

RESOLUTION 2010-15
A RESOLUTION OF KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO TO THE SECRETARY OF
THE AIR FORCE, AND TO THE CONGREGATIONAL DELEGATION
REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
STATES

WHEREAS, the U.S. Air Force has had a presence in Idaho for more than 56 years, with numerous facilities, including Mountain Home Air Force Base and Boise's Gowen Field; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Air Force approved Joint Strike Fighter basing criteria for both training and for operational bases for the new F-35 mission; and,

WHEREAS, Mountain Home Air Force Base was selected as a finalist as an operational base and Boise's Gowen Field was selected as a finalist as a training base; and,

WHEREAS, Southern Idaho's climate is well-suited to these missions, with more than 321 flyable days per year, a key selection criteria; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho's facilities provide ample and unhindered training airspace, located within Elmore County, which is close to installations and which enables more training time and less fuel consumed; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho's facilities are unencumbered by the encroachment of civilian land use, which lowers the environmental impact on surrounding communities; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho facilities have the capacity to support at least three squadrons each, including runway space, ramp space, personnel housing, and maintenance and hangar bays necessary to accommodate these new missions; and,

WHEREAS, Kootenai County, Idaho is a community of patriotic citizens who support our military, and would welcome the new F-35 mission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kootenai County Commissioners, that we urge the U.S. Air Force to select Idaho for its F-35 missions.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2010.

KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Elmer R. Currie, Chairman

Richard A. Piazza, Commissioner

W. Todd Tondee, Commissioner

ATTEST:
DANIEL J. ENGLISH, CLERK

By: _____