



Quietskies

Over San Juan County

Update: November, 2017

You have probably read the latest Navy Whidbey antic: Navy Growler pilot from Whidbey draws male genitals in the sky over Okanogan.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/checkpoint/wp/2017/11/17/a-navy-pilot-drew-a-penis-in-the-sky-its-not-the-first-time-something-like-this-has-been-investigated/>

We need to use this story to emphasize the arrogant Navy impacts in our area. This is an amazing opportunity to let the larger world know that our Navy has placed a "Navy War Training Zone" over our region. We are collateral damage for the Growler Mission.

A side note: In the Navy hierarchy, the actions of the flyers are reflecting the attitudes of the leadership. This system needs a reality check. We've felt the arrogance of the Navy first hand and we've felt our Federal legislators REPEATEDLY dismiss our concerns regarding the Navy.

WE COULD NEVER HAVE PAID FOR WORLDWIDE MEDIA COVERAGE LIKE THIS.

ACTION: Take 30 minutes in the next 24 hours and

1. Write a short note to (or call) our legislators, Senators Murray, Cantwell and Representative Larsen.
2. Send the same basic note to the media groups of your choice. Use your own words to say what the Growler Mission is doing to our region and your home. INVITE THEM TO COME EXPERIENCE THE WAR TRAINING ZONE. Short is good.
3. Make a face book posting.

THIS HAS GONE VIRAL - AROUND THE WORLD.

Let's do our part to keep this story going and use it as springboard to the larger story of Navy expansion in our region.

FEEL FREE TO COPY AND PASTE THE **GROWLER BACKGROUND INFORMATION** listed to the right.

Thank you!!! We are making a difference.

GROWLER BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- ✓ Growlers introduced in 2012
- ✓ NW Washington Region was told that the EA-18G Growlers would be quieter than the Prowlers they were replacing. . . so they DID NOT do a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- ✓ San Juan County and the region has been experiencing increasing rumbling, blasting and overflights and has been told to expect a 47% increase when the Navy adds 36 more Growlers to the existing 82.

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- ✓ After the lawsuit in 2013, which asked the Navy to do a first ever EIS on the health and environmental impact of the Growler on the community, the Navy began the long overdue process. The suit also asked that they stop their FCLP practices until the EIS was completed. This has not happened. The lawsuit was filed in early 2013 and is still in process, and the EIS due date is postponed until late 2018.
- ✓ The Navy is now flying the noisiest aircraft in the United States over some of the most sensitive, wild and treasured spaces in the U.S: Olympic National Park, State Parks, Wildlife Refuges, San Juan County, the New San Juan National Monument, the Skagit Valley, the North Cascades, the Salish Sea and thousands and thousands of homes of folks who have sought the peace and quiet of living in rural and remote areas.
- ✓ San Juan County created a jet noise aircraft reporting website which has 8,727 noise reports since May 2014. (sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/)
- ✓ The Navy justifies flying over our region by using out-dated noise measuring software (NOISEMAP) that even the Navy says is "probably" not legally defensible. Updated software is available but not used. San Juan County is listed as an area not impacted by Growler noise.
- ✓ Growlers burn 1,304 gallons of toxic jet fuel per hour and deliver 12.5 metric tonnes of CO2 into the atmosphere each hour.

Quiet Skies Over San Juan County (www.quietskies.info) has been trying to work with the Senators, Murray and Cantwell, Representative Larsen and the Navy for four years. . . requesting mitigation. So far all we have received is a schedule of when to expect the noise. Senators Murray and Cantwell and Representative Larsen have basically ignored this problem. Their view: the Navy can do no wrong.

Quiet Skies is now officially asking that the Growler Mission be moved to a more suitable area. The Navy is not motivated to mitigate or even acknowledge the Growler impacts.

Other locations for the Growler mission exist - but the Navy and our legislators, wants them here in NW Washington. China Lake in California is where other F-18's train but it seems that the California air is too dirty to take more pollution so it's better to train in our region where the air is clean. Growlers burn 1,304 gallons of toxic jet fuel per hour and deliver 12.5 metric tonnes of CO2 into the atmosphere each hour.

NW Washington has become a Navy War Training Zone - This whole region is collateral damage for the Growler Mission, carried out by immature Navy fliers driving 68 million dollar machines through our clean air.

PLEASE KEEP REPORTING GROWLER NOISE ON THE S.J. COUNTY WEBSITE: sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/

Over 8,750 noise reports have been entered since May, 2014.

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