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Sounds good. I will set it up for 3 p.m. At the jetport.

Thank you!

Best,



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I would prefer 3pm if possible so I can finish the one before that.

Respectfully,
Jody



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I think it would provide good insight and clarify what has now caused mass confusion and even showing them that photo and explanation would be perfect.

What time should I have the reporter and photographer meet you at the airport? 2:30 p.m.?

Best,



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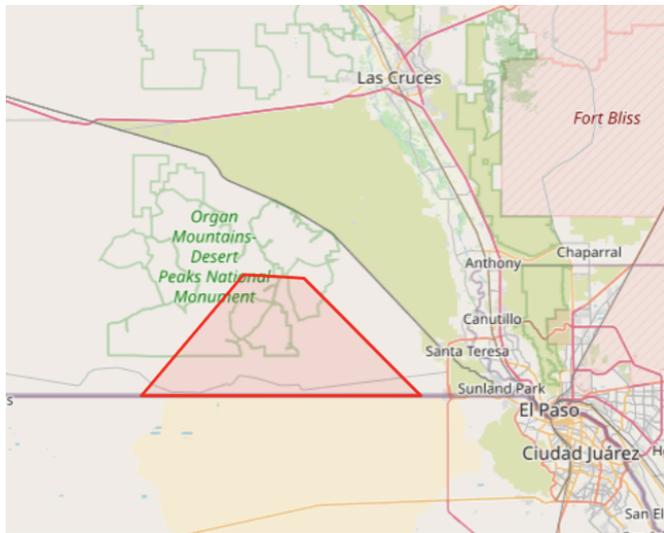
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Hi Ariana,

I do not mind speaking with them if that is preferred. I think we need to clarify that it is not airspace "around" Santa Teresa, it is airspace to the west/southwest of Santa Teresa. The eastern edge of the temporary flight restriction is approximately 7 miles west of the Doña Ana International Jetport. Please let me know if y'all would like me to speak with them.



Respectfully,
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Hi Jody,

Please see the statement provided below by congressman Gabe Vasquez. In his release, he states that the airspace around ST will remain closed for the 10 days.

Are you available today for an interview with KFOX14 to explain how our Jetport is not affected by this closure as it is not the airspace directly over the Jetport?

Let me know what you think, otherwise we can provide a statement if you'd prefer.

Best,



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Rep. Gabe Vasquez Statement on FAA's Closure of El Paso and Santa Teresa Airspace

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On February 11, 2026, U.S. Representative Gabe Vasquez (NM-02) released the following statement on the Federal Aviation Administration's closure of the El Paso International Airport and surrounding airspace:

"I have been tracking this situation since very early this morning, and I want to assure southern New Mexicans and those who rely on the El Paso Airport that there is no national security threat and operations are expected to resume as normal at the El Paso Airport."

"There are standard rules and procedures for how our airspace is controlled, including when the Department of Defense (DOD) is conducting any testing in our region. These procedures keep Americans safe and prevent disruption to civil airspace. This morning, the Administration decided to steamroll those policies and close a major city's airspace without notifying state and local officials. That is unacceptable."

"Medical evacuation flights had to be diverted, commercial air carriers were forced to cancel as many as half their flights for the day, and people were left stranded. The American people deserve better than the

chaos and lack of transparency we keep seeing from this Administration.”

“Through my conversations with federal and local officials, it has become abundantly clear the FAA was tracking the DOD’s counter drone tests for multiple days, and the FAA responded — in error — with the disproportionate response of abruptly closing our airspace for 10 days. The statements this Administration has put out about the situation are misleading at best and a coverup for their incompetence at worst.”

“Let’s be clear — the Administration has provided no proof of a drone incursion that would warrant this large scale, 10-day response. Our nation can prepare for these threats without causing chaos and inducing unwarranted fear.”

At this time, the airspace around Santa Teresa remains closed, and the Congressman’s office will share more information as soon as possible. Currently, it appears that the Santa Teresa airspace will remain closed for 10 days.

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