

CURRENT CAPABILITIES

Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range, a 34,000-acre target range located 10 miles southwest of Salina, Kansas, provides realistic combat training for military aircraft and ground forces for all military services. It serves as a training location for multiple aircraft types and possesses the facilities required for most Department of Defense aircraft.

The training needs of units utilizing the Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range continue to change based on real-world roles and missions. As aircraft technology, capabilities and training needs change, Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range must modify outdated training infrastructure to continue to offer relevant training for the future. Combat aircraft aircrews countering 21st century threats must perform realistic mission-oriented training to ensure readiness.

The changes to the Smoky Hill airspace ensure that the military operations area accommodates advanced tactics training.



General Aviation pilots can reach the Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range tower on 123.25 to ascertain the status of the Bison Military Operating Area. Pilots are advised that Smoky Hill is NOT a controlling agency but can advise pilots on the status of the airspace.



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**SMOKY HILL AIR
NATIONAL GUARD RANGE**

**MILITARY OPERATIONS
AREA AIRSPACE**

KANSAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD

For more information on Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range and the expansion:

<https://www.184iw.ang.af.mil/About-Us/Missions/Smoky-Hill-ANG-Range-Expansion/>

To file a noise complaint:

<https://www.184iw.ang.af.mil/Contact-Us/Smoky-Hill-Noise-Complaint-Form/>

316-759-8544

ABOUT

The Kansas Air National Guard's Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range is a 34,000-acre target range located 10 miles southwest of Salina, Kansas. It is one of three Air National Guard air-to-ground training ranges in the Midwest and the busiest National Guard bombing range.

The Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range has served as a training location for the nation's military for the past 80 years. The range started as an Army training base known as Camp Phillips in World War II. After the war, it was operated by the Air Force and in 1973 was transferred to the Kansas Air National Guard. The current airspace was defined for tactical training of the F-105 and F-4 and was designed in the 1970s.

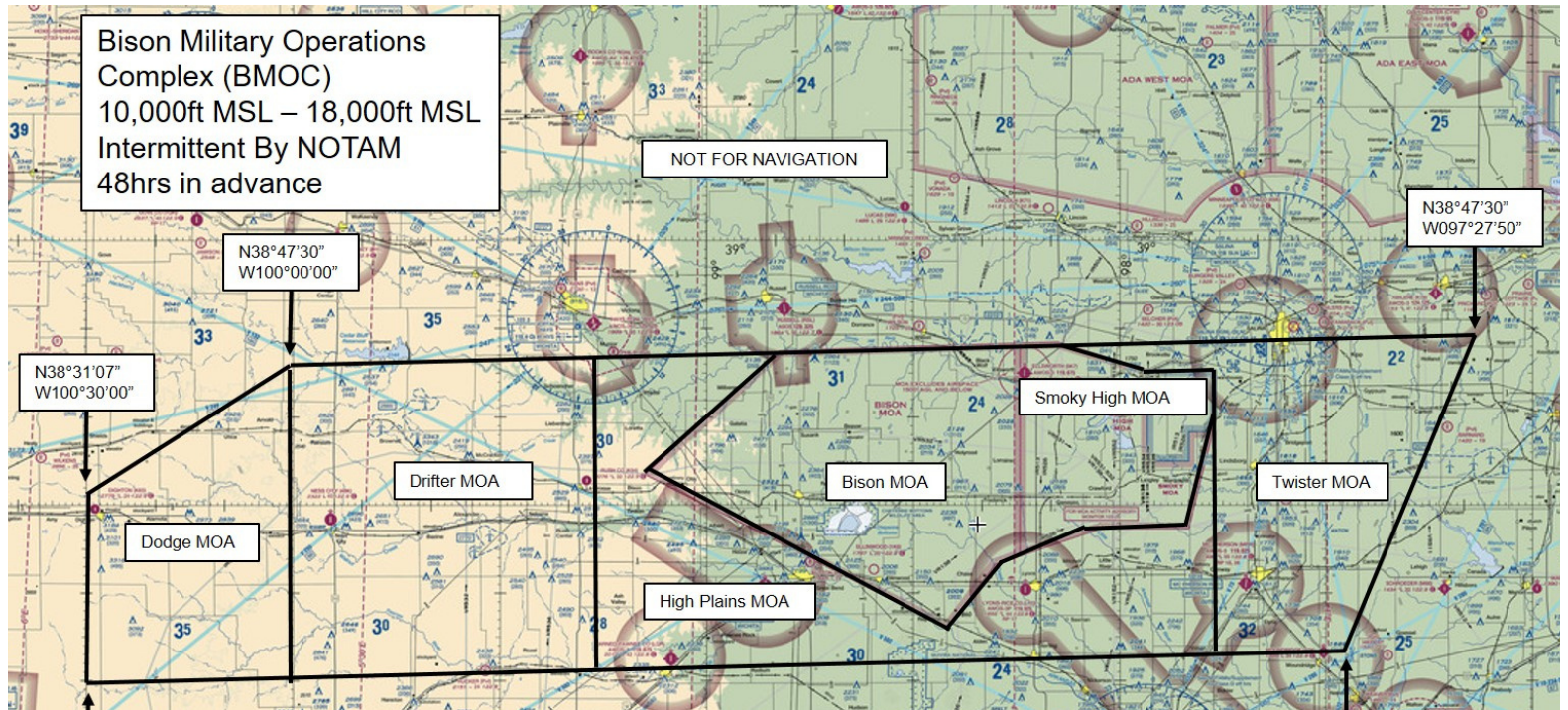
EXPANSION

The Federal Aviation Administration has approved an expansion of the Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range Military Operations Area. A Military Operations Area is a block of airspace where aircraft can perform military training activities (aircraft intercepts, turning and evasive maneuvers, and air combat maneuvers). This expansion will modify the area to provide properly configured military airspace that meets requirements as an integrated, year-round and realistic training environment for combat aircraft to enhance combat capability.

The expansion, in its entirety, would roughly double the current Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range military operations area capacity. However, the floor (bottom limit of the new airspace) will be at an elevation of 10,000 feet Mean Sea Level thus limiting noise levels on the ground.

The changes to the airspace mean less congestion of air operations, thereby decreasing noise experienced on the ground. However, super-sonic operations above 30,000 feet may increase the perceived noise level at times.

The new MOAs—Dodge, Drifter, High Plains, Bison, Smoky High, Twister—are bordered by the solid black line on the map below.



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