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Mt. Home AFB temporarily relocates aircraft to Boise

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GOWEN FIELD, Idaho – The skies above Boise are filled with more Air Power, as Mt. Home AFB temporarily relocates up to 54 U.S. Air Force F-15E Strike Eagle fighter jets during the month of August.

The aircraft are occupying part of the Gowen Field runway during this duration, as their runway undergoes scheduled maintenance. Along with the aircraft, will be approximately 800 MHAFB personnel that will commute daily from Mountain Home and occupy some of the vacant buildings on Gowen Field. The MHAFB personnel will include Airmen from the 366th Fighter Wing, the 389th Fighter Squadron, the 391st Fighter Squadron, and the 428th Fighter Squadron, Republic of Singapore Air Force.

“Since we work closely with other Air Force units when we mobilize and deploy to combat zones, having the 366th Fighter Wing jets and personnel at Gowen Field is a great opportunity to train like we fight,” said Col. Tim Donnellan, 124th Fighter Wing commander, Idaho Air National Guard.

Gowen Field has hosted other units and aircraft due to runway maintenance, in the past. There is ample training ground close by,



Standing in front of an F-15E fighter jet from Mt. Home AFB, Col. Tim Donnellan, left, welcomes Col. Jefferson O'Donnell to Gowen Field, July 31, 2015. O'Donnell is Vice Commander, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base. (Idaho National Guard photo by Maj. Chris Borders)

sufficient space on the runway, and unused facilities on Gowen Field since the Idaho Air National Guard lost its C-130 Hercules airlift mission in 2008 to a Dept. of Defense reallocation program.

With the F-15E's afterburning engines, Boise residents can expect some additional noise compared to that of the A-10 Thunderbolt II flown by the Gowen Field 190th Fighter Squadron. However, noise reduction programs will help to keep that to a minimum and flying operations will generally take place during daylight hours.

Treasure Valley residents that may have questions or comments regarding this temporary relocation can call (208) 422-5653.

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