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Art, thanks for forwarding this. I don't think it is in the web library. In reviewing this AF response to your questions about whether "quality" of IRs and MOAs were scored, a couple of relevant points pop out.

First, while the items the AF listed certainly would qualify as factors going to quality, none of these address the current and future impact of the ongoing litigation - which the AF already admits it did not score.

Second, "time" is listed as one of the quality factors, described by the AF as availability of airspace....saying "Saturated airspace or airspace restricted by environmental or seasonal restrictions is of less military value." That's basically what we have been saying. Dyess has an IR and an MOA that is restricted by court order due to environmental issues. We agree.... it therefore has less military value. It should have been scored accordingly, but was not.

Third, the AF response, in addressing varied terrain in training areas states "variety is definitely better." And went on to say..."The BCEG, therefore, agreed that the installation's IR airspace is best reflected by the number of opportunities to conduct low-level training within the prescribed distance for the MCI. More instrument route low-level opportunities yielded a better score and is a strong measure of a supportive training environment." Well, it seems intuitive that opportunity should be measured as more than just number of IRs, especially in the context of "low-level" flights. It should measure the opportunity to fly at different altitudes, 200 ft, 300 ft, 500 ft. It seems clear that the AF did not measure that capability.

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