

8.0 R-2508 Management and Control

This chapter discusses the responsibilities for the management of R-2508 airspace.

8.1 Airspace Management

Airspace management for the R-2508 Complex is organized into three groups:

- R-2508 Joint Policy and Planning Board
- R-2508 Complex Control Board
- R-2508 Central Coordinating Facility

8.1.1 R-2508 Joint Policy and Planning Board

Management of the R-2508 Complex falls under the R-2508 Joint Policy and Planning Board (JPPB). The JPPB was founded in 1975 under direction of the Joint Logistics Commanders and approved by the respective Service Chiefs and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

JPPB members are the Commanders of:

- Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division (NAWCWD), China Lake
- Air Force Flight Test Center (AFFTC), Edwards AFB
- National Training Center (NTC), Fort Irwin

The mission of the JPPB is to:

- Enhance and preserve R-2508 Complex bases, ranges, and special-use airspace
- Increase the Department of Defense (DoD) capability for research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) of aircraft and weapons systems

The JPPB preserves an area for operational training and readiness of DoD-sponsored activities, establishes broad operational policy, and is the approval authority for all matters in the joint management and control of military activities within the Complex.

8.1.2 R-2508 Complex Control Board

The R-2508 Complex Control Board (CCB), established in 1975, is comprised of individuals directly representing their respective JPPB Commander. The mission of the CCB is to supervise management of the R-2508 Complex.

The CCB assists the JPPB Commanders by:

- Advising and assisting in the conduct of JPPB matters
- Establishing policies for Complex user operations—including areas and hours of operation, communication procedures, and mission profiles—designed to promote optimum safety for all users

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- Formulating a unified position on R-2508 Complex airspace matters of mutual interest

8.1.3 R-2508 Central Coordinating Facility

The Central Coordinating Facility (CCF), under direction of the CCB, is the managing and scheduling authority for R-2508 Complex shared-use airspace. Within the policy, scope, and limitations set by the CCB, the CCF has autonomous authority for the R-2508 Complex shared-use airspace when the Complex is scheduled and activated for military use.

Responsibilities include:

- Acting as the single point for coordination of R-2508 Complex activities with High Desert TRACON and other ATC/mission control facilities, and release and recall of R-2508 Complex airspace
- Managing, documenting, and reporting, on a scheduled and real-time basis, airspace utilization and mission requirements of all military and civilian users in the R-2508 Complex
- Conducting unit/user/pilot briefings to ensure compliance with existing policies, procedures, rules and regulations, and other written agreements
- Monitoring Complex user mission requirements and advise procedures to ensure compliance with existing policies, rules, regulations, and written agreements
- Managing R-2508 Complex administrative requirements, facilities, equipment, projects, Operations and Maintenance (O&M) budget
- Administration of the R-2508 Complex Website
- Managing the R-2508 Complex Noise Complaint and SITREP programs

8.2 Controlling Agency

High Desert Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON), call sign “JOSHUA,” is a FAA Air Traffic Control Facility and the controlling agency for the R-2508 Complex.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing traffic advisory service and boundary calls to the extent possible to all aircraft operating within the R-2508 Complex, depending on higher priority duties of the controller
- TRACON **DOES NOT** provide separation services to aircraft operating within the R-2508 Complex; operations in Complex airspace are on a “see-and-avoid” basis.
- Providing ATC services to non-participating IFR aircraft transiting the R-2508 Complex with respect to known activities on a non-interference basis
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8.3 Using Agencies

Internal restricted areas within the R-2508 Complex (R-2502N, R-2502E, R-2505, R-2506, R-2515, and R-2524) are scheduled and controlled by their respective designated Using Agencies. See Chapter 6 for scheduling and operating procedures for internal restricted areas.