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## 114th Fighter Wing misses site survey list for F-35 fighter

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – The South Dakota Air National Guard’s 114th Fighter Wing at Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls has not been selected for a site survey as a candidate base for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

The Air Force has selected five of 18 locations under consideration for the next round of F-35 basing. The 114th Fighter Wing was not among the five ANG units announced by Air Force officials on Wednesday.

The site survey would have been the next step in a long process for the 114th Fighter Wing to be selected as one of two Air National Guard basing locations for the F-35. The 114th Fighter Wing has a long and storied history of flying fighter aircraft and will continue to fly the F-16C Block 40.

“We are disappointed but know we are an outstanding unit among an outstanding community,” said Col. Nathan Alholinna, 114th Fighter Wing commander. “The Air Force’s reliance on and confidence in the 114th Fighter Wing remains as high as ever.”

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