

Drop Zone Group

Statement of Objectives

January 2008

The Drop Zone Group is in complete opposition to the establishment of a Drop Zone, Special Use Airspace, or other programs or activities by EMRTC with the potential to degrade the quality of life in the City of Socorro and Socorro County.

We believe:

- 1. That EMRTC has not properly considered the impact of their activities, past, present, and future, on the community.**
- 2. That establishment of a Drop Zone and/or Special Use Airspace will degrade the quality of life in the community and will have adverse effects on human health, education, and property values.**
- 3. That the rapid expansion of EMRTC activities has already caused adverse impacts in all of these areas. These impacts to the community have occurred, without acknowledgement or mitigation, by EMRTC, the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, the State of New Mexico, the Federal Government, or the private firms that have benefitted from conducting their activities on public lands. The failure to acknowledge or mitigate these impacts constitutes a taking from individuals, and the public in general.**
- 4. That EMRTC, the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, and the State of New Mexico have not met their responsibilities to the public under the National Environmental Policy Act for past, present, and planned activities in Socorro County.**
- 5. That the potential adverse impacts are so profound, and so avoidable, that we are compelled to seek remedies to prevent the establishment of a Drop Zone or Special Use Airspace; and, to cause EMRTC, the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, and the State of New Mexico to completely, transparently, and properly account for their impacts within a National Environmental Policy Act framework.**