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Please accept my comments although I have not commented previously. I have just become aware of the proposal and its possible impacts. I'm 85, have vision problems that restrict night driving, am not on line, and do not subscribe to the Peninsula Daily News. I suspect most of the residents on the north Olympic Peninsula and future visitors are as much in the dark as to probable impacts as I am.

My location in the Dungeness area north of Sequim puts me pretty much in line with Navy Growler jet flights from Whidbey Island to the proposed mobile electronic emitters and their return.

To my knowledge, the Navy has not made a full disclosure of the noise impacts of intended jet overflights on people and wildlife on the ground. Issuance of the permit by the Forest Service to locate the mobile electronic emitters as proposed will trigger the Naval overflights and resulting noise impacts.

I therefore feel the Forest Service should, indeed must, delay its decision to issue the permit until the Navy has made a full disclosure of noise and other impacts, in a full-blown environmental impact statement, and these impacts have been given wide publicity by all appropriate media.

These Growler jets are loud. I have read the Navy will have over a hundred based on Whidbey Island. We need to know flight paths and altitudes, number of overflights per day, decibel ratings at ground level, and all other information required by NEPA. It is hard for me to believe these impacts will be insignificant. It is my fear they could make living here very unpleasant for those of us who moved here for the peace and quiet.

In addition to my personal feelings, my background gives me a wider perspective on

potential impacts of jet noise on public use and enjoyment of the natural resources of the Olympic Peninsula.

I have a Master of Science degree in forestry and have worked five years for the Forest Service at the professional level, as a range analyst and a GS-12 in range research. Plus two summers, as a fire lookout and smokejumper. For years I've had a sense of loyalty to the Forest Service.

The bulk of my work life was conducting natural resource related studies, for example: "River Recreation in Washington", (National Park Service), "The Oregon Trail", (Bureau of Outdoor Recreation), "Seeding Rangeland With Pellets", (Forest Service), and the recreation portion of the EIS for the Prudhoe Bay Pipeline (Bureau of Land Management).

I am not anti-military. My three and a half years active duty as an army EOD officer has given me an appreciation for the need for military preparedness. However, the Navy has other viable options for its training that would not cause major adverse impacts here on the north Olympic Peninsula.

Thank you for considering my comments.