



Quietskies

Over San Juan County

Update: January 8, 2016

GREETINGS:

First, we have received the following comments from personal Growler reports:

January 5, 2016: "The Growlers are definitely back in force. They started at 8:12am today and finally stopped roaring at 8:10pm. We've had several inside measurements of 90dBA - one at 117dBA - on the South end of Lopez. We are aware they are flying all over Lopez Island and possibly beyond."

January 6, 7, and 8, 2016: "The roaring continues each day into the night. Vibrations from Growler jet engine activity at Ault Field vibrate through our home. The roaring is incessant, feeling much like a continuous 4.5 earthquake, or a train rolling by your front door. Multiple Growler overflights send roaring and screaming penetrating into our home."

A FEW THOUGHTS:

1. Please use the San Juan County Noise Map to report excessive jet noise. sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/
WHY?

- It's a way to record our data and show how the Growlers are affecting our lives. Because this data is collected by a government entity (SJC) it can be sent to other government entities (Legislators, State officials, Navy) and WILL carry more weight than our individual complaints.
- The Navy and our legislators cannot tell us that we are not affected.
- San Juan County is sending the data monthly to our legislators and the Navy.
- You can make the map and reports more useful if...

...the Comment Section indicates cloud cover and wind direction if possible.

...the Comment section notes if the noise is from an overflight, or from engine run-ups or flight take-offs from Ault Field, which are typically unseen, but heard and felt. (Please note: San Juan County does not hear the noise of jet engines taking off or landing at Outlying Field Coupeville. Our jet engine noise comes from Ault Field.)

...actual noise measurements are stated. (More on that below.)

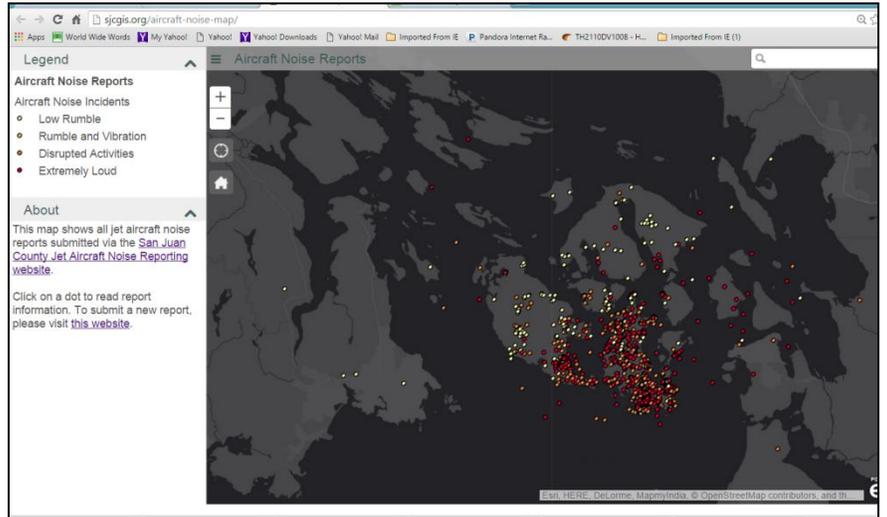
... you use the Comment Section to send messages to Legislators AND THE NAVY. They are receiving the data monthly from the county.

Folks in other counties affected by growler jet noise wish they had a reporting map like ours. Please use it! sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/ If you are unsure how to use it, tips can be found at <http://www.quietskies.info/#!access-the-county-report-site/c10zy>

If you would like to see how the reports have been accumulating since 2014, go to:

<http://sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-map/> Enlarge the map by pressing the + (plus) in the upper left hand corner. By holding the mouse down on the map you can move the map to any part of the county. Click on any dot to read what others have written.

IS THIS MAP HELPING US? To date, we have entered 3,891 noise reports since May 8 2014.



These dots represent noise reports around San Juan County.

2. How can you measure the noise level?

- Get a sound measuring application for your cell phone. Here are some ideas:
 - <http://www.healthyhearing.com/report/47805-the-best-phone-apps-to-measure-noise-levels>
 - Sound meters are available on Amazon. We use a WENSN digital sound level meter ws1361 - around \$48.
- If you are measuring sound levels, indicate in the Comments Section of the noise reporting map whether they are inside or outside measurements. Measure using the dBA scale. (What is the dBA scale? Go to <http://www.noisehelp.com/decibel-scale.html>)

We are making an impact. We need to keep pushing hard for mitigation and letting our legislators know that we are not willing to be collateral damage.

3. Please continue your direct communication with our legislators Larsen, Murray and Cantwell. Their contact information is easily found at <http://www.quietskies.info/#!contacts/c136u> Sample letters may be found at <http://www.quietskies.info/#!sample-letters/obt5o>

USE THE MAP AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN. SPREAD THE WORD.

Thanks to all for working to reclaim our Quiet Skies.

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