



Siting and Military Capabilities: DoD's Energy Siting Clearinghouse



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America's Military Missions

We train...



test...



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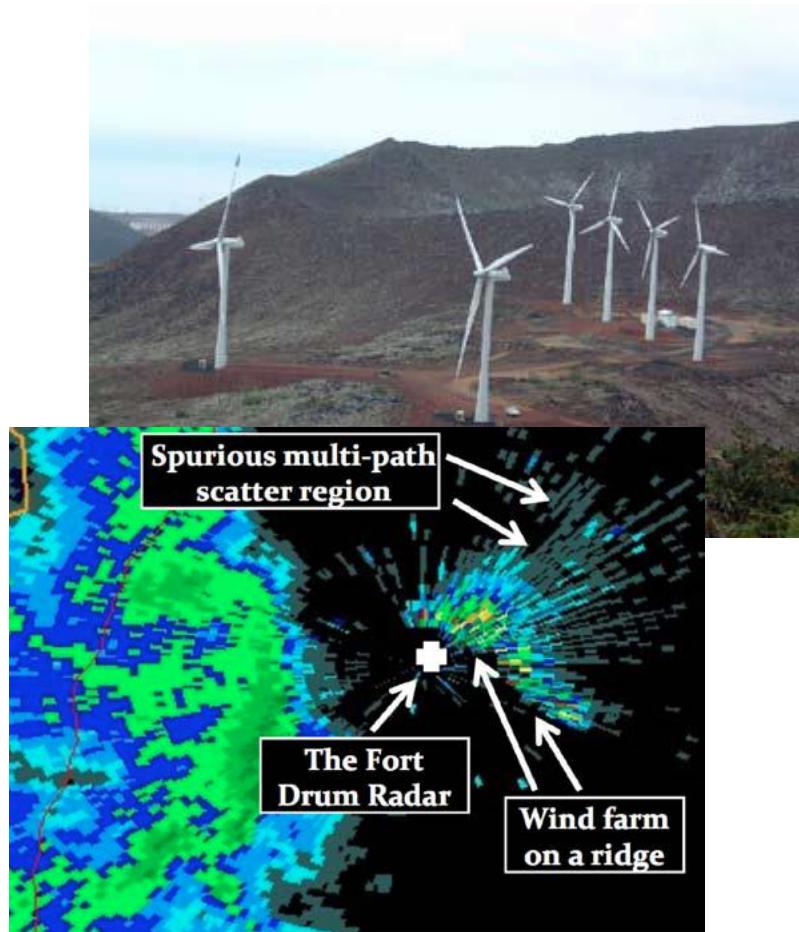
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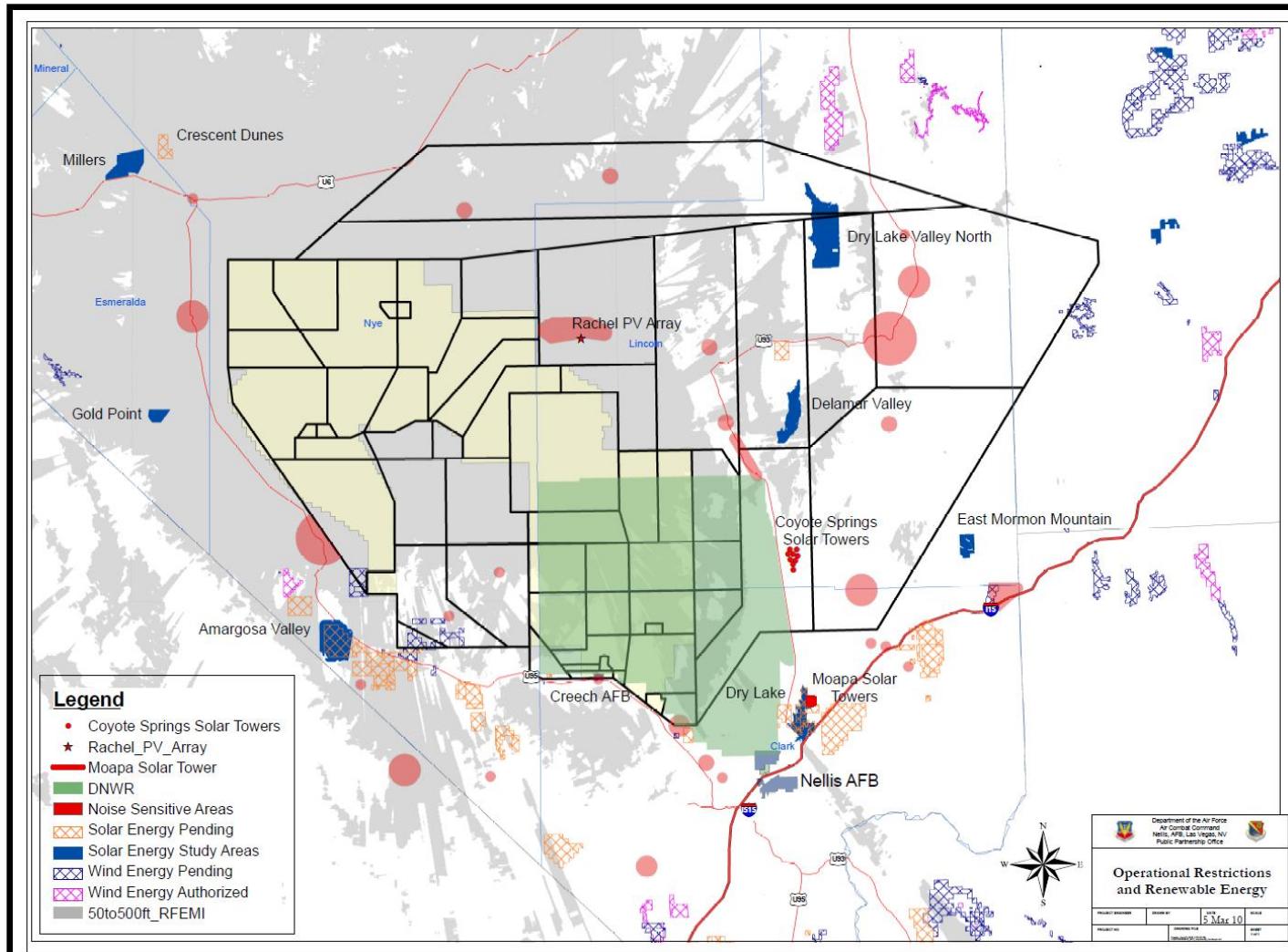
The Renewable Conundrum

- Unintended Consequences
 - Rapid development of renewable technologies
 - Rapidly changing military technology research & development
- Existing Policy and Processes
 - Not up to date with changing technologies
 - Land use decision-making authorities fragmented across all levels of government



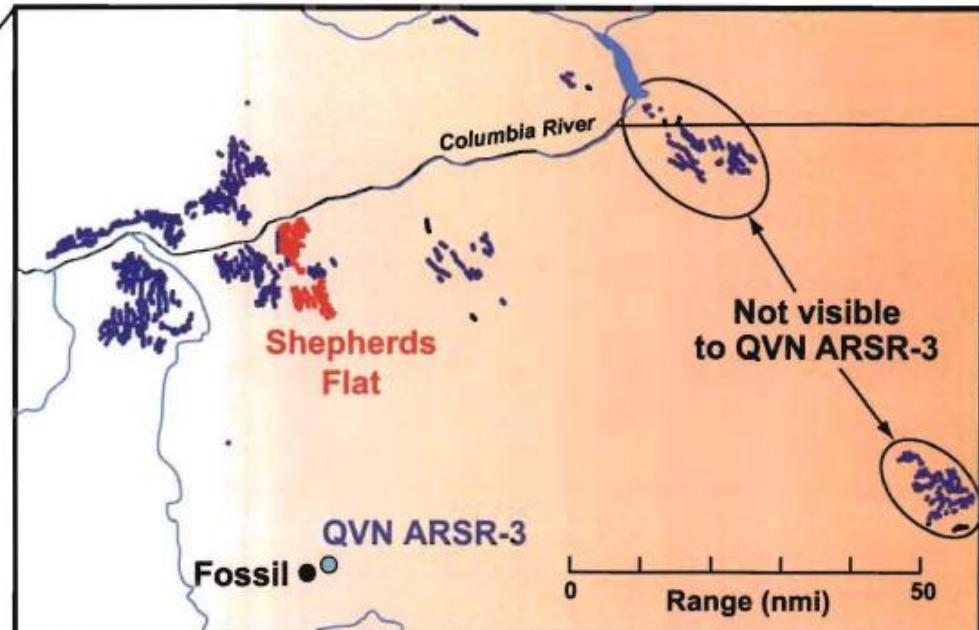
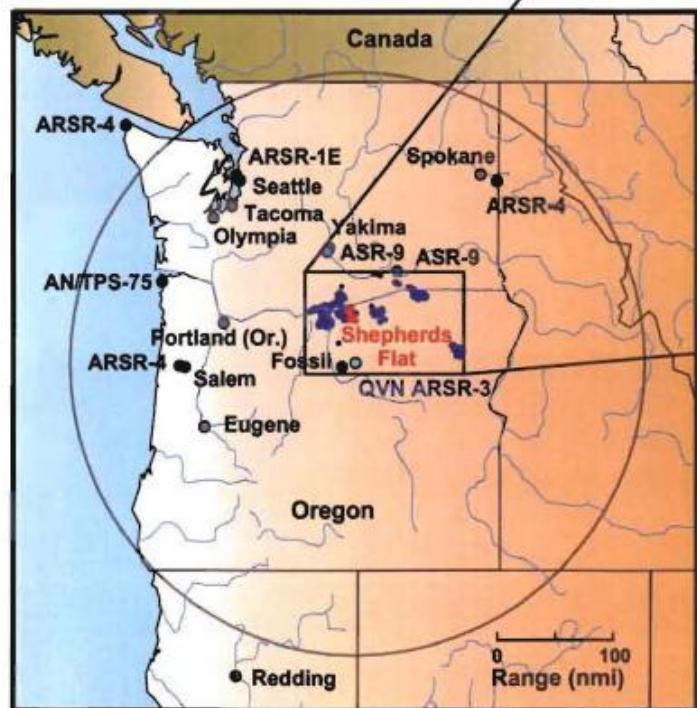


Crescent Dunes to Coyote Springs: Congressional Push for Action





Shepherd's Flat – We Were Unprepared



- Existing wind turbines
 - 1801 visible
- Proposed wind turbines
 - All 349 visible



The Renewable Conundrum

- DoD's Response Inadequate
 - Case-by-case basis, steep learning curve, slow responses to requests for review
 - Uneven coordination among installations /Services
 - No single voice
- RESULT: Confusion, Delay, and Frustration for All Stakeholders – and extensive Congressional interest





The 2011 NDAA

- National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
- Section 358 “Study Of Effects Of New Construction Of Obstructions On Military Installations And Operations”
- Designation Of Senior Official And Lead Organization
- **Focuses on Obstructions per the OE/AAA Process**





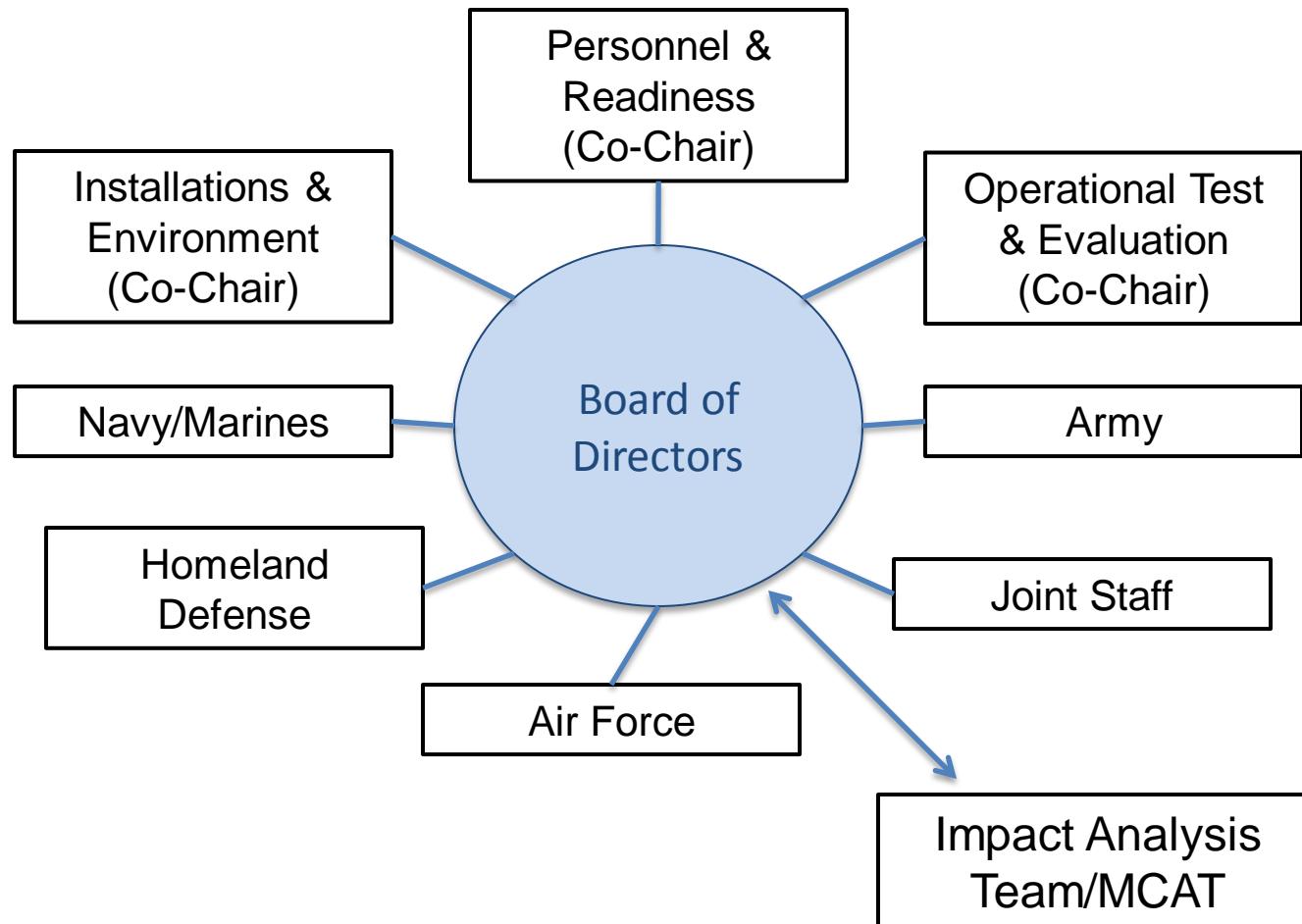
Key Elements of Section 358



- 180-day Preliminary Actions
- 270-day Comprehensive Strategy
- Hazard Assessment
 - Determination of unacceptable risk may only be delegated to:
 - The Deputy Secretary of Defense
 - The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics
 - The Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics
- Report to Congress
- Authority to accept funds for mitigation



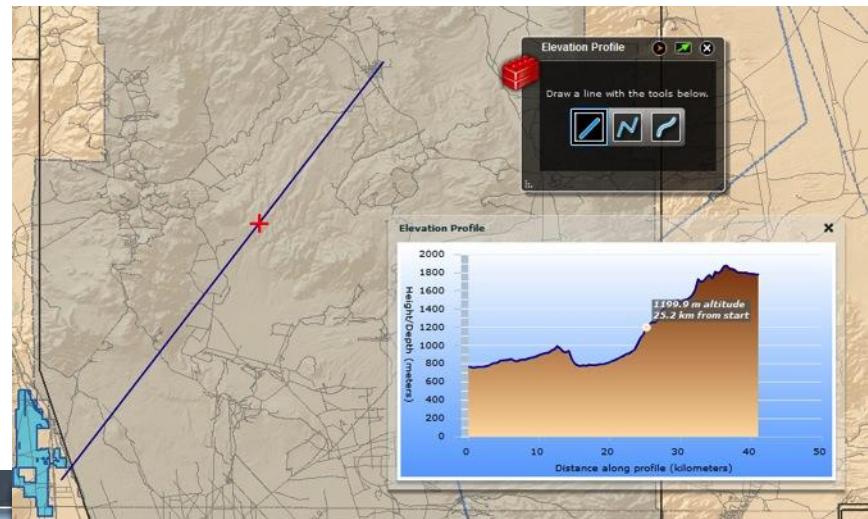
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- Organization and Tools
 - Regional Mission Compatibility Review Teams
 - Mission Compatibility Awareness Tool (MCAT)
 - Operational Impact Assessment Tools





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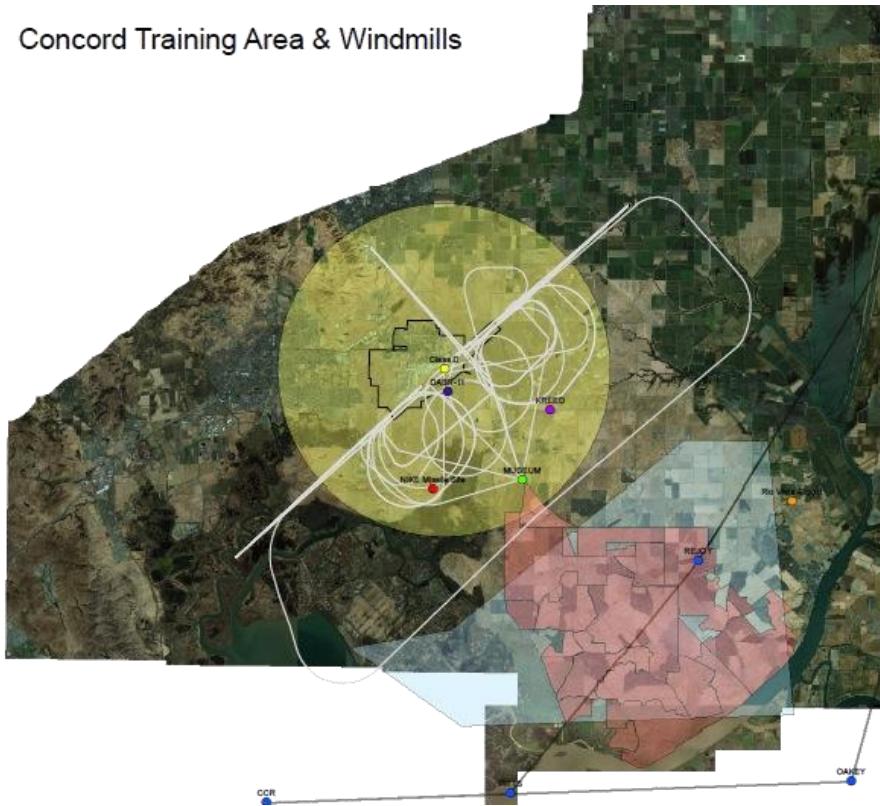
- Concept of Operations
 - Outreach and **Early Consultation**
 - What the Clearinghouse Needs to Know
- Concept of Operations
 - Matrix of Data and Communications
 - Parallel Multi-Service Review
 - **NOT a replacement for OE/AAA, NTIA, or NEPA**
 - **Applies to ALL renewables, not just wind**
 - **Applies on AND off our bases**





One Way Ahead

Concord Training Area & Windmills



- **Travis AFB CRADA**
 - Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA)
 - Multiple Partners including Air Force, utility provider, wind developer, and consultants, plus multiple supporting organizations
 - Jointly funded studies of impacts and explored mitigations
 - Resulted in “re-tuning” of radar to mitigate coverage impacts



DoD Energy Siting Clearinghouse

- A Single DoD Voice
 - Timely, repeatable, and predictable process that promotes compatibility between energy independence and military capabilities: two key facets of national security
 - Most projects will be reviewed and cleared by Services in 30 – 45 days
 - Only projects with significant impacts or that need multi-Service coordination will receive full Clearinghouse attention



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