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Some pilots in central Oregon are concerned that a proposal to open a remote area to aerial drone testing could mean they're shut out of the airspace.

The group behind the proposal, Economic Development for Central Oregon, says it is not their intent to close the entire military operations testing area to general aviation pilots.

But Gary Miller, president of the Central Oregon chapter of the Oregon Pilots Association, says the proposal ignores many pilots who use that airspace.

The Bulletin newspaper in Bend reports that volunteers with the economic development group are meeting with local aviation groups and officials, and will revise the proposal to address their concerns.

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