MH1 MOUNTAIN HOME AFB OVERVIEW

This section presents specific operational and environmental factors for the Mountain Home Air Force Base (AFB) alternative. Figure MH1.0-1 depicts Mountain Home AFB and surrounding communities. Chapter 2 describes the overall project elements associated with beddown of the Initial F-22 Operational Wing.

Mountain Home AFB supports one existing operational squadron of F-15Cs. The 366th Wing at Mountain Home AFB serves a unique role in the Air Force as an Aerospace Expeditionary Wing (AEW) with air superiority fighters, fighter-bombers, heavy bombers, and tankers and logistics support jointly based at one location. The 72 operational F-22s would be incorporated into and commanded by the 366th Wing. Replacing the one squadron of F-15Cs with three squadrons (72 Primary Aircraft Inventory [PAI]) of F-22s would require construction, including an additional runway. The increase in the number of aircraft would result in environmental consequences at the base itself, in surrounding environs, and within the training airspace.

Section MH2 describes the project elements specific to Mountain Home AFB that would be required for beddown of the Initial F-22 Operational Wing. Section MH3 describes the affected environment and potential environmental consequences of the proposed beddown. Section MH4 addresses cumulative effects as well as irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources that would be associated with the beddown of F-22s at Mountain Home AFB. Management actions designed to address potential environmental consequences are presented in section MH5.

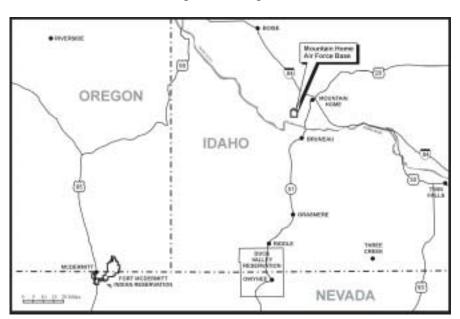


Figure MH1.0-1. Vicinity of Mountain Home AFB, Idaho



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