

**Response from Sen. Bingaman**

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Dear Mr Plummer:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the proposed Low Altitude Tactical Navigation (LATN) area for northern New Mexico. I appreciate your taking the time to write and share your concerns.

At the urging of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation, the Air Force has agreed to extend the public comment period until November 15. In my view - and in the view of many Northern New Mexicans - the Air Force should not be conducting low altitude training flights near populated areas, or over areas of special cultural significance. I've communicated my position to the Air Force, and I am pleased that this extended deadline will give New Mexicans more time to speak their minds and be heard.

I would also urge you to contact Cannon Air Force Base at: <http://www.cannon.af.mil/>, or (575) 784-4131 for more information regarding this proposal, scheduled public hearings, and to access Cannon's comment form. While the mission at Cannon Air Force Base is important for our national security, any proposed LATN must be balanced with the needs of New Mexico communities. Please be assured that I will keep your concerns in mind as I continue to monitor this important situation.

Again, thank you for writing. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any other matter of importance to you and your community.
Sincerely,

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