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Dear friends,

Happy anniversary! Let's enjoy this lovely autumn season grateful that by working together, we have kept Cannon afb from turning northern New Mexico and much of Colorado into a low altitude flight training zone.

One year ago today, Cannon afb held a meeting in Taos, New Mexico, part of their dog-and-pony show to tell the public they were taking the skies of the Southern Rockies and short grass prairie for low altitude training. Hundreds of our neighbors showed up to make sure the air force knows that we, the people, will not allow this project to move forward. We know that they have plenty of airspace already.

Night after night, as Cannon held 15 more meetings across New Mexico and Colorado, they heard loudly and clearly that this special place will be protected and defended. A record-setting 855 participants showed up at these meetings and 1898 people submitted written comments.

As a result of your work, Cannon withdrew their Environmental Assessment, and their FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact). The air force is now reconsidering their options. In the meantime, Cannon has stated that they found "excess capacity from other bases" for training. You can read their latest media release [here](#).

Thank you again for your help, work, and support!
Our work is not over, but it is important to take time to celebrate this milestone.

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