

It is important in discussing the F-35s that you know the facts.

First, off Mountain Home AFB is not being considered or any other air force base for that matter. The five bases that are being considered are all National Guard bases; however, some of the guard bases that are being considered are located on Air Force bases. The other four finalists are Dannelly Field (6M from), Montgomery, Alabama; Jacksonville Air National Guard Base (21min. away or 15M from) Jacksonville, Florida; Selfridge Air National Guard Base , (36 min. away or 29M from) Detroit, Michigan and Truax Dane County (5 M from city center) Madison, WI. The selection decision was made on December 7, 2016, by the Air Force. On January 3, 2017, GOWEN STRONG was organized with Rebecca Hupp (the airport director), Bill Conners (Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce) and Bill Shawver (an IPCO employee) with their goal to solicit public support for the base and the F-35s. It was dissolved on May 17, 2017, however the website still operates.

Otter organized a commission: Idaho Military Advocacy Commission (IMAC) on February 25, 2015, with a state legislature and representative, our four elected officials, the mayor, the Gowen Strong organizers, guard members, retired military personnel and other public members on the commission to assist with the solicitation of the F-35s. On one of the last days of the State of Idaho legislature, February 28, 2017, \$100,000 (HB 124) was appropriated to the Idaho Commerce Department for the support education, promotion, and outreach efforts to recruit the F-35 mission to Gowen Field. House joint memorial Bill No. 9 signed and approved on March 28, 2017, with legislative support of the F-35 mission.

Now you know more than most people and can correct and redirect the discussion as everyone keeps saying the F-35s should be at Mountain Home AFB but that is not an option....Mountain Home AFB was in the top five in the last selection when Burlington, Vermont was selected and maybe that is why the state and the city are so organized this time? Burlington, Vermont's National Guard location is within the city-- www.stopthef35.com to see what is happening to their community. If we are selected as one of the top two it will be too late to have our voices heard please inform your contacts on what might happen to the Treasure Valley.

Two more things:

Noise Decibels: The World Health Organization recommends a max limit of 35-decibel background noise levels in classrooms in order to maintain speech intelligibility. At 118-124-decibels, the F-35 is over three times louder than the recommendation.

Environmental Impact Study: EIS will be conducted if we are selected.

<http://boiseguardian.com/> Website has information on the F-35s

www.citizensforalivableboise.org/ Grassroots effort to inform community about F-35s

<http://www.gowenstrong.com/> Information from the newsletter is produced by the city, in collaboration with the state.
Please Note: If you sign up for their newsletter that will be counted as a yes vote by the air force in favor of having the F-35 mission in the Treasure Valley