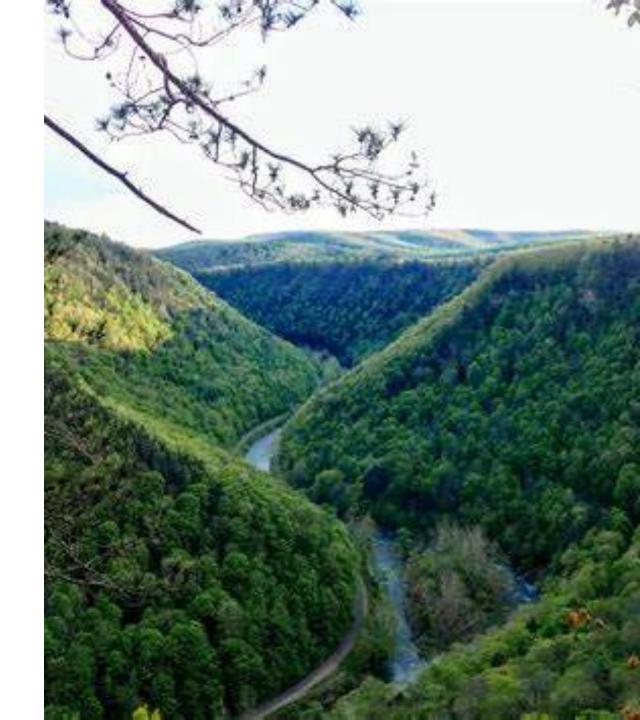
# PROPOSED DUKE LOW MOA IN THE PA WILDS

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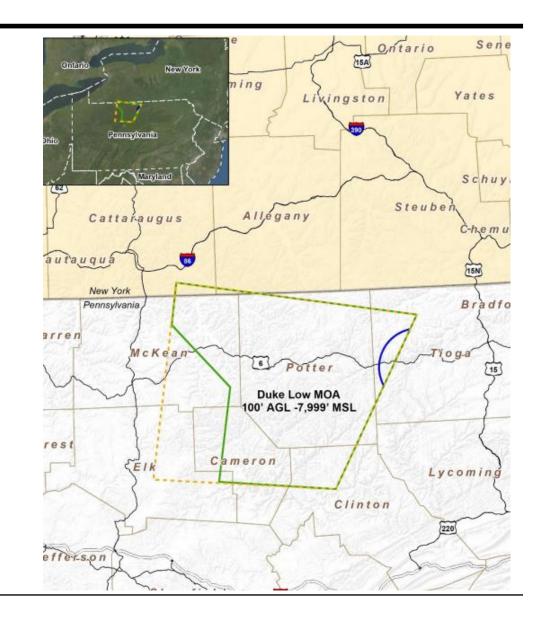
#### **LOCATION**

## Positioned below Duke MOA and covering 1.4 million acres

- Cameron (northeastern portion)
- Clinton (northwestern corner)
- McKean (eastern portion)
- Potter (majority of county)
- Tioga (western portion)

#### A new Designated Airspace

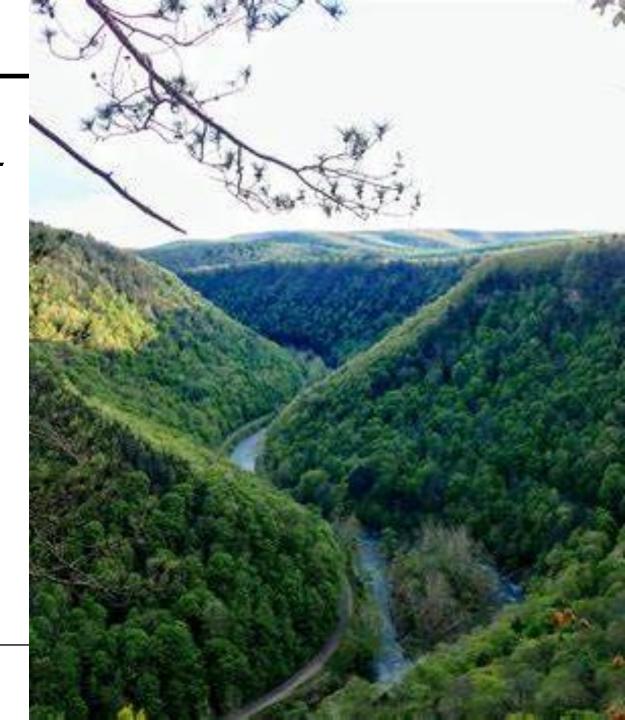
- 100 ft AGL to 7,999 ft MSL
- Activated separately from Duke MOA

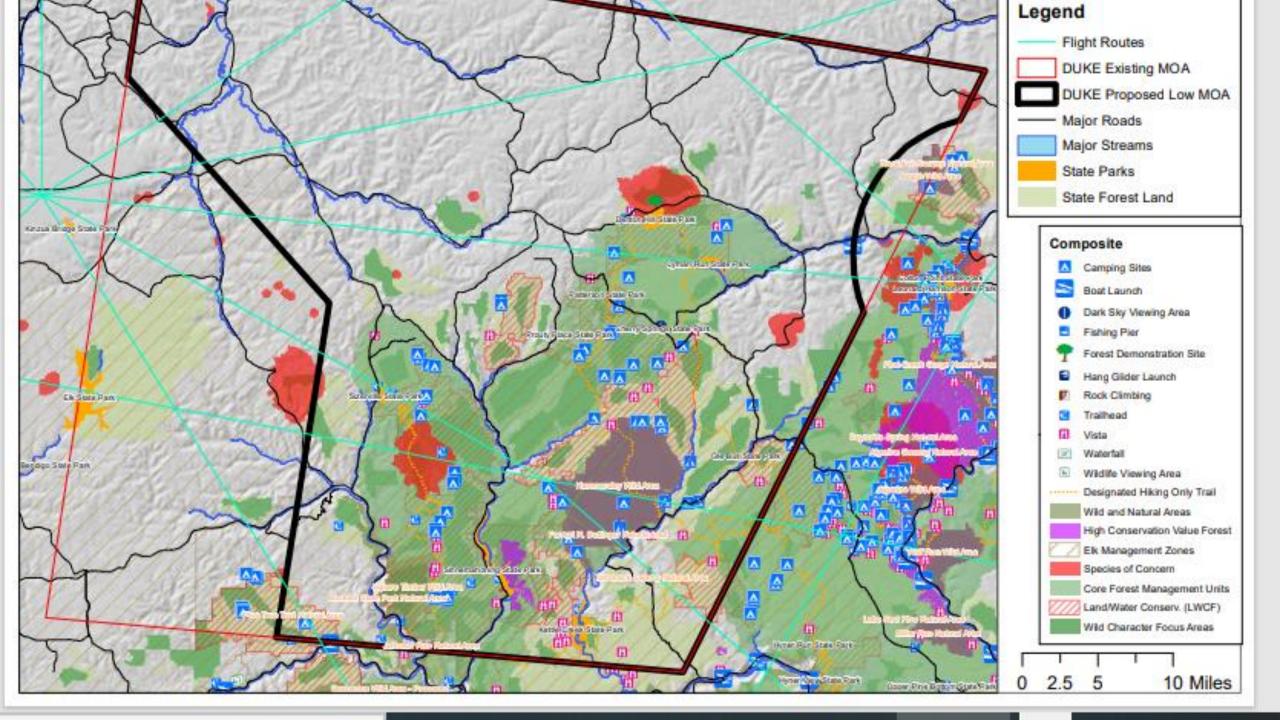


#### **USAGE AND FREQUENCY**

Proposed for low level training of MD A-10s, DC and NJ F-16s

- Two hours per day, twice per day, one hour at a time
- Approximately 170 days/year or on average every other day
- Weekend operations would be limited to Saturdays
- Nighttime operations (sunset to 10:00 PM) not below 1000 ft AGL

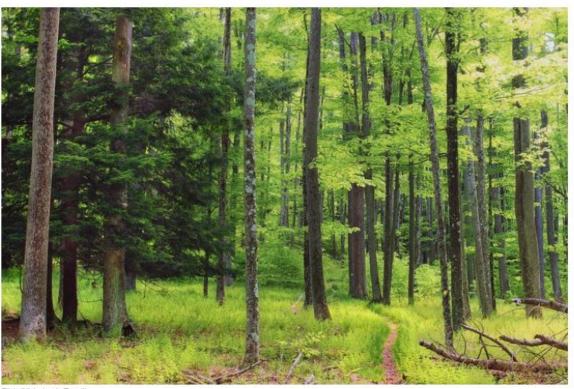




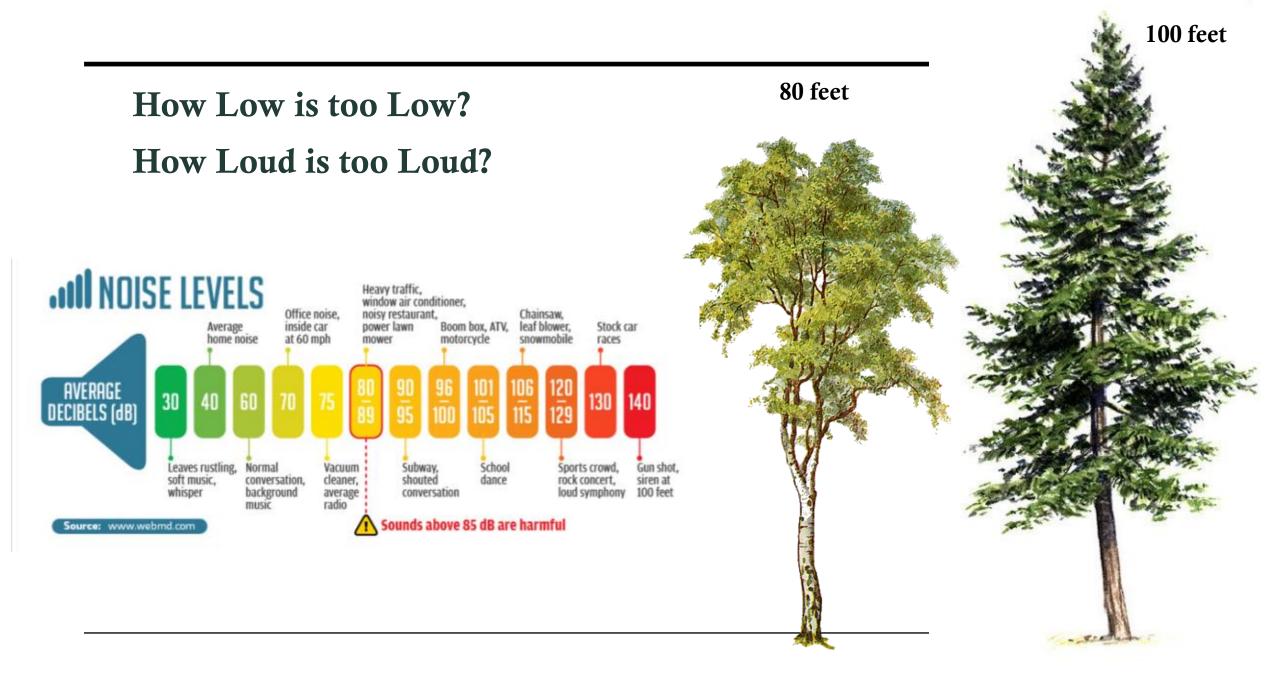
## PROPOSED MITIGATION ACTIONS

- 1,000 ft AGL floor would be implemented over sensitive areas of concern
- 1,000 ft overflight buffer and a 0.5 nautical mile (NM) lateral buffer around Bald and Golden Eagle nests
- 500 ft AGL floor would be implemented over other sensitive areas of concern5
- 500 ft overflight buffer would be maintained over obstacles
- 6,000 ft MSL exclusion area would avoid Wellsboro Airport Class E airspace

No supersonic operations, release of chaff and flares, ordnance deployment, weapons firing, infrastructure changes or ground disturbance would be conducted In fact, the most remote spot in Pennsylvania has earned distinction as the state's second largest wild area. Perhaps just as impressive: You won't find a larger roadless area in PA.



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### Public Comment Open

- Draft Final FONSI and Environmental Assessment Released
- Comment Period deadline: May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Download at:

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## Volume 1 Draft Final Environmental Assessment for Modification of Duke Military Operations Area

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