30 August 2019 in order to recover downed pilots located at a training site in the MOA.
4. The Playas temporary MOA is a 20 NM X 20 NM box from 300 feet above the surface up to but not including FL180. The proposed boundary is N 32°10'43"/W 108°42'48" to N 32°09'20"/W 108°19'29" to N 31°49'32"/W 108°21'06" to N 31°50'49"/W 108°44'26" to the point of beginning. Reasonable and timely aerial access below 1,200' AGL to private and public land below the proposed temporary Playas MOA by general aviation aircraft will not be restricted. The Playas airport will be closed to non-participating aircraft by airport management during exercise operations. The proposed scheduling times are from 26 August 2019 at 1900Z to 31 August 2019 at 0645Z. During the exercise planning and refinement period, one primary and one secondary event, each constrained to a five hour execution block, will be determined NLT 15 June 2019.

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5. Proposed aerial activities will consist of typical MOA flight operations to include tactical combat maneuvering (basic fighter maneuvers, simulated air-to-ground ordnance delivery, and tactical landing profiles) by fighter and transport category tiltrotor/rotary wing aircraft involving abrupt, unpredictable changes in altitude, attitude, and direction of flight. Non-standard formation flights are possible. There will be no supersonic flight, use of chaff/flares, surface-to-surface or surface-to-air weapons firing, or aerial refueling operations conducted within the proposed MOA. Aircraft which may operate in the proposed temporary MOA include: (2) MV-22B, (2) FA-18C/D or (2) F-16C, (4) A-10C, (1) HC-130J, and (2) HH-60G.

6. The proposed Playas temporary MOA is adjacent and connects to the established Tombstone A, B, and C MOA, AZ. Tombstone MOA complex scheduling unit USAF 355 OSS/OSOS concurs with our intended exercise period. The area below the proposed MOA is open, desolate, sparsely populated, high desert range land with few settlements. Regardless of published MOA altitude, FAR 91.119 minimum safe altitudes will be observed by all aircraft. Under the no-action alternative, SPMAGTF-CR-CC 20.1 CERTEX flight operations over Playas may be cancelled resulting in a delay and loss of valuable training time for combat aircrews scheduled to deploy to real world combat zones in support of contingency operations. Backup training locations and dates have been reserved within Marine Corps Air Station Yuma managed ranges. Per Chief of Naval Operations guidance, exercise flight operations should be contained within special use airspace or stationary altitude reservation. Additionally, EOTG I MEF explored the possibility of executing SPMAGTF-CR-CC 20.1 CERTEX operations within existing training facilities onboard established Marine Corps bases and ranges. It has been determined that challenging, realistic amenities offered at Playas do not exist on southwestern US Marine Corps Installations.

8. EOTG will coordinate with the I MEF Communication Strategy and Operations Officer (formally Public Affairs Officer) to develop a prepared press release, if required, that will assist in notifying the local populace of the training exercise and minimize the impact on the communities over which this exercise will take place.

9. The USMC, as an entity of the United States Government, is a self-insuring agency; therefore, all military personnel functioning within the scope of their employment, to include the specific activities mentioned herein, have complete medical coverage and benefits from the United States Government for any injury suffered during the scope of their employment. Additionally, if any service member during the scope of their employment causes either property damage or personal injury to a third party, the United States Government will compensate the injured third party through either the Military Claims Act or the Federal Tort Claims Act. The USMC will be responsible for processing any claims against the government.

10. For any questions pertaining to this matter, please contact Mr. Ed Gilhooley, 760-725-6838 or email, edward.gilhooley.ctr@usmc.mil. Please respond to this request no later than 15 May 2019. Your support and assistance in this exercise will serve a vital role in preparing United States Marines for service overseas.



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21-3-3. PROPOSAL CONTENT

a. Proponent's Transmittal Letter.

1. Attached

b. Area Description.

1. **Title:** PLAYAS MOA, NM (Temporary)

2. **Boundaries:**

Beginning at lat. 32°10'43"N., long. 108°42'48"W.;;
to lat. 32°09'20"N., long. 108°19'29"W.;;
to lat. 31°49'27"N., long. 108°21'03"W.;;
to lat. 31°50'48"N., long. 108°44'28"W.;;
to the point of beginning.

3. **Altitudes:** 300' AGL to but not including FL180

4. **Times of Use:** Intermittent. 5-hour block between 1900Z 26 August 2019 and 0645Z 31 August 2019, by NOTAM at least 4 hours in advance. Specific times will be coordinated between the Controlling Agency and Using Agency (during exercise planning/refinement, NLT 15 June 2019).

5. **Controlling Agency:** FAA, Albuquerque ARTCC.

6. **Using/Scheduling Agency:** U.S. Marine Corps, Commander, Expeditionary Operations Training Group (EOTG), I Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), Camp Pendleton, CA.

c. Airspace Statement of Need and Justification.

1. **Purpose and Need:**

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(b) The Playas Training and Research Center (PTRC) will host day and or night recovery force insertion and extraction training, therefore we are requesting to separate nonhazardous military exercise activities from IFR traffic and identifying to VFR traffic where this short term exercise event shall be conducted.

2. **Alternatives:** EOTG I MEF explored the possibility of executing SPMAGTF- CR-CC 20.1 CERTEX operations within Marine Corps base existing training facilities. It was determined that challenging, realistic amenities offered at Playas did not exist on current Marine Corps frequently utilized range facilities.
3. **No Action Alternative:** Under the no action alternative, SPMAGTF-CR-CC 20.1 CERTEX flight operations over Playas may be cancelled resulting in a delay and loss of a valuable training resource for combat air crews expecting to deploy to real world combat zones in support of contingency operations.
4. **Proposed Action:** The Playas temporary MOA is a 20 NM X 20 NM box encompassing the Playas airport which will be closed to non-participating aircraft by airport management during exercise operations.
5. **Joint Use Policy:** The temporary airspace is available for joint-use.

d. **Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace.** None to be requested with this proposal.

e. **Activities.**

1. **Number and Type aircraft that will use the area:** Aircraft which may operate in the proposed temporary MOA include (2) MV-22B, (2) F/A-18 C/D or (2) F-16C, (4) A-10C, (1) HC-130J, and (2) HH-60G.
2. **Specific activities and maximum altitudes required for each type activity:** Proposed aerial activities will consist of non-hazardous flight operations to include tactical combat maneuvering (basic fighter maneuvers, simulated air-to-ground ordnance delivery, and tactical assault profiles) by fighter and transport category tilt rotary wing aircraft involving abrupt, unpredictable changes in altitude, attitude, and direction of flight. Non- standard formation flights are possible. There will be no use of chaff/flares, surface-to-surface or surface-to-air

weapons firing, or aerial refueling operations conducted within the proposed MOA.

3. Supersonic Flight: None.

f. Environmental Land Use information.

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2. Reasonable and timely aerial access below 1,200' AGL to private and public land below the proposed temporary Playas MOA by general aviation aircraft will not be restricted.

g. Communications and Radar.

1. Participating aircraft will monitor a requested dedicated discrete exercise frequency. Exercise UHF (primary) and VHF (backup) frequency will be forwarded when published.
2. Additionally, participants will monitor guard frequencies and the Playas Airport Common Traffic Advisory Frequency. Radar service will not be available.
3. Military ATC and Range Control services will not be available.

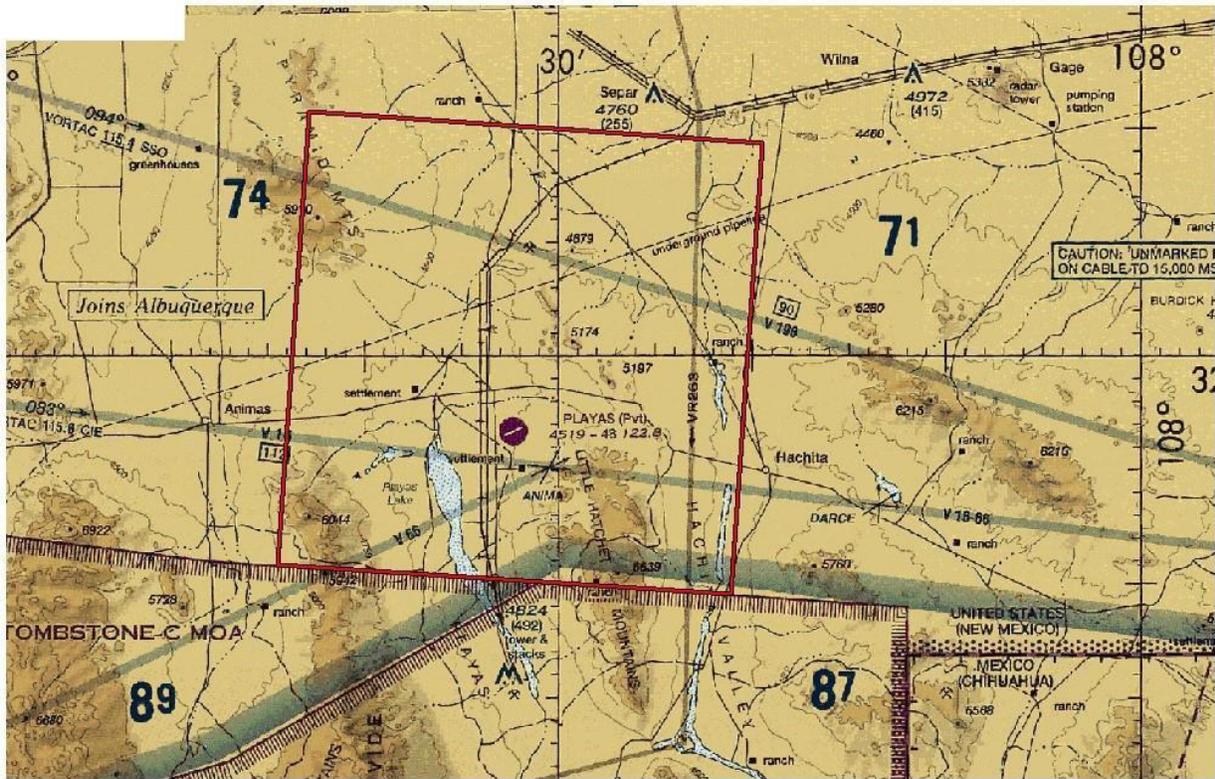
h. Safety Considerations.

1. Activity will be contained within the MOA using geographic references, inertial navigation, global positioning systems and TACAN radial/DME references.
2. Malfunctions will be handled in accordance with aircraft technical orders, Service Directives, and FARs.
3. Ordnance Trajectory Envelope. Not Applicable.
4. The area below the proposed MOA is open, desolate, sparsely populated, high desert range land with few settlements. Regardless of published MOA altitude, FAR 91.119 minimum safe altitudes will be observed by all aircraft. The Playas airport has been coordinated to be closed to non-participating aircraft by airport management during exercise operations.

i. Coordination Summary.

NAVREP, LtCol Kevin Lipski, FAA Western Service Area
FAA Air Traffic Representative, Mr. Rich Storaci, Western Service Center
MCIWEST Regional Airspace Coordinator, Maj Julio Gonzalez
Albuquerque ARTCC, Mr. Chris Abeyta, Airspace & Procedures
Playas Training & Research Center, New Mexico Tech
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Mr. Josh Carrillo
355th Fighter Wing, U.S. Air Force, Gary Pressley
355S/OSOS, Capt Bitton

j. Graphic Depiction of the proposed airspace.



k. **Environmental Documents.** Documents will be submitted via separate correspondence.

l. Graphic notice information

SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE DESCRIPTION:

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Times of designation	Intermittent by NOTAM at least 4 hours in advance.
Controlling Agency	FAA, Albuquerque ARTCC
Using Agency	U.S. Marine Corps, Commander, Expeditionary Operations Training Group (EOTG), I Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), Camp Pendleton, CA
Scheduling Agency	U.S. Air Force, 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ

m. **Other:** EOTG will coordinate with the I MEF Public Affairs Office (PAO) to develop a prepared press release that will assist in notifying the local populace of the training exercise and minimize the impact on the communities in which this exercise will take place.



Playas Temp MOA

