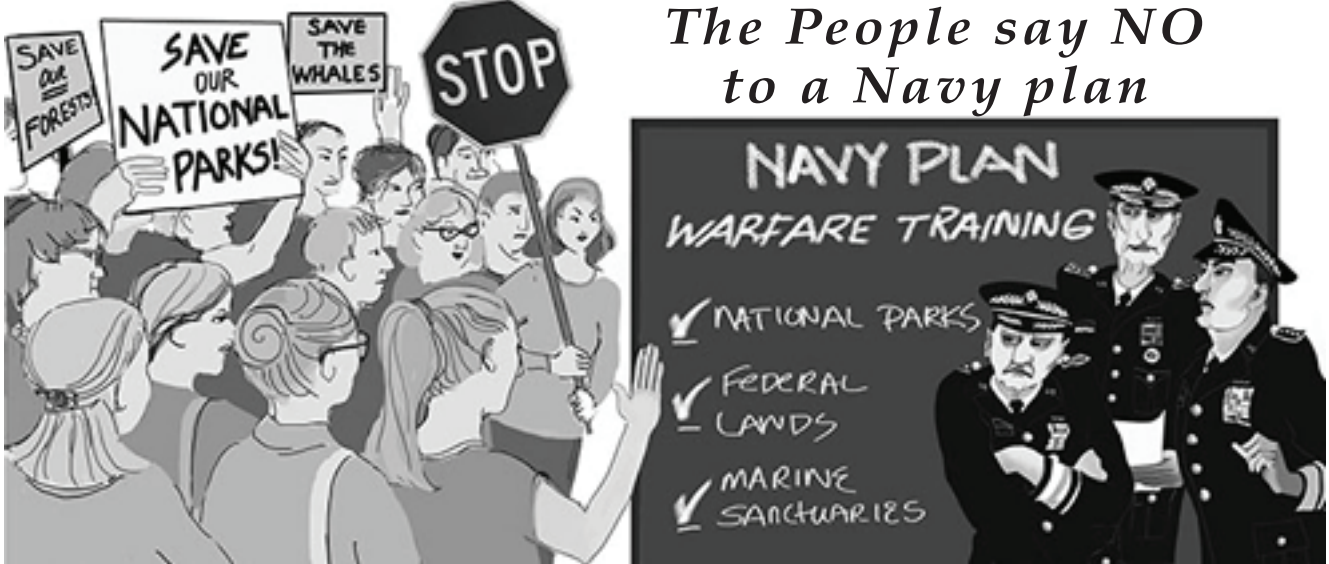


SAVE OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK

*The People say NO
to a Navy plan*



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Open Google on your computer and search for: youtube, *The Olympic Peninsula is Not for Electromagnetic Warfare Training*, to view a powerful video explaining the navy's plan for a warfare range.
2. See citizens' protest at <http://vimeo.com/111189009>.
3. Write to Interior Department official (*see details below*).
4. Share this information with everyone you know via email/social media.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

FACT: The US Navy plans to convert the Olympic Peninsula into a permanent "Electronic Warfare Range," using airspace over Olympic National Park. They have requested to use National Forest lands that border the Park to place radar-emitting trucks. These trucks will be beaming electromagnetic signals to squadrons of Electronic Attack jets, which will be continually scanning the landscape with radar.

FACT: The Navy's plans include very loud Growler jets, practicing in trios, conducting "tactical maneuvers" in the airspace directly above Olympic National Park, for 8-16 hours/day, 260 days/year, indefinitely. They will be flying as low as 1200 feet.

FACT: Growlers are the noisiest jets ever made, up to 113 decibels at 1000 ft. Exposure to that noise, even for a short duration, can permanently damage human hearing. Children's ears are especially vulnerable.

FACT: No studies were done on the impacts this Range will have on:

- **three million** annual visitors to Olympic National Park
- **tourism economies** of the small communities surrounding the Park
- **fire risk** from crashing jets and misguided electromagnetic beams
- **toxic pollution** from the jets' emissions
- **jet noise** impacts on the health of humans and wildlife, including endangered species
- **billions of bird** migration interruptions
- **electromagnetic radiation** exposure to humans and wildlife

FACT: Olympic National Park is a World Heritage Site and an International Biosphere Reserve. As 95% wilderness, it is incredibly rich in biodiversity as well as beauty and quietness. While the Navy has claimed that there will be “no significant impact” from their plan, the United Nations has expressed grave concerns of the irreparable damage to the Park that would result from establishing an EW Range here. They have requested a formal investigation.

Why was the Olympic Peninsula chosen as the place to establish an Electronic Warfare Range?

FACT: Citizens were told by the Navy Commander in charge of the training of the pilots that the Olympic Peninsula was chosen because of “efficiency”. Currently the Navy is using an established Electronic Warfare Range in Mountain Home, Idaho. Public Affairs at Mountain Home reported that it takes only 20 minutes for a Growler to fly from the Navy’s Whidbey Island base to Mountain Home.

FACT: When asked what the Navy would do if they did not get a permit from the US Forest Service to use their roads, the Navy replied that they would just continue training as they have been, including using simulators.

These remarks from the Navy’s Commanding Officers reveal that an EW Range on the Olympic Peninsula is not “critical” to the Navy’s mission. They can continue using the Range they currently use in Mountain Home Idaho. The Commander in charge of training the Navy’s pilots explained that they can practice EW training anywhere, the terrain does not matter. Listen yourself to the Navy’s Commanders’ responses at: <http://vimeo.com/118631144>, and <http://vimeo.com/119469494>.

WRITE A LETTER TO ROBERT BONNIE

Mr. Bonnie oversees the US Forest Service. Ask him to refuse the Navy permission to use Olympic National Forest for war practice. **NOTE: Letters from children and young adults are especially powerful.**

Send your letter to:

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Send a copy of your letter to:

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amanda.lockwood@osec.usda.gov,
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Ms. Sally Jewell, Secretary of the
Interior (in charge of National Parks)
exsec@ios.doi.gov

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Mr. Bonnie,

We like to visit Olympic National Park because of the outstanding natural beauty this area has to offer. Olympic National Park is one of our country’s few UNESCO World Heritage Sites. It warrants special protection. Climate change has only worsened this already fragile environment and made the dangers of accidental forest fires a critical concern. If you were choosing a vacation destination, would you want to come to an electromagnetic warfare practice zone, which many studies have indicated is harmful to humans and wildlife? Would you want the peace and quiet you seek interrupted by the deafening thunder of Growler jets flying overhead continually? Please deny the Navy’s request for permission to use the Olympic National Forest for their equipment.

SAMPLE LETTER

Time is of the essence! Thank you for sharing this alert with your family and friends, and all who cherish our National Parks. Ask them to share it widely. To obtain additional copies, contact us at savetheolympicpeninsula@gmail.com.

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