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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON, DC

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

23 October 2019

SAF/AAII (FOIA)  
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Washington DC 20330-1000

Mr. John Greenewald  
john@greenewald.com

Dear Mr. Greenewald,

This letter is our final response to your 5 September 2019 Freedom of Information Act request for the following: “I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of the following: “1. All emails sent to, from, bcc or cc’d Air Force Spokesperson Laura McAndrews that contain the following phrase: “AREA 51”.

The Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs office (SAF/PA) provided, the attached documents (12 pages/emails), which are responsive to your request. However, certain information is being withheld, under Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (b)(6). Exemption (b)(6) applies to the withholding of information that could reasonably be expected to constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Should you decide to appeal this response, you must write to the Secretary of the Air Force, Thru: SAF/AAII (FOIA), 1000 Air Force Pentagon, Washington DC 20330-1000, within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Include in the appeal, your reasons for reconsideration, and attach a copy of this letter.

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Air Force FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Ms. Anh Trinh, concerning this matter at AF FOIA Public Liaison Office (SAF/CN), 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1800, [usaf.pentagon.saf-cn.mbx.af-foia@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.pentagon.saf-cn.mbx.af-foia@mail.mil) or (703) 614-8500.

Please contact Ms. Monique Harris at (703) 692-9978 or via email at [usaf.pentagon.saf-aa.mbx.haf-foia-workflow@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.pentagon.saf-aa.mbx.haf-foia-workflow@mail.mil) should you have any questions and refer to case #2019-05065-F. Department of Defense Regulation 5400.7/Air Force Manual 33-302 indicates fees be assessed for processing this request; however, there are no applicable fees in this instance.

Sincerely,

MONIQUE N. HARRIS  
Government Information Specialist

**From:** [Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA \(US\)](#)  
**To:** "[Pawlyk, Oriana](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Military.com media query - Area 51  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2019 12:22:08 PM

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Oriana –

My apologies the correct name of the range is the “Nevada Test and Training Range.”

~Laura

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**From:** Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 12:02 PM  
**To:** 'Pawlyk, Oriana' <[Oriana.Pawlyk@Monster.com](mailto:Oriana.Pawlyk@Monster.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Military.com media query - Area 51

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**From:** Pawlyk, Oriana <[Oriana.Pawlyk@Monster.com](mailto:Oriana.Pawlyk@Monster.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 10:56 AM  
**To:** Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US) <[laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil](mailto:laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil)>  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Military.com media query - Area 51

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Since Nellis hasn't gotten back to me, and since I saw your name on Fox News just now, thought I'd ask you...

Let me know, thanks

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**From:** Pawlyk, Oriana  
**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2019 11:33 AM  
**To:** [99ABW.PACurrent@us.af.mil](mailto:99ABW.PACurrent@us.af.mil)  
**Cc:** [ACCPA.operations@us.af.mil](mailto:ACCPA.operations@us.af.mil); Yepsen, Erika A CIV USAF SAF-PA (US)  
**Subject:** Military.com media query - Area 51

Good morning members of Nellis/ACC:

Oriana Pawlyk here with Military.com. I can't believe I'm asking this, but here we go.

On Sept. 20, roughly 300K people plan to storm Area 51. Is Nellis/the Air Force prepared to offset whatever may happen? Will lethal force be used as the signs outside the base suggest?

Please advise. All the best,

Oriana Pawlyk  
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**To:** ["Fortin, Jacey"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] NYTimes question  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2019 12:20:30 PM

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Jacey –

My apologies the correct name of the range is the “Nevada Test and Training Range.”

~Laura

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**From:** Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 12:13 PM  
**To:** 'Fortin, Jacey' <jacey.fortin@nytimes.com>  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] NYTimes question

Hi Jacey –

Please see below for our statement:

The United States Air Force is aware of the Facebook post. The Nellis Test and Training Range is an area where the Air Force tests and trains combat aircraft. As a matter of practice, we do not discuss specific security measures, but any attempt to illegally access military installations or military training areas is dangerous.

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**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 9:16 AM  
**To:** Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US) <[laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil](mailto:laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil)>  
**Cc:** Singleton, Malinda Maj USAF SAF-PA (USA) <[malinda.singleton.mil@mail.mil](mailto:malinda.singleton.mil@mail.mil)>  
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Got it, thank you!

Do you have any comment for the people who signed up for this FB group event, or who want to

visit the site? While the FB post itself is a joke, I did find anecdotal evidence of more people booking trips to the area on Sept. 20, the day of the event.

On Mon, Jul 15, 2019 at 9:02 AM Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US) <[laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil](mailto:laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil) < Caution-mailto:laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil > > wrote:

Jacey –

What I was explaining to the Washington Post on the phone Friday is that the Nellis Test and Training Range, where Groom Lake (commonly known as Area 51) is located, is an area that provides the ability for the United States to conduct realistic and advanced training.

More information on the NTTR can be found here: Caution-  
<https://www.nellis.af.mil/Units/NTTR/> < Caution-<https://www.nellis.af.mil/Units/NTTR/> >

~Laura

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**From:** Fortin, Jacey <[jacey.fortin@nytimes.com](mailto:jacey.fortin@nytimes.com) < Caution-mailto:jacey.fortin@nytimes.com > >  
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Hi Laura,

I'm an NYTimes reporter looking into the satirical Facebook event < Caution-Caution-<https://www.facebook.com/events/448435052621047/permalink/453975985400287/> < Caution-<https://www.facebook.com/events/448435052621047/permalink/453975985400287/> > > about storming Area 51. I saw you released a statement on this < Caution-Caution-<https://www.sltrib.com/news/nation-world/2019/07/13/half-million-people/> < Caution-<https://www.sltrib.com/news/nation-world/2019/07/13/half-million-people/> > > -- could you send that to me?

The statement says that Area 51 is an "open training range for the US Air Force" and I am

wondering if there is anything more specific we can say about what takes place at Area 51 today.

And finally, is Area 51 technically a part of the Nevada National Security site?

Many thanks in advance for your help on a Sunday,

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**To:** ["Rebecca Speare-Cole"](#)  
**Cc:** [Singleton, Malinda Maj USAF SAF-PA \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Press inquiry from Evening Standard in London  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2019 12:50:25 PM

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Rebecca –

It's already out there, you can use them.

~Laura

**From:** Rebecca Speare-Cole <Rebecca.Speare-Cole@standard.co.uk>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 12:36 PM  
**To:** Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US) <laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil>  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] RE: Press inquiry from Evening Standard in London

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Hi Laura,

Thank you so much for that. Could we get these lines below from you as well?  
(quoted by the Independent)

“[Area 51] is an open training range for the US Air Force, and we would discourage anyone from trying to come into the area where we train American armed forces.

“The US Air Force always stands ready to protect America and its assets”.

Thank you,

Rebecca Speare-Cole

Online News Reporter  
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**Sent:** 15 July 2019 17:22  
**To:** Rebecca Speare-Cole <[Rebecca.Speare-Cole@standard.co.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Speare-Cole@standard.co.uk)>  
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Rebecca –

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As soon as possible would be absolutely amazing!

Thank you,

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**Online News Reporter**

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**To:** ["MATTES, REBEKAH C GS-12 USAF ACC 57 WG/PA"; Sukach, Christina J Maj USAF SAF-PA \(USA\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Singleton, Malinda Maj USAF SAF-PA \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Area 51 Security Statement  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2019 10:04:36 AM

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How about something like this?

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**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 7:39 AM  
**To:** 'MATTES, REBEKAH C GS-12 USAF ACC 57 WG/PA' <rebekah.mattes@us.af.mil>; Sukach, Christina J Maj USAF SAF-PA (USA) <christina.sukach@us.af.mil>  
**Cc:** Singleton, Malinda Maj USAF SAF-PA (USA) <malinda.singleton.mil@mail.mil>  
**Subject:** Area 51 Security Statement

Ladies –

Any update on a statement from Nellis on these Area 51 queries?

V/R ~Laura

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**To:** Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US) <[laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil](mailto:laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil)>  
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**Cc:** [Singleton, Malinda Maj USAF SAF-PA \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Vector Check - Area 51  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2019 10:54:42 AM

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**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 10:45 AM  
**To:** Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US) <[laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil](mailto:laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil)>  
**Cc:** Singleton, Malinda Maj USAF SAF-PA (USA) <[malinda.singleton.mil@mail.mil](mailto:malinda.singleton.mil@mail.mil)>  
**Subject:** Re: Vector Check - Area 51

Let's not mention Area 51 in our statement. Also we need to simplify Ntr mission to grandma language. Test and train combat aircraft or something like that. Ann

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**From:** "Mcandrews, Laura M CIV USAF SAF-PA (US)" <[laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil](mailto:laura.m.mcandrews.civ@mail.mil)>  
**Date:** Monday, July 15, 2019 at 9:36:03 AM  
**To:** "Stefanek, Ann M CIV USAF SAF-PA (USA)" <[ann.m.stefanek.civ@mail.mil](mailto:ann.m.stefanek.civ@mail.mil)>  
**Cc:** "Singleton, Malinda Maj USAF SAF-PA (USA)" <[malinda.singleton.mil@mail.mil](mailto:malinda.singleton.mil@mail.mil)>  
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Here's where we're at so far as a proposed statement:

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V/R ~Laura

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**Subject:** Vector Check - Area 51

All –

Please weigh-in on a proposed statement on the Area 51 Facebook event:

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**Cc:** [Singleton, Malinda Maj USAF SAF-PA \(USA\)](#); [Stefanek, Ann M CIV USAF SAF-PA \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: News interview/PA talking page for storm area 51 social media event  
**Date:** Monday, July 22, 2019 10:53:05 AM

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All -

Here is the official statement: "The United States Air Force is aware of the Facebook post. The Nevada Test and Training Range is an area where the Air Force tests and trains combat aircraft. As a matter of practice, we do not discuss specific security measures, but any attempt to illegally access military installations or military training areas is dangerous."

There is no PAG being created for this event, please refer any queries up to SAF/PA, 703-695-0640, recruiters wouldn't have a roll as we're not (I assume) specifically recruiting to defend the Nevada Test and Training Range...nor would anyone make it through the recruiting/training process in time to be involved in the event.

V/R ~Laura

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Subject: RE: News interview/PA talking page for storm area 51 social media event

Hi Chrissy,

I've copied my colleague Laura McAndrews who has been handling all of the Area 51 queries.

Laura - see below.

V/R,

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Sir/Ma'am,

Is there PAG on Area 51 stuff current in the news? Should we be engaging the media? Some of our recruiters are being requested for interview by their local media.

We are also getting emails to our org box and Facebook page. Appreciate any official response.

Thanks!

v/r,

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## AREA 51 EVENT, 2 MILLION PEOPLE, SEPTEMBER 20, OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Myself and other independent UFO research members based in Illinois have delivered an official declaration statement of demands to U.S. Air Force spokeswoman Laura McAndrews for the event at Area 51 on September 20th, which has nearly 2 million planned attendees. The event will be live-streamed for online viewers all over the world at the Area 51 military base; a government facility suspected of secrets involving aliens for decades.

We are dedicated to this event that has gained international attention, and we are determined by any means necessary to meet these demands. The principles of freedom which founded this country shall inform the American public of previously unknown truths.

### **Official Area 51 Declaration**

- 1) We demand the government and Area 51 military base acknowledge the existence of UFO spacecrafts and extraterrestrial aliens.
- 2) We demand that secret classified information about extraterrestrial aliens become available to the public to officially uncover alien conspiracies shrouded in mystery.
- 3) We demand that the government and Area 51 military base improve relations and establish an inhabitable co-existence with the public, extraterrestrial aliens, and the U.S. government.

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Mosh -

We don't have a new statement, here's the previous one:

"The United States Air Force is aware of the Facebook post. The Nevada Test and Training Range is an area where the Air Force tests and trains combat aircraft. As a matter of practice, we do not discuss specific security measures, but any attempt to illegally access military installations or military training areas is dangerous."

Cheers,

~Laura

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Hi there Laura –

The TODAY show has a lot of interest in getting new DoD reaction to this Area 51 Alien Stock Festival. Apparently you guys put out a statement after an Area 51 Raid was announced on FB last month where the general reax was "stay away from Area 51."

Would appreciate any new statement for this.

Thanks,

Mosh

Caution-<https://www.usatoday.com/story/entertainment/music/2019/08/12/area-51-alien-stock-music-festival-nevada-organizer-of-storm-area-51/1985992001/> < Caution-  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/entertainment/music/2019/08/12/area-51-alien-stock-music-festival-nevada-organizer-of-storm-area-51/1985992001/> >

The event started out as a joke. Then the RSVP list grew to 2 million.

Now, the creators of the viral space oddity, "Storm Area 51 – They Can't Stop All of Us," are planning a music festival in Rachel, Nevada, the closest habitation to the Nellis Air Force Range and Area 51.

"The event/movement captivated millions of alien-enthusiasts. After discussing options with industry-leaders in the world of music festivals, Matty [Roberts] decided to move forward with this event," [the website for Alienstock reads](#) < Caution-<https://alienstockfestival.com/> > .

Brock Daily, one of the organizers of the event, told USA TODAY in a message that the purpose of the event was to "embrace the cultural statement made by the viral event.

"People believe in aliens and they obviously want to know what's going on in there [Area 51]," he said in a message. "So I believe this is the safest option to display our unified curiosity."

The festival is set for Sept. 20-22. Attendees should expect a celebration of aliens filled with surprise performances, art installations and camping, according to the website.

Brock, who is an Arkansas college student, said that the late night sets will consist of Electronic Dance Music artists, and that they plan on releasing the lineup in the next two weeks.

While the event claims the town of Rachel is "on board" with the event, the town website clarifies that residents were not asked.

"A dubious group, known for chaotic events like Burning Man and the Las Vegas Electric Music Festival has taken over this event," the website reads. "The residents were not asked and are not on board and will certainly not allow their town to be taken over by a bunch of drunken kids. This has a high potential of getting ugly."

The Little A'le'Inn, one of the few businesses in the town that is home to 58 people, states on its website that it is "BOOKED SOLID FOR ALIEN-STOCK."

"It doesn't stop; our phone won't stop ringing," Connie West, of the Little A'le'Inn, [told the Las Vegas Sun in July](#). < Caution-  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/2018/03/29/area-51-nevada-extraterrestrial-highway/449915002/> >

USA TODAY has reached out to the festival organizers and the inn for comment.

**'See them aliens':** [Are we alone? Nearly 400K people have signed up for Facebook event to 'storm' Area 51](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/07/11/area-51-raid-facebook-event-see-them-aliens/1711343001/) < Caution-<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/07/11/area-51-raid-facebook-event-see-them-aliens/1711343001/> >

**Inside Rachel, Nevada:** [Hunting for Area 51's aliens along Nevada's Extraterrestrial Highway](https://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/2018/03/29/area-51-nevada-extraterrestrial-highway/449915002/) < Caution-<https://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/2018/03/29/area-51-nevada-extraterrestrial-highway/449915002/> >

In July, the "Storm Area 51" event gained massive traction on social media, causing a stir among the public, celebrities and the federal government.

Air Force spokeswoman Laura McAndrews [said in a statement to USA TODAY in July](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/07/16/area-51-air-force-responds-plans-storm-nevada-military-base/1741799001/) < Caution-<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/07/16/area-51-air-force-responds-plans-storm-nevada-military-base/1741799001/> > that military officials were aware of the event that aims to uncover what many people believe are conspiratorial secrets of the military installation in Nevada.

"The Nevada Test and Training Range is an area where the Air Force tests and trains combat aircraft," McAndrews said. "Any attempt to illegally access military installations or military training areas is dangerous."

**'Dangerous':** [Air Force responds to plans to 'storm Area 51' and 'see them aliens'](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/07/16/area-51-air-force-responds-plans-storm-nevada-military-base/1741799001/) < Caution-<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/07/16/area-51-air-force-responds-plans-storm-nevada-military-base/1741799001/> >

In the past, event creators maintained that the event was a joke, intended to establish conversations for alien, UFO and conspiracy-theory memes.

"I just thought it would be funny and get me some thumbsy uppies on the internet," a pinned post on [the event page](https://www.facebook.com/events/448435052621047/permalink/453975985400287/) < Caution-<https://www.facebook.com/events/448435052621047/permalink/453975985400287/> > reads.

But the conception of a festival casts doubt on this statement.

Area 51, part of the larger Nevada Test and Training Range at Nellis Air Force Base, has been the subject of conspiracy theories that say the U.S. military is housing secrets about aliens and UFOs.

The U.S. government denied Area 51's existence for decades before a public records request in 2013 showed it to be real.

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I'll give you a ring once I'm in in the morning. Leah and I caught up on the topic today.

Very Respectfully,  
Bekah

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Excellent.

I've also been tasked with calling ACC and Nellis about this event...so Gen Thomas can brief the Chief.

Tomorrow is pretty open for me.

~Laura

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Leah, All,

No substantive updates since Chris' e-mail last Wednesday. We're working with our civilian partners in the area as well as our National Guard counterparts on a way ahead.

Of note, yesterday the Department of Emergency Management in Nevada declared the event an emergency to free up state funds needed to manage the event which has been communicated very directly in media that the event is now going to consume Nevada taxpayer dollars. Another article of note also popped in one our local outlets about the ongoing legal battle between the Sheahan family and the DOJ; the Sheahan family owned Groom mine until it was eminent domained in 2015. The family claims the interest in the event bolsters their argument that they've lost potential tourist revenue in the mine. Article here: <https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/storm-area-51-how-this-internet-phenomenon-could-bolster-the-case-of-a-nevada-family-fighting-the-government-over-land-adjacent-to-the-secret-base>

Will give you and SAF a ring later on some items that are more easily communicated by phone.

Very Respectfully,  
Bekah

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**Subject:** RE: The Event Formerly Known as Storm Area 51

Hi all,

Just following up to see what you learned from your meeting last week and if there's any updates in planning for Storm Area 51. Not heard anything here at ACC.

Thanks,  
Leah

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No updates from up here. We had heard that hotels were all booked up and there was a general concern for if the area was ready for such an event.

Please let us know what you learn from your Friday meeting.

Also, re-ping us when you post the SERE stuff, that sounds like something we'd like to pull up.

V/R ~Laura

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Ladies,

While Alienstock seems to be walking itself back from the original message, we're meeting on Friday to discuss the event regardless. I have the statement we worked for the original response, but I'm just checking to see if you've received any updated info from your levels we should consider during the meeting. If not, we'll draft up something that encourages people attending to have fun responsibly and reinforce that it's illegal to access military installations.

Separately, we're working a story for our website about SERE training that's conducted in the area near Rachel because of its austere location, environmental challenges and lack of cell service. We're currently planning to post ~the first week of Sept.

Thanks!

--Chris

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This message was sent from the U.S. Air Force website.

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Response requested: Yes

Message:

Dear Air Force,  
I doubt this will get read and I have no idea if this is the right recipient (there were so many and I don't know what this falls under), but I have an idea for this "Storm Area 51" debacle.

People love fun runs. So maybe, this whole "Storm Area 51" thing could be channeled into something productive and charitable. Maybe a fun run could be hosted near the base with fun alien prizes at the end and entry fees could be donated to charity. It leans into the quirky conspiracy theories in a fun and safe way. Plus, while the Air Force is already super cool, it is a great opportunity to promote all the work the Air Force does for this country.

I had a little wine and thought this was a great idea, but I am so sorry if I wasted someone's time.

Cheers and thanks for everything,  
Megan Wooley

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Ms. Mcandrews / ALCON,

Ma'am I fully understand that you must be exceptionally busy during this time; hence my reasoning for reaching out to you.

As an IRC professional of over ten years, I would be remiss to not recommend a possible COA to be included in the MDMP process in regards to the "Storm Area 51" issue. I need to be clear that I am speaking for myself as a MISO soldier and IO planner, and not specifically for any Cmd.

Regarding the massively trending and resonating discussion surrounding this hoax, which has turned into a viral "Streisand effect", it is clear that the Air Force is taking this seriously. If even a small fraction of the individuals show up to attend said event, escalations could occur, resulting in anywhere from small bands of campers to a possible massing of a large force. This could result in any number of secondary effects, from aggregated aggression of security forces, to an unfortunate individual stumbling on an UXO.

I'm sure you are already aware of the risks associated with these situations,

as well as the second and third order effects which could impact on an international level. Allow to me to urge an alternative possibility. I would like to recommend hosting an air show as a COA. It's likely that this idea has already circulated. The main argument against this is to not reward negative behavior and online belligerence; however, it could be assessed that the optics level on this issue supersedes this concern. Hosting an event would allow the security forces to canalize individuals into safe areas and allow PAO to provide appropriate messaging. Further, any physical policing actions exercised for not following the parameters of the event would then be justified and deemed reasonable for the safety of all. If this email is deemed redundant or ridiculous please disregard, otherwise I stand ready to assist if possible or applicable for the service and safety of the American people.

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