



Elmore County Planning & Zoning Commission

520 East 2nd South Street
Mountain Home, ID 83647
(208) 587-2142 ext.254
Fax (208) 587-2120

Patti Osborn
Chairperson

K.C. Duerig
Commissioner

Rusty Trail
Commissioner

Sue Fish
Commissioner

Alan Sobtzak
Commissioner

Debbie Lord
Commissioner

Betty Van Gheluwe
Commissioner

February 17, 2010

Distinguished Elected Officials:


The purpose of this letter is to express support of the Mountain Home Air Force Base as a viable home for the F-35 aircraft. Elmore County has long supported the mission of the Mountain Home Air Force Base. The Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission has added language to the Elmore County Comprehensive Plan and Elmore County Zoning and Development Ordinance to ensure the viability and success of the Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Elmore County has created two specific zoning districts for the Mountain Home Air Force Base. The Air Base Hazard Zone is for the land surrounding the Mountain Home Air Force Base. The purpose of this zone is to prevent encroachment and conflict with the Air Base operations. The Air Base Commercial Zone is provided along the highway entrance to the Mountain Home Air Force Base to provide for commercial uses that do not conflict with the Air Base operations.

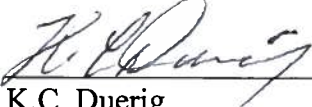
Significant land use restrictions apply in the Air Base Hazard and Air Base Commercial Zones. The Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission also has the added responsibility of ensuring that all land use changes within Elmore County do not interfere with the mission or operations of the Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Elmore County has planned for the continued operations and expansion of the Mountain Home Air Force Base. The F-35 is a perfect fit for the Mountain Home Air Force Base with close proximity to training ranges, expansion capabilities, local support and a future vision of Base operations. The Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission fully supports the F-35 program. Please consider the Mountain Home Air Force Base as the right home for the F-35.

Sincerely,
Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission Members


Patti Osborn


Alan Sobtzak


K.C. Duerig


Rusty Trail

Debbie Lord

Sue Fish
Sue Fish

Betty Van Gheluwe
Betty Van Gheluwe