



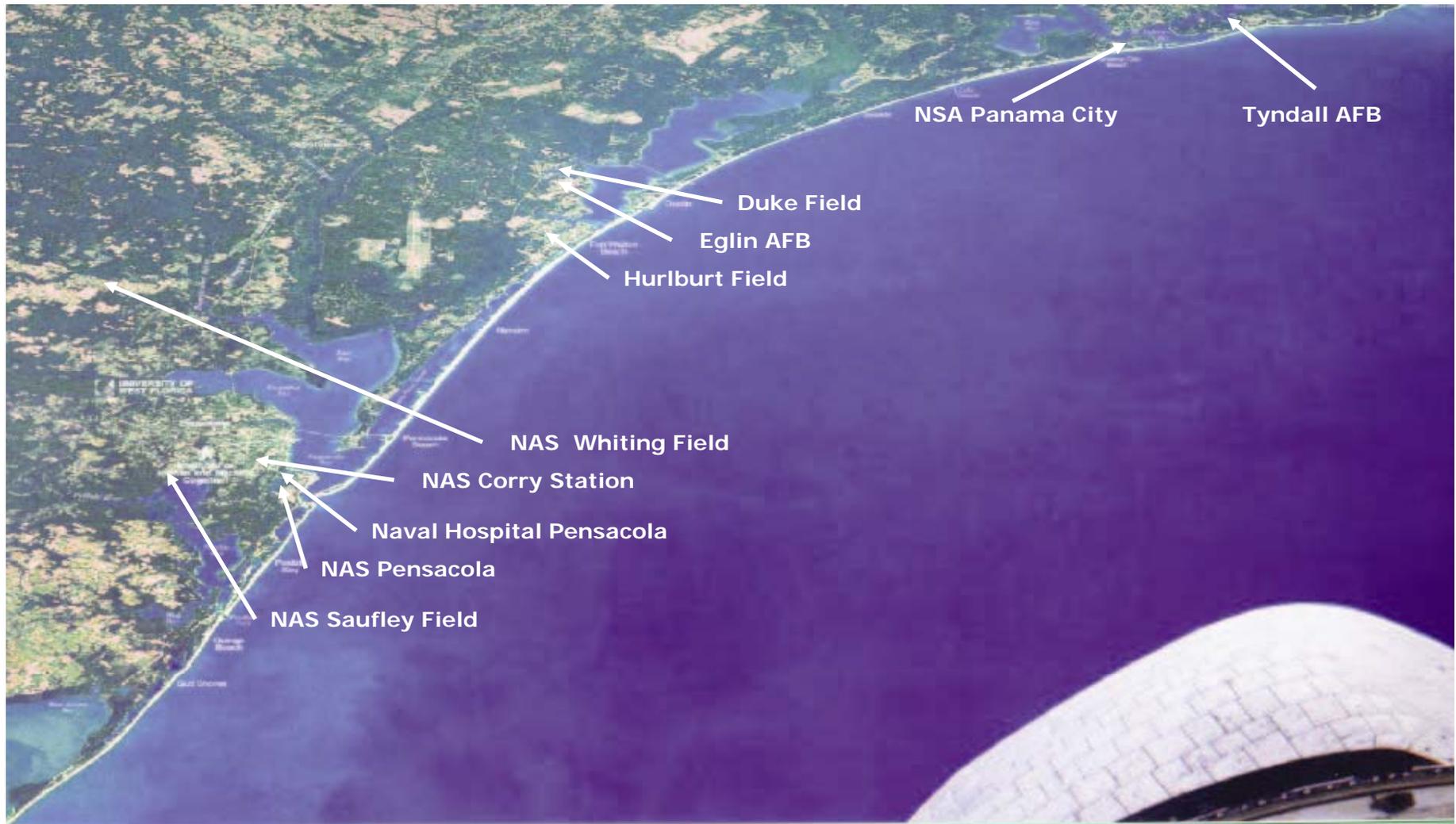
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FLORIDA'S MILITARY PRESENCE**
Gulf of Mexico and the Military Mission Line
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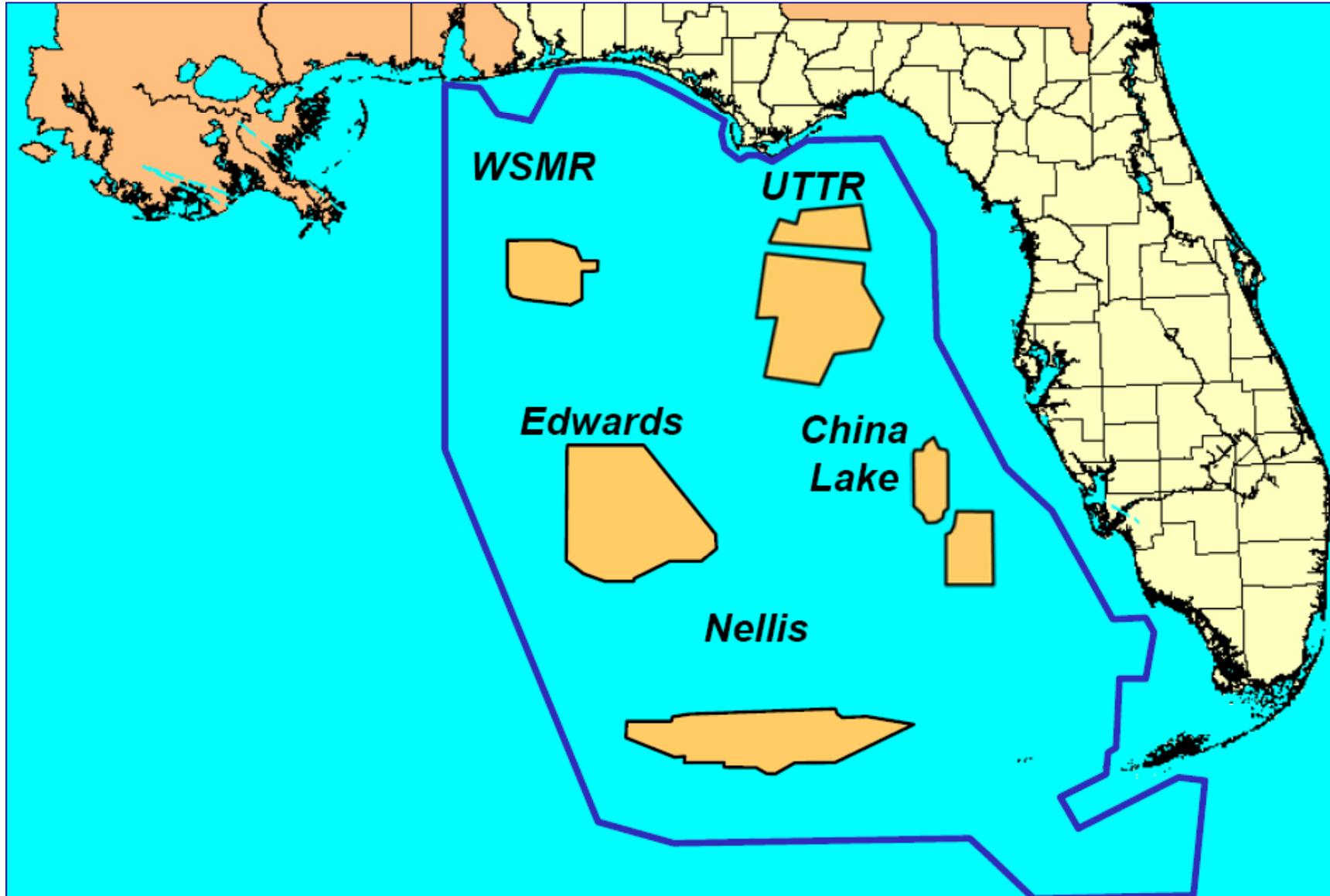
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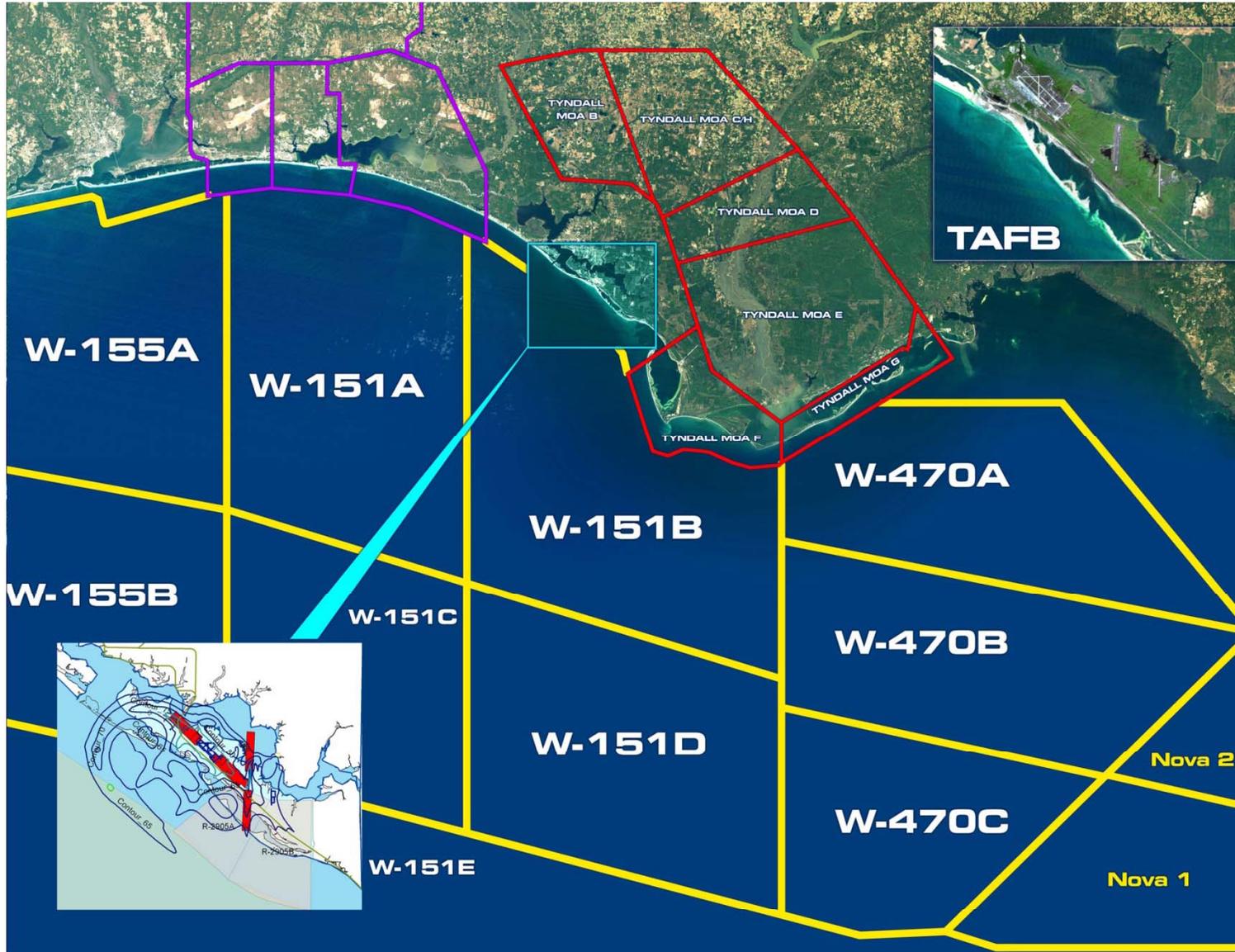
Gulf Range Complex



Utilization of Gulf Range

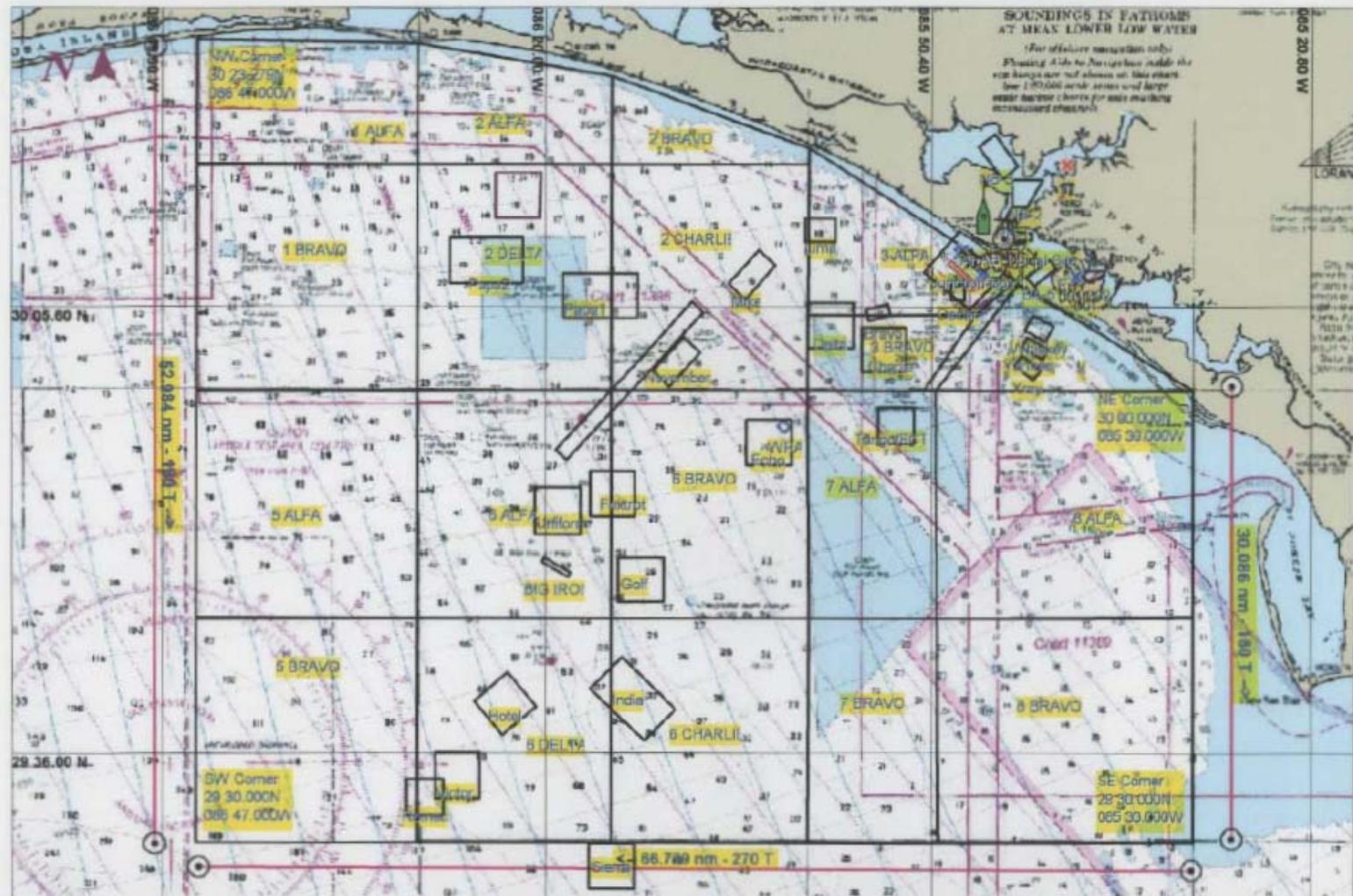


Joint Gulf Test Range Complex (NWFL)



Panama City Operations Area (Navy)

Florida West & Keys - Gulf of Mexico - 1 : 1,952,454
(NOAA Chart) Chart #00411 - Depth Units: Fathoms



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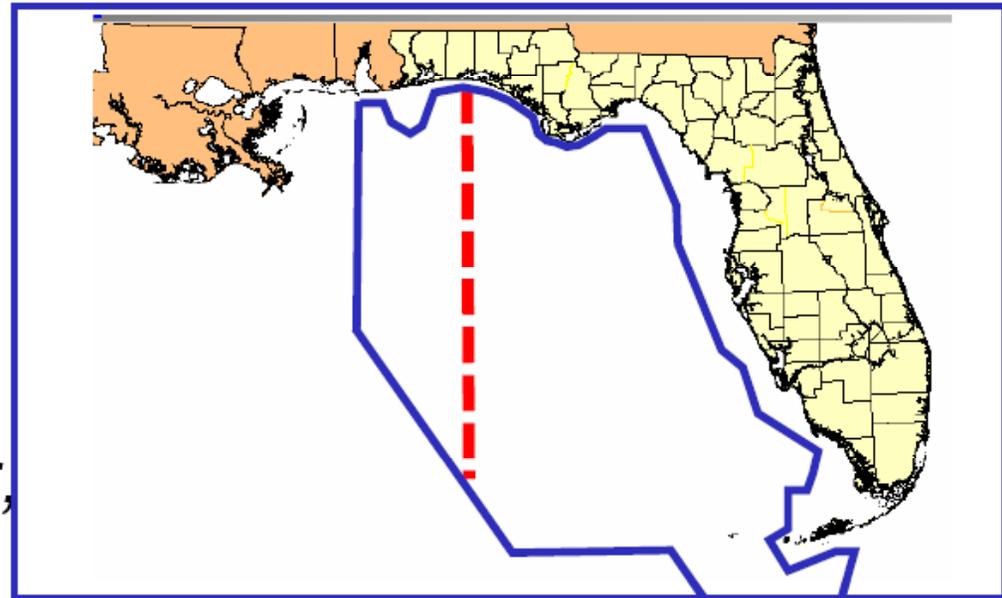
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SECDEF Letter to U.S. Senate (Nov 2005)

“In those areas east of the Military Mission Line, drilling structures... would be incompatible with military activities, such as missile flights, low-flying drone aircraft, weapons testing, and training.”

*Military Mission Line
86°-41' W*



Department of Defense in Florida / Northwest Florida (Haas Institute, UWF)

- Florida 2010 economic impact estimate \$59.5B, 732,000 jobs (46% in NWFL)

STATE / REGIONAL IMPACT

NWFL	35% regional output (\$17.5B, 220,000 jobs)
NEFL	18% regional output
CFL	5% regional output
SFL	3% regional output

IMPACT ON NWFL COUNTIES

Escambia	\$5.9B / 73,850 jobs
Santa Rosa	\$1.1B / 15,000 jobs
Okaloosa	\$7.2B / 86,630 jobs (73% of economic activity)
Bay	\$2.6B / 32,600 jobs

Conclusion

- Military extremely important to state economics, **vital to Northwest FL**
- Most missions of military in Northwest FL dependent upon Gulf Test Range defined as east of the Military Mission Line