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RE: Cannon Airbase

Good day from Clovis,

A lot of talk is in Clovis since the publication of the Base Realignment and Closure list. Here another Pro of keeping Cannon Airbase active.

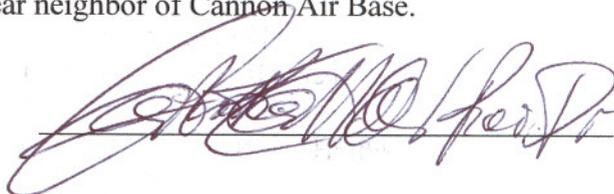
Clovis, the largest adjacent community to Cannon Airbase has a population of roughly 34,000 residents. We have a Municipal Airport approximately 7 miles east of Clovis. Clovis is still pretty much a rural area.

My point of importance is the lack of major Airport facilities within the near vicinity that could be used for Aircraft Emergencies. Albuquerque is about 225 miles from Clovis, and the cities of Lubbock and Amarillo respectively are about 109 miles from Clovis. These cities have Airports that could handle major emergencies of medium to large aircraft. Clovis Municipal Airport is not staffed or equipped for major events. In the recent past events occurred in flight to two aircraft where emergency landings were required.

The planes landed at a fully equipped Air Field. This Air Field has manpower, equipment and training to tackle even the largest scenarios. These ladies and gentlemen, with their training and equipment are stationed at Cannon Air Base.

It would be a shame to remove this strategic Emergency Safe Haven for the aeronautic traveler. I urge you to keep Cannon Air Base open for Air Traffic both Military and Civilian. Cannon Air Base personnel have also helped in numerous Haz-mat scenarios in and around Clovis that cannot be ignored.

Respectfully yours, a 25 year neighbor of Cannon Air Base.



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