

Olympic Peninsula Watch  
United in opposing the Militarization  
of Washington's Olympic Peninsula

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## Navy's Decibels and EMFs Spark Citizen Protests in Washington State

SEATTLE – Independent filmmaker Mitch Matraw joined the growing citizens' protests against the militarization of the Olympic Peninsula, producing a creative action alert film:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aiWCA-X9ihM&feature=youtu.be>

“As I learned about plans to fly Growler jets, probably the world's loudest, 8 to 16 hours a day, year-round, I was heartsick. I had to do something,” Matraw said. His aim: to make people aware of this stealth attack on one of Earth's most special places by focusing on why people care about the Olympic Peninsula. “There's no good reason why Olympic National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the National Forests and the Olympic Coast Marine Sanctuary should be used for electromagnetic warfare training,” he said.

Prompted by similar feelings, local resident Sallie “Spirit” Harrison began a 200+ mile walk around the peninsula and launched a Facebook page for comments about her journey, <https://www.facebook.com/walkfortheolympics>.

Singing, strumming a guitar and telling stories, she's stopping at Farmers Markets and other gathering places to encourage discussions of Navy plans. “Allowing our beautiful pristine peninsula become a practice range for warfare was intolerable,” said Harrison.

"I grew up in this National Park. Our family camped at the Olympic Hot Springs back in the days when they had cabins up there. We often stayed at La Push on that so-beautiful rugged coastline. The Peninsula was always THE one place I could go to for true peace and quiet; true natural beauty. I adored the huge trees, wildlife, amazing rivers and streams, and that totally dynamic and stunning ocean shore. In fact, no superlative is enough to describe the place!"

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