As a property owner of lands in proximity to the Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR), you are invited to a community meeting on October 11, 2010 to discuss the latest draft of the APAFR Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) and its impacts on your property. During the last two years, Osceola County and its property owners, along with six other local governments, have been participating in the development of the Avon Park JLUS. Funded by the US Department of Defense, and prepared by the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the JLUS contains several recommendations meant to guide compatibility between the APAFR and adjacent properties and jurisdictions.

Portions of Osceola County are either adjacent to the APAFR or fall within the Range's Military Operations Areas. The JLUS identifies Military Influence Planning Areas (MIPA 1, 2, and 3), for which recommendations for compatibility are proposed, and it is important that your input is received prior to moving forward with this process. You are receiving this invitation because your property is located in MIPA 1 or/and 2 (see attached map), which will be the focus of the meeting. Recent changes to the Florida Statutes require the County to amend its Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations to implement the JLUS findings, and this will be the first of a series of meetings to gain your input prior to moving to this step.

The community meeting will be held on October 11, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the County Extension Building located at 1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane at the Osceola County Heritage Park in Kissimmee.

I look forward to working with you as we solidify recommendations for the County. Please feel free to contact me by e-mail at sjos1@osceola.org or by telephone at 407-742-0295 if you have any questions. If you cannot attend but are interested in the progress of these meetings, please also contact me and I will work hard to ensure you receive the updates of each meeting and the schedule for any future meetings.

Sincerely,

Steven Josephson Senior Planner

Planning and Zoning Office

Proposed Military Influence Planning Areas I and II

