

T-7A Recapitalization at Sheppard AFB

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- U.S. Department of the Air Force (DAF) proposes to recapitalize the T-38C Talon flight training program at Sheppard Air Force Base (AFB) with T-7A Red Hawk aircraft.
- The T-38C is expected to reach the end of its service life within the next decade.
- Training with the T-38C does not adequately prepare pilots for the technological advancements of modern fourth and fifth generation aircraft.
- The Secretary of the Air Force has made strategic basing decisions to recapitalize existing T-38C pilot training installations with Sheppard AFB as the fifth of five T-38C installations to be selected.



Photo Credit: Boeing T-7A Red Hawk Website, September 2021, <https://www.boeing.com/defense/t-7a/#/gallery>

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR T-7A RECAPITALIZATION SHEPPARD AFB:

Purpose

The purpose is to continue the T-7A recapitalization program to prepare pilots to operate modern fourth and fifth generation aircraft.

Need

There is a need to provide infrastructure and training systems to support the newer T-7A aircraft, allow for enhanced and improved flight and simulator training, and ensure DAF pilot training requirements are met.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

T-7A RECAPITALIZATION AT SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS

