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Over San Juan County

Update: July 19, 2017

Greetings:

We've had relatively "light" Growler noise since April . . . ONLY 408 REPORTS from April - July 18.

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE COMPLACENT: The Navy is projecting, in the current Environmental Impact statement (EIS), a 47 percent increase in Growler noise when 36 more Growlers are added to the current 82 now based at Ault Field on Whidbey Island.

COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE FINAL EIS (FEIS): When the FEIS is released (probably this fall), we will all have an opportunity to comment on the Navy's changes or - lack of changes to the Draft EIS.

- **RIGHT NOW - ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS EACH OF US CAN DO** is to continue to report Growler noise - being specific about the time(s) it occurs, the date, and the kind of noise. Use the comment section to say how the noise is affecting your life. Brief Comments to legislators can also be included because they receive the Noise profiles monthly.

Check out the latest San Juan County Noise Profile published recently to see the comments and reports that are being compiled. It is available at <https://www.quietskies.info/county-website-data-summaries>

Quiet Skies website: www.quietskies.info

REPORT JET NOISE AT: sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/

HAVING PROBLEMS USING THE SAN JUAN COUNTY JET NOISE REPORTING SITE? The Lopez Library, and probably libraries on San Juan and Orcas, are willing to help us use the county site and enter reports on our computers or whatever device you are using. Helpful tips can be found at: <https://www.quietskies.info/access-the-county-report-site>

THE SAN JUAN COUNTY GROWLER NOISE DATA, we are all reporting, IS SIGNIFICANT. We're the only county in the region that has created this data collection site. It clearly shows that the Navy's conclusion that San Juan County does not receive significant Growler noise is false. Also, it's possible that our data will be used in a future lawsuit.

SO PLEASE KEEP THE JET NOISE REPORTS COMING! 7,748 GROWLER noise reports have been entered since May 2014.

Peace and quiet is a treasured quality in the San Juan Islands. Our way of life, our economy and our property values are intertwined with our peaceful environment. 47 Percent more noise will move us a giant step closer to becoming a Navy War Training Zone.

Thanks to each of you. We ARE making a difference.

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