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Comments:

I am requesting a 45-day extension period for the comments on this decision. As you must be aware, the Navy has recently released its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for 36 more EA-18G Growlers flying out of the Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island. The purpose of these additional Growlers is to engage in electronic warfare practice, which the mobile emitters provide. The comment periods for both the Navy's DEIS and the Forest Service's approval of said permit request coincide. Additionally, considering the fact that this is the holiday season and many citizens are out-of-town and/or extremely busy, I respectfully request a comment period extension of an additional 45 days.