

F-35A Training Basing

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES



Proposed Action

To establish a Pilot Training Center with up to 144 F-35A training aircraft at one or more existing U.S. Air Force or Air National Guard installations within the continental United States.

No Action Alternative

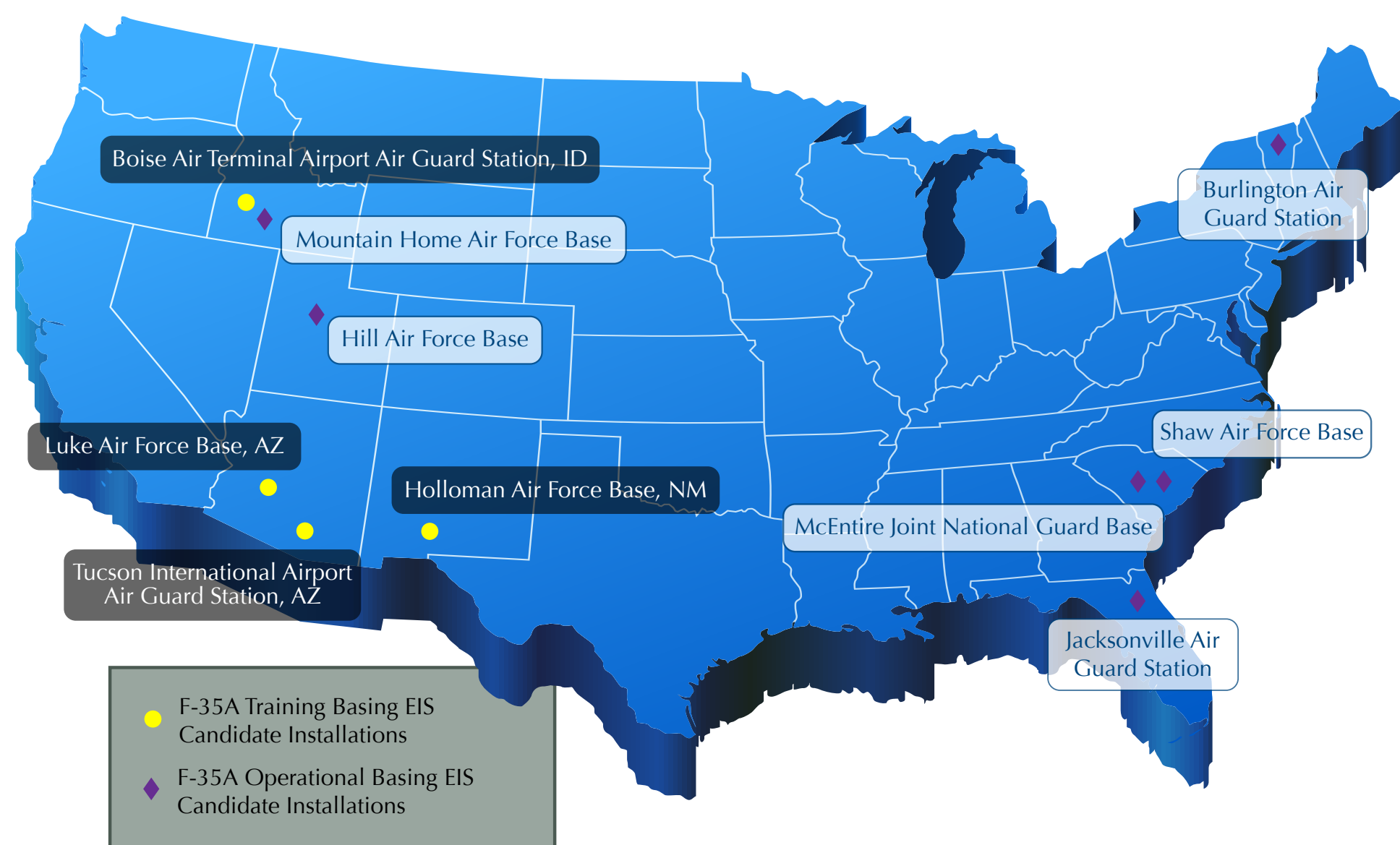
Establishment of a Pilot Training Center and basing of F-35A training aircraft would not occur at this time.

Basing Alternatives

A Pilot Training Center is proposed for one or more alternative locations. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement considered scenarios to:

- Base up to 144 training aircraft, depending on installation capacity
- Establish personnel and construct or renovate installation facilities to support F-35A training

The Pilot Training Center and basing of training aircraft would support the training of Air Force, international partners and U.S. Foreign Military Sales pilots in the safe and effective operation of the F-35A.



Preferred Alternative

A preferred alternative is an alternative that the Air Force believes best fulfills its mission and responsibilities, taking into consideration environmental, operational, technical and other factors.

The Air Force's Preferred Alternative is to base the Pilot Training Center with 72 F-35A training aircraft at **Luke Air Force Base**. Although the Air Force has announced a preferred alternative, a final decision has not yet been made.