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Dear Ms. Rosenberg

On behalf of Nellis Air Force Base (AFB), I would like to express my appreciation for including Nellis AFB as a stakeholder in the evaluations for the "Las Vegas Metropolitan Section" of the Interstate 11 potential alignments. The considerable efforts that the Nevada Department of Transportation has expended thus far to ensure all stakeholders have a voice in the planning process are commendable. I am deeply grateful that Nevada Department of Transportation addressed our concerns regarding Air Force mission impacts that would result from implementation of Alternative BB or Alternative QQ by eliminating those potential routes from further consideration.

It is essential that any development near Nellis AFB and the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) is compatible with the USAF mission. As the attached map illustrates, US 93 travels under NTTR Military Operations Area (MOA) airspace from just north of the I-15 exit to Bristol Pass, about 15 miles north of Pioche. SR 318 travels under MOA airspace from Crystal Springs to a point about three miles north of Fox Mountain. SR 375 travels under MOA airspace from Crystal Springs to Tonopah. US 95 is adjacent to restricted NTTR airspace. Incompatible development that might be enabled or fostered by an interstate highway could have serious impacts to the USAF test and training mission and thus to national security.

Nellis AFB looks forward to continuing as a partner in the Interstate 11 evaluations. I believe your efforts will result in selection of a route that will prove advantageous to all concerned.

Sincerely

BARRY R. CORNISH Colonel, USAF

Attachment:

Map of NTTR Airspace over Potential Interstate 11 Routes

