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collection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to http:// www.regulations.gov, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cecelia L. Davis, Procurement Analyst, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, GSA, 202–219–0202 or email cecelia.davis@gsa.gov.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### A. Purpose

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.203-7, Anti-Kickback Procedures requires that all contractors have in lace and follow reasonable procedures designed to prevent and detect in its own operations and direct business relationships, violations of 41 U.S.C. chapter 87, Kickbacks. Whenever prime contractors or subcontractors have reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the statute may have occurred, they are required to report the possible violation in writing to the contracting agency inspector general, the head of the contracting agency if an agency does not have an inspector general, or the Department of Justice The information is used to determine if any violations of the statute have occurred.

There is no Governmentwide data collection process or system which identifies the number of alleged violations of 41 U.S.G. chapter 87, Kickbacks that are reported annually to agency inspectors general, the heads of the contracting agency if an agency does not have an inspector general, or the Department of Justice.

#### B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 100. Responses per Respondent: 1. Annual Responses: 100. Hours per Response: 20. Total Burden Hours: 2,000.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions. *Frequency:* On occasion.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street Street NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202–501–4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–009 1, Anti-Kickback Procedures, in all correspondence. Dated: August 22, 2016. Lorin S. Curit, Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy. [FR Doc. 2016–20431 Filed 8–25–16; 8:45 am] BILUNG CODE 6820–EP–P

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and To Announce Public Scoping Meetings for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization: Expansion of Land Ranges, Airspace Modifications, and Public Land Withdrawal Renewal

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD. ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations parts 1500–1508), the Department of the Navy (DoN) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental consequences of maintaining and modernizing the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in Nevada, which would include land range expansion through additional land withdrawal and land acquisition, airspace modifications, and public land withdrawal renewal. The Navy's action proponent for this proposal is Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (PACFLT). The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### DATES AND ADDRESSES: See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for public scoping meeting dates, times, and addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest; Attention: Amy P. Kelley, Code EV21.AK; 1220 Pacific Highway; Building 1, 5th Floor; San Diego, California 92132.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since the initial operation of Naval Air Station Fallon in the 1940s and the formal establishment of the FRTC in 1977, the ranges and airspace of the FRTC have been extensively used by the DoN and other Services to conduct air warfare and ground training, including live-fire training activities. The FRTC is the DoN's premier integrated strike warfare training complex, supporting combat elements of PACFLT, United State (U.S.) Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Marine Corps, Naval Special Warfare Command, and others. It is located in the high desert of northern Nevada, 65 miles east of the city of Reno, Nevada, and is comprised of: Special Use Airspace (SUA), including restricted areas, Military Operations Areas (MOAs), and Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace (ATCAAs); land training ranges; fixed and mobile land targets, and control facilities; threat electronic warfare, early warning radars, and surface-to-air missile systems; and instrumentation facilities.

The current FRTC bombing ranges (B-16, B-17, B-19, and B-20) have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, warfare technology, to include dynamic improvements to stand-off weapons, platform sensors, threat systems, and strike tactics, and the accuracy of applications that produce and manage safety footprints for air-to-ground weapons training, have continued to evolve. In response to these changes, and to formalize FRTC training requirements, the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (the DoN's primary authority on naval aviation training and tactics development), together with subject matter training experts from the Naval Special Warfare Command, conducted a training capabilities study. This study analyzed the capabilities that should be provided at the FRTC to meet evolving DoN training needs in air warfare, strike warfare, and Naval special warfare. It concluded that training capabilities currently available at the FRTC do not, and will not, meet the real-world training needs identified by Fleet and Unified Commanders, Therefore, to minimize the identified shortcoming and provide the responsive and realistic training capabilities needed to meet evolving aviation and ground training requirements, PACFLT proposes to maintain and modernize the capabilities of the FRTC, including its land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would have the benefit of maintaining and enhancing

the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure. PACFLT's proposed action includes the renewal of the existing 202,859-acre public land withdrawal that expires on November 6, 2021; the withdrawal and reservation for military use of approximately 604,744 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges; acquisition of approximately 65,160 acres of non-

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federal land to expand existing land ranges; expansion of associated SUA, as well as reconfiguration of existing airspace; and modification of range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization. The aviation and ground training to be conducted in the modernized FRTC would be of the same general types and at the same tempos as analyzed by PACFLT in Alternative 2 of the Final EIS for Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada (December 2015). Specific details concerning the proposed land expansion and SUA reconfiguration may be found on the project Web site at

www.FRTCModernization.com. The EIS will also assess the potential environmental effects of the no action alternative. Under the no action alternative, there would be no renewal of the existing land withdrawal, which expires on November 6, 2021, and there would be no range expansion, airspace changes, or modification of range infrastructure. As a result, the DoN would reassess the military mission of NAS Fallon and the FRTC.

In addition to the proposed action and the no action alternative, the EIS will also assess the potential environmental effects of other action alternatives. Public comments submitted during the scoping process will inform PACFLT's development of other action alternatives for analysis in the EIS.

Federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, Native American Tribes and Nations, and interested persons are encouraged to provide comments to PACFLT to identify specific community interests, issues, or topics of environmental concern that PACFLT should consider in the EIS. Resource areas to be addressed in the EIS will include soils; air quality/climate; water quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and the protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety.

The public scoping process starts with the publication of this Notice of Intent. Seven open house information sessions are scheduled to receive oral or written comments on issues to be addressed in the EIS:

 Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

2. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street,

Lovelock, NV 89419. 3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512. 4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00

 Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00
 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

5. Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

 Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m.
 to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium,
 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409.

Each of the seven information sessions will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by PACFLT and DoN representatives. Additional information concerning each open house, as well as further project information, is available on the EIS Web page: http:// www.FRTCModernization.com.

All comments, provided orally or in writing at the scoping meetings, or submitted via the project Web site or the U.S. Postal Service will be taken into consideration during EIS preparation. All comments must be postmarked or received online no later than November 25, 2016. Comments should be mailed to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest; Attention: Amy P. Kelley, Code EV21.AK; 1220 Pacific Highway; Building 1, 5th Floor; San Diego, California 92132.

Dated: August 18, 2016.

C. Pan,

Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Supplemental Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active (SURTASS LFA) Sonar

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD. ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and Executive

Order 12114, the United States Department of the Navy (Navy) has prepared and filed with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Supplemental Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS/SOEIS) for employment of SURTASS LFA sonar. DATES AND ADDRESSES: The public comment period for the SURTASS LFA sonar Draft SEIS/SOEIS will be open for 45 days, from August 26 to October 11, 2016. The Final SEIS/SOEIS is expected to be completed by June 2017. Written comments on the SURTASS LFA sonar Draft SEIS/SOEIS may be submitted by mail to: SURTASS LFA sonar SEIS SOEIS Program Manager, 4350 Fairfax Drive, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22203-1632, or by Email: eisteam@surtass-lfaeis.com. The Draft SEIS/SOEIS is available for download via the project Web site: http://www.surtass-lfaeis.com. Comments must be postmarked or received by October 11, 2016, to ensure they are considered in the Final SEIS/SOEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: SURTASS LFA sonar SEIS/SOEIS Program Manager, 4350 Fairfax Drive, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22203-1632, Email: eisteam@surtass-lfa-eis.com. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In continuance of the Navy's commitment to responsible stewardship of the marine environment and building upon analyses and information included in the Navy's 2001 Final Overseas Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS/ EIS) published in the Federal Register on January 26, 2001 (66 FR 8788), 2007 Final Supplemental EIS (SEIS) published in the Federal Register on May 4, 2007 (72 FR 25302), 2012 Final SEIS/SOEIS published in the Federal Register on June 8, 2012 (77 FR 34041), and 2015 Final SEIS/SOEIS published in the Federal Register on January 30, 2015 (80 FR 5109), the Navy has prepared a comprehensive assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with continued employment of SURTASS LFA sonar systems. Hereafter, "SURTASS LFA sonar systems'' is inclusive of both the LFA and Compact LFA sonar systems, each having similar acoustic transmission characteristics.

The Navy proposes to continue employing up to four SURTASS LFA sonar systems onboard up to four Navy surveillance ships for routine training, testing, and military operations in the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian oceans and the Mediterranean Sea, including certain geographic limitations on

### A.2 Bureau of Land Management Notice of Application for Withdrawal Extension; Notice of Application for Withdrawal Expansion; and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada



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of Montana law.

### Exemptions

The following persons are exempt from these supplementary rules: Any Federal, State, local, and/or military employees acting within the scope of their duties; members of any organized rescue or fire-fighting force performing an official duty; and persons, agencies municipalities or companies holding an existing special-use permit and operating within the scope of their permit.

#### Jamie Connell,

State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Montana/Dakotas. [FR Doc. 2016-21178 Filed 9-1-16; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310-DN-P

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Application for withdrawal extension; Notice of Application for Withdrawal Expansion; and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior ACTION: Notice of withdrawal

applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (DON) has filed an application to extend the current withdrawal of public lands from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, for military use of the Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in Churchill County, Nevada (withdrawal extension). The DON has also requested the withdrawal of approximately 604,789 additional acres of public lands from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights (withdrawal expansion). This notice temporarily segregates the 604,789 acres from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, for 2 years; gives the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed withdrawal extension and withdrawal expansion; and announces the date, time, and

may also impose penalties for violations location of public meetings on both the extension and the expansion. DATES: Comments on the withdrawal applications, including their environmental consequences, should be received on or before December 1, 2016. In addition, public meetings on the withdrawal applications will be held jointly with the DON's public meetings associated with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) evaluation of the withdrawals.. The dates and locations of the public meetings are listed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section. ADDRESSES: Comments pertaining to the

DON withdrawal extension proposal and/or the DON withdrawal expansion proposal should be sent to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest; Attention: Amy P. Kelley, Code EV21.AK; 1220 Pacific Highway; Building 1, 5th Floor; San Diego, California 92132. Comments pertaining to this Notice should be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Email: BLM\_NV\_FRTC@blm.gov
- Fax: (775) 885-6147
- Mail: BLM Carson City District, Attn: NAS Fallon FRTC, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Sievers, BLM, Carson City District Office, 775-885-6168; address: 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701; email: csievers@blm.gov Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 3016 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2000, Pub. L. 106-65, the Department of the Navy (DON) has filed an application to extend the current withdrawal of public lands from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws (except for approximately 68,804 acres in the Dixie Valley Training Area which is currently included in the overall withdrawal but not withdrawn from the mineral leasing laws), and the geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, for military use of the Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in Churchill County, Nevada. The lands are currently withdrawn under the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999, which is part

of the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2000, which reserves these lands for defenserelated purposes for a period of 20 years. Unless Congress extends the withdrawal, it will expire on November 5, 2021.

In addition to the DON's request that the current withdrawal be extended, the DON filed an application requesting the withdrawal and reservation of additional public lands for military training exercises involving the NAS Fallon at Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada. The application to expand the acreage of lands withdrawn for the Navy's use at Fallon seeks the withdrawal of approximately 604,789 additional acres of public lands from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid

existing rights. In addition, the application seeks to extend the existing withdrawal of 68,804 acres in the Dixie Valley Training Area (DVTA). Pursuant to Section 3011 of the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2000, the FRTC DVTA acres are currently withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining and geothermal leasing laws, but not withdrawn from the mineral leasing laws. This application seeks the withdrawal of these 68,804 acres of the DVTA from the mineral leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights. The DON's requested 604,789 expansion acres do not include the 68,804 DVTA acres, as the DVTA acres are already withdrawn from the other public land laws, and reserved for DON use

As required by section 204(b)(1) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), 43 U.S.C 1714(b)(1), and the BLM regulations at 43 CFR part 2300, the BLM is publishing this Notice of the DON applications. While the BLM and the Department of the Interior (DOI) assist the DON with the processing of withdrawal applications, and the Secretary of the Interior makes a recommendation to Congress on proposed withdrawals, it will be Congress, not the Secretary of the Interior, that will make the final decision on the requested extension and expansion of the existing NAS Fallon withdrawal.

Extention request. This application requests extension of the withdrawal of the following area at the NAS FRTC, Nevada, subject to valid existing rights as described below: The areas B-16, B-17, B-19, B-20, Shoal Site, and the Dixie Valley Training Area aggregate 223,557 acres. Portions of these lands

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are unsurveyed and the acres were obtained from protraction diagrams or calculated using Geographic	Sec. 5, that portion south of the southerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50 and east of the easterly right-of-way	The area described for B–17 conta acres in Churchill County.
Information System.	boundary for State Route 839; Sec. 8, that portion east of the easterly	Non-Federally Owned Lands T. 15 N., R. 33 E., partly unsurveyed
Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada	right-of-way boundary for State Route 839;	A portion of M.S. No. 3914 (Gold 1 Lode).
B-16	Secs. 9 thru 16;	T. 16 N., R. 33½ E., unsurveyed,
Bureau of Land Management	Sec. 17, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route	A portion of M.S. No. 3213 (Ivy N Lode).
T. 17 N., R. 27 E., partly unsurveyed, Sec. 11, E½; Sec. 14, E½.	839; Sec. 18, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route	T. 15 N., R. 34 E., partly unsurveyed A portion of M.S. No. 3914 (Bluff, Coin, Gold Coin No. 1, Gold Co
T. 18 N., R. 27 E., Sec. 35, E½.	839; Sec. 19, that portion east of the easterly	and Fraction Lodes). T. 16 N., R. 34 E., partly unsurveyed
T. 17 N., R. 28 E., Secs. 4 thru 9 and 16 thru 21; Secs. 29 thru 32.	right-of-way boundary for State Route 839; Secs. 20 thru 29;	M.S. No. 2657 (Ida M No. 1, Ida M Ida M No. 3, Ida M No. 4, and Id 5 Lodes);
The area described for B–16 aggregates 18,270.20 acres in Churchill County.	Sec. 30, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839;	M.S. No. 2664 (Boulder, Boulder I Florence No. 4, and Nappias Lo M.S. No. 2668 (Florence No. 3, Bl
Bureau of Reclamation	Sec. 31, that portion east of the easterly	and Little Fellow Lodes);
T.17 N., R. 27 E., partly unsurveyed, Secs. 1 thru 3; Secs. 12 and 13; Secs. 23 thru 26, 35, and 36.	right-of-way boundary for State Route 839; Sec. 32, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route	M.S. No. 2728 (Lena No. 3 Lode); M.S. No. 2730 (Boulder No. 2, Bou 3, Fairview, Eagles Nest No. 3, a Eagles Nest No. 4 Lodes);
T. 18 N., R. 27 E., Secs. 25, 26, and 36.	839; Secs. 33 thru 36.	M.S. No. 2731 (Arizona, Montana, Golden West, Lone Tree, Whirly
T. 16 N., R. 28 E., partly unsurveyed, Sec. 3, lots 2 thru 4, SW\4NE\4, and S\2NW\4; Sec. 4, lots 1 thru 4, S\2NE\4, and	T. 16 N., R. 33½ E., unsurveyed, Sec. 1, that portion south of the southerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; Secs. 12 and 13;	Zephyr, Little Lena, and Triang M.S. No. 2732 (Juniper, Washingto Dakota, and California Lodes); M.S. No. 2733 (Oregon, Idaho, and
S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> . T. 17 N., R. 28 E., Sec. 22, W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , and S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ;	Sec. 24, except patented lands; Sec. 25 and 36. T. 15 N., R. 34 E., partly unsurveyed,	Colorado Lodes); M.S. No. 2745 (Detroit and Tiger I M.S. No. 2755 (Seymour Lode);
Secs. 27, 28, 33, and 34. T. 18 N., R. 28 E., Sec. 28, W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , and W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;	Sec. 4, lot 4 and W <sup>1</sup> /2SW <sup>1</sup> /4; Secs. 5 and 6;	M.S. No. 2762 (Lena No. 1 and Le 2 Lodes); M.S. No. 2800 (Redrock, Denver F
Sec. 29 thru 32; Sec. 33, W\2NE\4, W\2, and W\2SE\4.	Sec. 7, except patented lands; Sec. 8; Sec. 9, with and with swith:	Crosscut No. 1, Paymaster No. 1 Crosscut Fraction, Bellweather 1

The area described for B-16 aggregates 9,088.77 acres in Churchill County.

### B-17

### **Bureau of Land Management**

- T. 15 N., R. 33 E., partly unsurveyed, Secs. 1 thru 5;
  - Sec. 6, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839; Sec. 7, that portion east of the easterly
  - right-of-way boundary for State Route 839;
  - Secs. 8 thru 11;
  - Sec. 12, except patented lands; Secs. 13 thru 17;
  - Sec. 18, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route
  - 839: Sec. 19, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route
  - 839:
- Secs. 20 thru 28, 35, and 36. T. 16 N., R. 33 E.,
  - Sec. 1, that portion south of the southerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50;
  - Sec. 2, that portion south of the southerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway
  - 50; Sec. 3, that portion south of the southerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway
  - 50, except patented lands; Sec. 4, that portion south of the southerly
  - right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50:

- Sec. 9, W1/2NW1/4 and W1/2SW1/4;
- Sec. 16, W1/2NW1/4 and W1/2SW1/4;
- Sec. 17;
- Sec. 18 except patented lands; Secs. 19 and 20;
- Sec. 21, W1/2NW1/4 and NW1/4SW1/4;
- Secs. 29 thru 31.
- T. 16 N., R. 34 E., partly unsurveyed, Sec. 4, lots 4, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and SW34; Sec. 5, that portion south of the southerly
- right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50
- Sec. 6, that portion south of the southerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50:
- Sec. 7, except patented lands;
- Sec. 8, except patented lands;
- Sec. 9, W1/2, except patented lands;
- Sec. 16, W<sup>1</sup>/z, except patented lands; Sec. 17, except patented lands;
- Sec. 18, except patented lands;
- Sec. 19, except patented lands;
- Sec. 20, except patented lands;
- Sec. 21, W<sup>1</sup>/2, except patented lands;
- Sec. 28, W<sup>1</sup>/z;
- Secs. 29 thru 32;
- Sec. 33, W<sup>1</sup>/z.
- The area described for B-17 aggregates 53,546.45 acres in Churchill County.

#### Department of Navy Lands Not Withdrawn From the Public Domain

- T. 16 N., R. 33 E.,
- Sec. 3, those portions of the S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, south of the southerly right-of-way for U.S. Highway 50.

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- , Blue Bell,
- Boulder No. 3. and
- ana, Cyclone, hirlwind, iangle Lodes);
- ington.
- HS); and
- ger Lodes);
- d Lena No.
- er Fraction, lo. 1, her No. 1, Crosscut, and Crosscut No. 2 Lodes);
- M.S. No. 3022 (Lena No. 4, Lena No. 5, Lena No. 6, and Borealis No. 2 Lodes);
- M.S. No. 3206 (Ohio and Ohio No. 1 Lodes]:
- A portion of M.S. No. 3213 (Paymaster No. 4, Bellweather No.2, Bradshaw Fraction, Ivy, and Ivy No. 2 Lodes);
- M.S. No. 3219 (Atlanta Lode);
- M.S. No. 3277 (Lena Annex Lode); M.S. No. 3383 (Lookout No. 2, Lookout No.
- 3, Lookout No. 4, Lookout No. 9, Lookout No. 10, and Fairplay Lodes);
- M.S. No. 3430 (Boulder No. 6 Wedge Lode);
- A portion of M.S. No. 3630 (Kimberly No. 3 and Kimberly No. 4 Lodes);
- M.S. No. 3673 (Jackrabbit and Jackrabbit No. 1 Lodes); M.S. No. 3752 (Great Falls Lode);
- A portion of M.S. No. 3927 (Lookout No. 5, Lookout No. 6, Lookout No. 7, Lookout No. 11, and Silver Butte Lodes).
- The area described for B-17 aggregates 1,214.97 acres in Churchill County.

### B\_19

### Bureau of Land Management

- T. 15 N., R. 29 E.,
  - Secs. 1 thru 3; Sec. 4, that portion east of the easterly
  - right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 95; Sec. 9, that portion east of the easterly
  - right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 95:

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Secs. 10 thru 15; Sec. 16, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway qĞ Sec. 21, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 95; Secs. 22 thru 24. T. 15 N., R. 30 E., Secs. 1 thru 24. T. 16 N., R. 30 E., partly unsurveyed, Sec. 32, SE¼; Sec. 33, S½; Sec. 34, S<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 35, S½ T. 15 N., R. 31 E., partly unsurveyed, Secs. 5 thru 8 and 17 thru 20. The area described for B-19 aggregates 29,012.14 acres in Churchill County. B\_20 **Bureau of Land Management** T. 23 N., R. 32 E. Secs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30. T. 24 N., R. 32 E., Secs. 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36. T. 23 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 6 and 8; Sec. 17, SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Sec. 18; Sec. 19, lots 3 and 4, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

### Secs. 20 and 29. T. 24 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 20, 30, and 32;

The area described for B-20 aggregates 20,948.44 acres in Churchill County.

### Department of Defense Lands Not

Withdrawn From the Public Domain T. 23 N., R. 32 E. Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, and 29. T. 24 N., R. 32 E. Secs. 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35. T. 23 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 5 and 7; Sec. 17, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 19, N<sup>1/2</sup> T. 24 N., R. 33 E. Secs. 19, 29, and 31. The area described for B-20 aggregates 19,429.35 acres in Churchill County.

#### **Bureau of Reclamation**

T. 23 N., R. 33 E., Sec. 30. The area described for B-20 contains

627.96 acres in Churchill County. Shoal Site

#### Bureau of Land Management

- T. 15 N., R. 32 E., unsurveyed, Sec. 3, that portion included in PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site";
- Sec. 4; Sec. 5, that portion included in PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site"
- Sec. 8, that portion included in PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site";
- Sec. 9, that portion included in PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site"
- Sec. 10, that portion included in PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site". T. 16 N., R. 32 E.,

#### Secs. 33 and 34.

The area described for Shoal Site aggregates 2,560.90 acres in Churchill County.

### Dixie Valley Training Area

### Bureau of Land Management

- T. 16 N., R. 33 E.,
  - Sec. 1, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50;
  - Sec. 2, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50: Sec. 3, that portion north of the northerly
  - right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway
- 50, except patented lands; Sec. 4, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50;
- Sec. 5, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50. T. 17 N., R. 33 E.,
- Secs. 1 thru 5, 8 thru 17, 20 thru 29, and 32 thru 36.
- T. 18 N., R. 33 E., unsurveyed,
- Sec. 9, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 10, that portion south of Elevenmile
- Canyon Wash: Sec. 13, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash;
- Sec. 14, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash;
- Sec. 15;
- Sec. 16, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 21 thru 28;
- Sec. 29, E½;
- Secs. 32 thru 36. T. 16 N., R. 33½ E., unsurveyed, Sec. 1, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50.
- T. 17 N., R. 33½ E.
- T. 18 N., R. 331/2 E., Sec. 13, that portion south of Elevenmile
- Canyon Wash; Sec. 24, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash;
- Secs. 25 and 36.
- T. 16 N., R. 34 E., partly unsurveyed, Sec. 4, lots 3 and 5; Sec. 5, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway
- 5Ŏ; Sec. 6, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway
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- T. 17 N., R. 34 E., Sec. 3, lots 3 and 4, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Secs. 4 thru 9;
  - Sec. 10, W<sup>1</sup>/z; Sec. 15, W<sup>1</sup>/z;
  - Secs. 16 thru 21;
  - Sec. 22, W<sup>1</sup>/z; Sec. 27, W<sup>1</sup>/z;
- Secs. 28 thru 33; Sec. 34, W1/2,
- T. 18 N., R. 34 E.,
- Sec. 3;
- Sec. 4, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121;
- Sec. 9, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:

Sec. 16, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Sec. 19, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash; Sec. 20, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash; Sec. 21, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121 and that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash; Sec. 22; Secs. 27 thru 34. T. 19 N., R. 34 E., Sec. 3; Sec. 4, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Sec. 9, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 10 and 15; Sec. 16, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121; Sec. 21, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121; Secs. 22 and 27; Sec. 28, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Sec. 33, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Sec. 34. T. 20 N., R. 34 E., partly unsurveyed, Sec. 2, lots 2 thru 4, SW<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, S<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4, SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4; Sec. 3, lot 1, SE¼NE¼, and E½SE¼; Sec. 10, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 11, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Sec. 26, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Sec. 27: Sec. 28, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121; Sec. 33, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121; Sec. 34. T. 21 N., R. 34 E., Sec. 25, lots 1 and 2, W1/2NE1/4, and NW1/4. T. 21 N., R. 35 E., Sec. 17, W1/2, except patented lands; Sec. 18, lots 5 thru 11 and E<sup>1</sup>/2SE<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4. The area described for Dixie Valley

Secs. 10 and 15;

Training Area aggregates 68,804.44 acres in Churchill County.

### Department of Defense Lands Not

#### Withdrawn from the Public Domain T. 16 N., R. 33 E.,

- - Sec. 3, those portions of the S1/2SW1/4NW1/4 and SE1/4NW1/4 north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50.
- The area described for Dixie Valley Training Area contains 28.10 acres in Churchill County.

Expansion request. In accordance with the Engle Act, (43 U.S.C. 155-158), the DON has filed an application

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requesting withdrawal and reservation of additional Federal lands for military training exercises involving the NAS Fallon at Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada (the "expansion area"). The DON requests that the land be withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land lâŵs, încluding the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, and reserved for use of the DON for testing and training involving air-to-ground weapons delivery, tactical maneuvering, use of electromagnetic spectrum, land warfare maneuver, and air support, as well as other defense-related purposes consistent with these purposes. Pursuant to the Act, the FRTC Dixie Valley Training Area (DVTA) is currently withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land lâŵs, încluding the mining and geothermal leasing laws, but not the mineral leasing laws. The DON application also seeks to withdraw the DVTA acres from the mineral leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights. The expansion area consists of the lands and interests in lands described below and adjacent to the exterior boundaries of the NAS FRTC, located in Churchill, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, and Pershing Counties, Nevada.

The areas B-16, B-17, B-20, and the Dixie Valley Training Area aggregate 678,671 acres. Portions of these lands are unsurveyed and the acres obtained from protraction diagram information or calculated using Geographic Information System.

## Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

B-16

## Bureau of Land Management

- T. 16 N., R. 26 E., Sec. 1, lots 1 thru 4; Sec. 2, lots 1 and 2. T. 17 N., R. 26 E., partly unsurveyed, Secs. 1, 2, and 11 thru 13; Sec. 14, E½: Sec. 23, E½; Secs. 24 and 25; Sec. 26, E½; Sec. 35, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 36. T. 18 N., R. 26 E., Sec. 35, S½; Sec. 36. T. 16 N., R. 27 E., Sec. 1, lots 1 thru 5, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4; Secs. 2 and 3; Sec. 4, lots 1 thru 4, S½NE¼, S½NW¼, N1/2SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4; Sec. 5, lots 1 thru 4, S½NE¼, S½NW¼, SW¼, and N½SE¼; Sec. 6, lots 1 thru 5, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.
- T. 17 N., R. 27 E., partly unsurveyed,

#### Secs. 4 thru 10; Sec. 11, W<sup>1</sup>/2;

- Sec. 14, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 15 thru 22 and 27 thru 34.
- T. 18 N., R. 27 E., Secs. 27 thru 34;
- Sec. 35, W<sup>1</sup>/z
- T. 16 N., R. 28 E., partly unsurveyed, Sec. 5, lots 1 thru 4, S½NE¼, and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 6, lots 1 thru 5, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and
- S1/2NE1/4.
- The area described for B-16 aggregates 32,201.17 acres in Churchill and Lyon Counties.

### B-17

### Bureau of Land Management

- T. 13 N., R. 32 E.,
- Sec. 1, except patented lands. T. 14 N., R. 32 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 1 thru 3, 10 thru 15, 22 thru 26, 35,
- and 36. T. 15 N., R. 32 E., unsurveyed,
- Secs. 25, 26, 35, and 36.
- T. 12 N., R. 33 E.,
- Secs. 1 thru 8;
- Sec. 9, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,
- N1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4; Secs. 10 thru 15;
- Sec. 16, W<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4;
- Secs. 17, 18, and 20 thru 24.
- Tps. 13 and 14 N., R. 33 E., unsurveyed.
- T. 15 N., R. 33 E., partly unsurveyed, Sec. 6, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839:
- Sec. 7, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839:
- Sec. 18, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839:
- Sec. 19, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839;
- Secs. 29 thru 34.
- T. 12 N., R. 34 E.,
- Secs. 2 thru 5;
- Sec. 6, lots 1 and 3 thru 7, SE<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, SE1/4NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and S1/2SE1/4; Sec. 7, lots 1, 2, and 4, E<sup>1</sup>/2, E<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4, and SE1/4SW1/4;
- Secs. 8 thru 10 and 16 thru 18.
- Tps. 13 and 14 N., R. 34 E., unsurveyed. T. 15 N., R. 34 E., partly unsurveyed,
- Secs. 1 thru 3;
- Sec. 4, lots 1 thru 3, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4;
- Sec. 9, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Secs. 10 thru 15;
- Sec. 16, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 21, E<sup>1</sup>/2, E<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4, E<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4, and SW1/4SW1/4:
- Secs. 22 thru 28 and 32 thru 36. T. 16 N., R. 34 E., partly unsurveyed, Sec. 15, lots 1 and 2, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and
  - E1/2SW1/4; Sec. 16, lots 1 thru 8 and 13, NE¼NE¼,
  - and SW1/4SE1/4;
  - Sec. 21, lot 1, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SE1/4;
  - Secs. 22 thru 23 and 25 thru 27;
- Sec. 28, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 33, E<sup>1</sup>/2;
- Secs. 34 thru 36. T. 13 N., R. 35 E., unsurveyed,

- Sec. 6, lot 2, SW<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, and N<sup>1</sup>/2SE<sup>1</sup>/4:
  - Sec. 7, lot 3 and NE<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4. Sec. 7, lot 3 and NE'4SW'4.
    T. 16 N., R. 34 E., partly unsurveyed,
    A portion of M.S. No. 4184 (Eva B, Eva B No. 2, Argel No. 1, Argel No. 2, Argel No. 3, and Prince Albert Lodes);
    - A portion of M.S. No. 3927 (Lookout No. 11 Lode).
    - The area described for B-17 aggregates
    - 1,036.37 acres in Churchill, Nye, and Mineral Counties.

### B-20

### Bureau of Land Management

- T. 24 N., R. 31 E., Secs. 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 28, and 30.
- T. 25 N., R. 31 E.,
- Secs. 34 and 36.
- T. 24 N., R. 32 E., Secs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18. T. 25 N., R. 32 E.,
- Secs. 10, 12, and 14; Sec. 15, SE<sup>1/4</sup>NE<sup>1/4</sup>, NE<sup>1/4</sup>SE<sup>1/4</sup>, and
- SE<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Secs. 16, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 32, 34, and 36. T. 22 N., R. 33 E.,
- Secs. 4, 5, and 8.
- T. 23 N. R. 33 E.
- Secs. 2, 4, 10, 11, 14 thru 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 32 thru 34.
- T. 24 N., R. 33 E.,
- Secs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 22, 24, 26, 28, 34, and 36. T. 25 N., R. 33 E.,
- Secs. 6, 8, 16, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30, 32, and 34.

Sec. 4, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 5 thru 8:

T. 14 N., R. 35 E., unsurveyed,

Sec. 9, that portion west of the westerly

right-of-way boundary for State Route

Sec. 16, that portion west of the westerly right-of-way boundary for State Route

Sec. 21, that portion west of the westerly right-of-way boundary for State Route

Sec. 28, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4;

Sec. 33, W<sup>1</sup>/2NE<sup>1</sup>/4, W<sup>1</sup>/2, and W<sup>1</sup>/2SE<sup>1</sup>/4.

The area described for B-17 aggregates

176,977.16 acres in Churchill, Nye, and

T. 13 N., R. 32 E., partly unsurveyed,

Daughter, Turtle, Tungsten, and Don). T. 12 N., R. 33 E.,

Sec. 9, SE¼SW¼ and SW¼SE¼;

Sec. 16, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

A portion of M.S. No. 4773 (Viking's

- Sec. 9, NW<sup>1</sup>/4; Secs. 17 thru 20 and 30.

Sec. 4, W½;

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361; Secs. 17 thru 20;

361:

Secs. 29 thru 32;

Sec. 28, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 29 thru 32;

Sec. 33, W<sup>1</sup>/2.

T. 16 N., R. 35 E.,

Mineral Counties

T. 12 N., R. 34 E.,

Sec. 31.

T. 15 N., R. 35 E., unsurveyed,

Non-Federally Owned Lands

Secs. 6 thru 8 and 17 thru 20;

Secs. 5 thru 8:

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The area described for B-20 aggregates 49,986.79 acres in Churchill and Pershing Counties Bureau of Reclamation T. 22 N., R. 30 E. Secs. 12 and 24. T. 23 N., R. 30 E., Secs. 25, 35, and 36. T. 22 N., R. 31 E., Secs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 thru 34, and 36. T. 23 N., R. 31 E., Secs. 1 thru 4; Sec. 5, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Secs. 6 thru 36. T. 24 N., R. 31 E., Secs. 24, 26, 32, 34, and 36. T. 22 N., R. 32 E., Secs. 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8; Sec. 9, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 10 thru 16, 18, and 20 thru 36. T. 23 N., R. 32 E., Secs. 32 and 34 thru 36. T. 22 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 6, 7, and 18. T. 23 N., R. 33 E., Sec. 31. The area described for B-20 aggregates 65,375.88 acres in Churchill County. Fish and Wildlife Service T. 22 N., R. 30 E.

Secs. 2, 10, 14, 22, and 26. The area described for B-20 contains 3,201.00 acres in Churchill County. Non-Federally Owned Lands T. 22 N., R. 30 E., Secs. 1, 11, 13, 15, 23, and 25. T. 22 N., R. 31 E., Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, and 35. T. 23 N., R. 31 E., Sec. 5, lots 1 thru 4, S½NE¼, and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> T. 24 N., R. 31 E., Secs. 1, 3, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35. T. 25 N., R. 31 E., Sec. 35. T. 22 N., R. 32 E., Secs. 3, 5, and 7; Sec. 9, W<sup>1</sup>/2: Secs. 17 and 19. T. 23 N., R. 32 E., Secs. 31 and 33. T. 24 N., R. 32 E., Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17. T. 25 N., R. 32 E., Secs. 1, 11, and 13; Sec. 15, N<sup>1</sup>/2NE<sup>1</sup>/4, SW<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, W<sup>1</sup>/2, and W1/2SE1/4; Secs. 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35. T. 23 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 3 and 9. T. 24 N., R. 33 E. Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, 25, 27, 33, and 35. T. 25 N., R. 33 E Secs. 5, 7, 15, 17, 19, 21, 27, 29, 31, 33,

and 35. The area described for B-20 contains 61,764.68 acres in Churchill and Pershing Counties.

Dixie Valley Training Area **Bureau of Land Management** T. 13 N., R. 32 E., Sec. 2: Sec. 3, lots 1 thru 4, S½NE¼, S½NW¼, and SE1/4; Sec. 4, lots 1 and 2 and S1/2NE1/4; Sec. 11; Sec. 12, except patented lands; Secs. 13 and 24. T. 14 N., R. 32 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 4, 5, 8, 9, and 16; Sec. 21, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 27: Sec. 28, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 33, E½; Sec. 34. T. 15 N., R. 32 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 1 and 2; Sec. 3, except lands withdrawn under PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site" Sec. 5, except lands withdrawn under PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site"; Sec. 8, except lands withdrawn under PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site"; Sec. 9, except lands withdrawn under PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site"; Sec. 10, except lands withdrawn under PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site"; Secs. 11 thru 17, 20 thru 24, 27 thru 29, and 32 thru 34. T. 16 N., R. 32 E. Secs. 13 and 14, 23 thru 26, 35, and 36. T. 17 N., R. 32 E., partly unsurveyed, Sec. 1, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 12, E½ T. 18 N., R. 32 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36. T. 19 N., R. 32 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 24, 25, and 36. T. 16 N., R. 33 E., Sec. 1, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; Sec. 2, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; Sec. 3, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50, except patented lands; Sec. 4, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; Sec. 5, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; Sec. 17, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839: Sec. 18, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839 Sec. 19, that portion west of the easterly

- Sec. 19, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839;
- Sec. 30, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839;
- Sec. 31, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839;

Sec. 32, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839. T. 17 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 6 and 7. T. 18 N., R. 33 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 1, 2, and 4 thru 8; Sec. 9, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 10, that portion north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash; Secs. 11 and 12; Sec. 13, that portion north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash; Sec. 14, that portion north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash; Sec. 16, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 17 thru 20; Sec. 29, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 30 and 31. T. 19 N., R. 33 E., unsurveyed, Sec. 19; Sec. 20, SW¼; Sec. 28, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 29 thru 33 and 36. T. 20 N., R. 33 E., unsurveyed, Sec. 1, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Secs. 2 thru 6: Sec. 9, NE<sup>1</sup>/4: Sec. 10, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, Sec. 11, NW¼. T. 21 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 1 thru 3; Sec. 9, E½; Secs. 10 thru 16; Sec. 20, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 21 and 22: Sec. 23, except patented lands; Sec. 24, except patented lands; Secs. 25 thru 29; Sec. 31, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 32 thru 36. T. 16 N., 33 ½ E., Sec. 1, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; T. 18 N., R. 33 ½ E., Secs. 1 and 12; Sec. 13, that portion north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash; Sec. 24, that portion north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash. T. 19 N., R. 33 ½ E., unsurveyed, Secs. 24, 25, and 36. T. 20 N., R. 33 ½ E., unsurveyed, Sec. 1, N<sup>1</sup>/z. T. 16 N., R. 34 E., partly unsurveyed, Secs. 1 thru 3; Sec. 4, lots 1, 2, and 9 thru 12, and SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Sec. 5, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; Sec. 6, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; Sec. 9, lots 2 and 6, NE<sup>1</sup>/4, and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Secs. 10 thru 14 and 24. T. 17 N., R. 34 E., Secs. 1 and 2: Sec. 3, lots 1 and 2, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 3, lots 1 and 2, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>4</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SE<sup>4</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 10, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Secs. 11 thru 13;

Sec. 14, lots 1 thru 4, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

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	Sec	. 15, W½	NE¼, W½, and V	V1/2SE1/4;	Sec. 31	, lots 1 thru 7

Sec. 15, E½; Sec. 22, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>: Sec. 23, lots 1 thru 3, E<sup>1</sup>/2NE<sup>1</sup>/4, SW<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, S1/2NW1/4, and S1/2; Secs. 24 thru 26: Sec. 27, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 34, E½; Secs. 35 and 36. T. 18 N., R. 34 E., Secs. 1 and 2; Sec. 4, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 5 thru 8; Sec. 9, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 11 thru 14; Sec. 16, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 17 and 18; Sec. 19, that portion north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash: Sec. 20, that portion north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash; Sec. 21, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121 and north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash: Secs. 23 thru 26, 35, and 36. T. 19 N., R. 34 E., Secs. 1 and 2; Sec. 4, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121; Secs. 5 thru 8; Sec. 9, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 11 thru 14; Sec. 16, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 17 thru 20; Sec. 21, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 23 and 24; Sec. 25, lots 1 thru 9, N½NE¼, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, and NW1/4SE1/4; Sec. 26, lots 1 thru 5, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and W1/2; Sec. 28, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 29 thru 32; Sec. 33, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:Sec. 35, lot 1, W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, W1/2, and SEV4: Sec. 36, lots 1 thru 11, SW<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, S<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4, and SW<sup>1</sup>/4. T. 20 N., R. 34 E., partly unsurveyed, Sec. 1: Sec. 2, lot 1, SE<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, and E<sup>1</sup>/2SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Sec. 3, lots 2 thru 4, SW<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, S<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4, SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4; Secs. 4 and 5; Sec. 6, N<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 8 and 9; Sec. 10, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4; Sec. 11, E½NE¼ and E½SE¼; Secs. 12 and 13; Sec. 14, E<sup>1</sup>/2NE<sup>1</sup>/4 and E<sup>1</sup>/2SE<sup>1</sup>/4;

Secs. 16, 17, 20, and 21; Sec. 22, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, and W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 23, E<sup>1/2</sup>NE<sup>1/4</sup> and E<sup>1/2</sup>SE<sup>1/4</sup>; Secs. 24 and 25: Sec. 26, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 28, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121; Secs. 29 thru 32; Sec. 33, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 35 and 36. T. 21 N., R. 34 E., Sec. 1, lots 1 thru 7, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4; Secs. 2 thru 18 Sec. 19, except patented lands; Secs. 20 thru 23 and 26; Sec. 27, N<sup>1</sup>/2, N<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4, SW<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4, N1/2SE1/4SW1/4, W1/2SW1/4SE1/4SW1/4. SE1/4SW1/4SE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4SE1/4SW1/4, and SE<sup>1</sup>/4: Secs. 28 thru 33; Sec. 34, W½. T. 22 N., R. 34 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 34, 35, and 36. T. 15 N., R. 35 E., unsurveyed, Sec. 5. T. 16 N., R. 35 E., Secs. 5 thru 8, 17 thru 20, 29, 30, and 32. T. 17 N., R. 35 E., Secs. 2 thru 10; Sec. 11, W<sup>1</sup>/z; Sec. 15, N<sup>1</sup>/z; Secs. 16 thru 20: Sec. 21, N<sup>1</sup>/2 and SW<sup>1</sup>/4; Secs. 29 thru 32. T. 18 N., R. 35 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 1 thru 3; Sec. 4, except patented lands; Sec. 5, except patented lands; Sec. 6, except patented lands; Sec. 7: Sec. 8, except patented lands; Sec. 9, except patented lands; Secs. 10 thru 24 and 26 thru 35. T. 19 N., R. 35 E., Sec. 2; Sec. 3, lots 1 thru 4, S<sup>1</sup>/2NE<sup>1</sup>/4, S<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4, SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4SE1/4, N1/2NW1/4SW1/4SE1/4, E1/2SE1/4SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4SE1/4SE1/4, and SE1/4SW1/4SE1/4SE1/4; Secs. 4 thru 9; Sec. 10, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and SE1/4; Sec. 11, NE¼, E½SE¼NE¼NW¼, NW¼NW¼NW¼ S1/2SW1/4NW1/4NW1/4, S1/2SE1/4NW1/4NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NE¼NE¼SW¼, SE¼NW¼NE¼SW¼, N1/2SE1/4NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4SE1/4NE1/4SW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, S1/2NE1/4SE1/4SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4SE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4SW1/4, N<sup>1/2</sup>NE<sup>1/4</sup>SE<sup>1/4</sup>, N<sup>1/2</sup>SW<sup>1/4</sup>NE<sup>1/4</sup>SE<sup>1/4</sup>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W1/4SW1/4NW1/4SE1/4 N1/2SE1/4NW1/4SE1/4, S1/2SW1/4SE1/4, and S1/2SE1/4SE1/4; Secs. 14 thru 29; Sec. 30, lots 1 thru 6, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 31, lots 1 thru 7, NE¼, E½SW¼, N1/2SE1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4; Sec. 32, lots 1 thru 8, NW<sup>1</sup>/4, and N½SW¼; Sec. 33, lots 1 thru 9, E½NE¼, and SE¼: Secs. 34 thru 36. T. 20 N., R. 35 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 3 thru 10, 15 thru 22, and 26 thru 35. T. 21 N., R. 35 E., Secs. 1 thru 3; Sec. 4, lots 3 thru 8 and S½NW¼: Sec. 5, lots 1 thru 4, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and S½NW¼; Secs. 6 and 7; Sec. 10, N<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 11, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 12 and 13; Sec. 14, NE<sup>1</sup>/4 and S<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 15, S1/2NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, and SE1/4; Sec. 16, SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Sec. 17, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 19, lots 5 thru 15; Sec. 20, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 21, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 22, E<sup>1</sup>/2 and SW<sup>1</sup>/4; Secs. 23 and 24; Sec. 25, lots 3 thru 6 and 11 thru 14; Secs. 26 thru 35; Sec. 36, lots 3 thru 6 and 9 thru 12. T. 22 N., R. 35 E., Secs. 31 thru 36. T. 19 N., R. 36 E. Sec. 19, lots 1 thru 4, E½NW¼, and E½SW¼; Sec. 30, lots 1 thru 3, NE<sup>1</sup>/4, E<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4 NE1/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 31, lot 4, E½, and E½SW¼. T. 21 N., R. 36 E., Secs. 2 thru 9 and 16 thru 20. T. 22 N., R. 36 E., Secs. 31 thru 35. The area described for Dixie Valley Training Area aggregates 277,046.69 acres in Churchill and Mineral Counties. Department of Navy Lands Not Withdrawn From the Public Domain T. 20 N., R. 34 E., Sec. 14, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4; Sec. 15, E1/2NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4; Sec. 22, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>: Sec. 23, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, and W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. T. 21 N., R. 34 E., Sec. 1, SW¼; Sec. 24: Sec. 25, lots 3 and 4, SW<sup>1</sup>/4, and W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Sec. 34, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Secs. 35 and 36. T. 19 N., R. 35 E. Sec. 3, S1/2NW1/4SW1/4SE1/4, S1/2SW1/4SE1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4SE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 10, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, N<sup>1</sup>/2SE<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, N<sup>1</sup>/2NE<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, and N1/2NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4; Sec. 11, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W1/2SE1/4NE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4NW1/4, N½SW¼NW¼NW¼ N½SE¼NW¼NW¼, SE¼NW¼, N<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4. SW<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4 SW1/4NE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4NE1/4SW1/4, N1/2NE1/4SE1/4SW1/4, N<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4, S1/2SW1/4NE1/4SE1/4, S1/2SE1/4NE1/4SE1/4,

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E½SW¼NW¼SE¼,	M.S. No. 2954 (Blue Jay Lode);	In the event any non-federally
S½SE¼NW¼SE¼, N½SW¼SE¼,	M.S. No. 3070 (Mars Lode);	lands within the requested withd
N <sup>1</sup> /2SE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4, and SW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4,	M.S. No. 3071 (Scorpion Lode); M.S. No. 3072 (B. and S. Lode);	area return or pass to Federal own
F. 21 N., R. 35 E.,	M.S. No. 3078 (Nevada Wonder Lode);	in the future, they would be subje
Sec. 4, W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , and SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;	M.S. No. 3079 (Ruby No. 1 Lode);	the terms and conditions describe
Sec. 5, S <sup>1</sup> /2;	M.S. No. 3123 (Last Chance Lode);	above. The purpose of the requested
Sec. 8, N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , and SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;	M.S. No. 3124 (Last Chance No. 1 Lode); M.S. No. 2225 (Neurola Was day No. 2	The purpose of the requested withdrawal extension and expans
Sec. 9, N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ,	M.S. No. 3325 (Nevada Wonder No. 2 Lode):	NAS FRTC is to withdraw and re
W½SE¼NW¼SE¼,	M.S. No. 3326 (Last Chance No. 2 Lode);	the lands for use by the DON for
W <sup>1</sup> /2NE <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4,	M.S. No. 3327 (Nevada Wonder No. 1,	and training involving air-to-grou
SE¼NE¼SW¼SE¼, W½SW¼SE¼,	Ruby, and Ruby No. 2 Lodes);	weapons delivery, tactical maneu
SE <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4, S <sup>1</sup> /2NE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4, S <sup>1</sup> /2NW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4, and S <sup>1</sup> /2SE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4;	M.S. No. 3416 (Starr Lode); M.S. No. 2417 (Many Equation Lode);	use of electromagnetic spectrum,
Sec. 10, S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ;	M.S. No. 3417 (Moss Fraction Lode); A portion of M.S. No. 3671 (Gold Dawn	warfare maneuver, and air suppo
Sec. 14, NW <sup>1</sup> /4;	No. 1, Gold Dawn No. 2, Gold Dawn No.	well as other defense-related pur
Sec. 15, N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , and SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;	3, and Gold Dawn No. 6 Lodes);	consistent with these purposes. N
Sec. 16, N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> and SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;	A portion of M.S. No. 3750 (Hercules,	defense requirements are rapidly
Sec. 17, E <sup>1</sup> /2;	Jackrabbit, Hilltop, and Hercules No. 2	evolving in response to new and
Sec. 18, lots 1 thru 4, E½NW¼, E½SW¼, W½SE¼, and NE¼SE¼ except Parcel 1	Lodes); M.S. No. 4225 (Nevada Wonder No. 3	emerging worldwide threat condi
of Logan Turley Parcel Map, filed in the	Lode);	The Department of Defense has
office of the County Recorder of	M.S. No. 4226 (Hidden Treasure, Hidden	responded to these new and eme
Churchill County of July 9, 1979, under	Treasure No. 1, and Hidden Treasure No.	threats with advances in combat
filing number 165908;	2 Lodes);	platform and weapon technologie
Sec. 19, lots 1 and 2, NW¼NE¼, and E½NW¼;	M.S. No. 4227 (North Star, Rose No. 1, Tagilight No. 2, and Tagilight No. 2	an effort to maintain a competitiv in combat operations abroad. The
Sec. 20, NE <sup>1</sup> /4, N <sup>1</sup> /2SE <sup>1</sup> /4, and SW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4;	Twilight No. 2, and Twilight No. 3 Lodes):	evolution of modern combat syste
Sec. 21, NW¼;	Wonder Townsite, (Patent No. 214499, July	has placed an increased demand
Sec. 22, NW <sup>1</sup> /4.	3, 1911);	tactical training ranges to meet co
The area described for Dixie Valley	Wonder Townsite, Blocks 31 and 42.	pre-deployment training requiren
Fraining Area aggregates 8,722.47 acres in	T. 19 N., R. 35 E., M.S. No. 2020 (Inclusion and Cound View)	All deploying naval strike aviatio
Churchill, and Mineral Counties.	M.S. No. 2826 (Jackpot and Grand View Lodes);	train at the FRTC prior to deploy
ion-Federally Owned Lands	A portion of M.S. No. 3122 (Great Eastern,	Many deploying Naval Special W
Г. 13 N., R. 32 E.,	Great Eastern No. 1, Great Eastern No. 3,	units also train at FRTC. The
A portion of M.S. No. 4773A (Don and	Great Eastern No. 4, and Great Eastern Fraction Lodes);	introduction of modern and adva
Tungsten No. 1 Lodes).	A portion of M.S. No. 3398 (Little Witch,	weapons systems already exceeds
F. 16 N., R. 33 E., Sec. 3, the right-of-way for U.S. Highway	Silver Tip, Valley View, Pan Handle, and	DON's ability to train realistically
50, as described in deed recorded July	Yellow Jacket Lodes);	FRTC while maintaining public s
27, 1934, Book 20, Deed Records, page	M.S. No. 3671 (Gold Dawn No. 1, Gold	According to the DON, Training protocols are severely limited du
353, Doc. No. 48379 of Churchill County,	Dawn No. 2, and Gold Dawn No. 3	lack of adequate training space at
NV.	Lodes); M.S. No. 3732 (Gold Bar No. 4, New York	FRTC. These limitations diminish
F. 21 N., R. 33 E., M.S. No. 1877 (IXL, 1st Ext. IXL, Black	No. 2, and Blister Foot Lodes);	DON's ability to train to realistic
Prince, 1st Ext. Black Prince, Twin	A portion of M.S. No. 3750 (Hilltop	deployment methods of existing
Sister, and Twin Sister No. 2 Lodes);	Fraction, Hercules, Hercules No. 2,	weapons systems. The DON indi
M.S. No. 1936 A (Bonanza);	Hercules No. 3, Hilltop, Jackrabbit,	that extension and expansion of t
M.S. No. 1937 (Spring Mine).	Worm, Beauty, Lizard No. 1, and Grand View Fraction Lodes);	withdrawn and reserved Federal
Γ. 16 N., R. 34 E., A portion of M.S. No. 3630 (Kimberly No.	M.S. No. 3786 (Queen, Queen No. 1, Queen	at Fallon are essential to provide
3 and Kimberly No. 4 Lodes).	No. 4, Queen No. 5, Queen No. 7, Queen	realistic tactical training at the FI
F. 17 N., R. 34 E.,	No. 8, Queen No. 9, Queen No. 10,	while continuing to provide for p
M.S. No. 4180 (Copper King, Central and	Queen No. 11, Queen Bee, and Great	safety.
Horn Silver Lodes).	Bend Lodes).	Copies of the legal descriptions
F. 19 N., R. 34 E.,	T. 21 N., R. 35 E., Sec. 4, NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;	the maps depicting the lands that
M.S. No. 3064 (Spider, Wasp, Tony Pah, Long Nel, and Last Chance Lodes);	Sec. 8, E <sup>1</sup> /2SW <sup>1</sup> /4 and SW <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4;	the subject of the DON's applicat
A portion of M.S. No. 3122 (Great Eastern	Sec. 9, S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ,	are available for public inspection following offices:
No. 1, Great Eastern No. 3, and Great	NE¼NE¼SW¼SE¼,	following offices: State Director, RLM Neurada State
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above. All comments received will be considered before the Secretary of the Interior makes any recommendation for withdrawal to Congress.

Notice is hereby given that public meetings addressing the withdrawal applications will be held jointly with the DON's public meetings associated with NEPA evaluation of the proposed withdrawals. Public meetings will be held at the following locations:

- Fallon Convention Center, Fallon, NV, October 3, 2016, 3-7 p.m.;
- Pershing County Community Center, Lovelock, NV, October 4, 2016, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; • Evelyn Mount NE Community
- Center, Reno, NV, October 4, 2016, 5-7 p.m.;
- Emma Nevada Town Hall, Austin, NV, October 5, 2016, 5-7 p.m.;
- Eureka Elementary School, Eureka. NV. October 6, 2016, 5-7 p.m.;
- Hawthorne Convention Center, Hawthorne, NV, October 7, 2016, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.;
- Gabbs School Gymnasium Gabbs, NV, October 7, 2016, 5-7 p.m.

The DON will be the lead agency for evaluation of the proposed withdrawal extension and expansion pursuant to NEPA and other applicable environmental and cultural resources authorities, and will be publishing its own scoping and other notices.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the DON and BLM addresses noted above, during regular business hours Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Subject to valid existing rights, the Federal lands that are the subject of the DON application for expansion of the withdrawal and reservation for DON use at Fallon, and that are described in this Notice, will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws. The segregation will continue for a period until [two years from date of publication in Federal Register], unless the applications/proposal are denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved

prior to that date. In addition, subject to valid existing rights, 68,804 acres of land in the DVTA, described in this Notice, will be segregated from operation of the mineral leasing laws for the same two year period, unless the applications/proposal are denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved within that period. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations may be allowed during the period of segregation, but only with the approval of the authorized officer and, as appropriate, with the concurrence of DON.

The applications for withdrawal and reservation will be processed in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR part 2300.

Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714(b)(1) and 43 CFR 2300.

#### John F. Ruhs,

State Director, Nevada. [FR Doc. 2016-21213 Filed 9-1-16; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310-HC-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[NPS-IMR-GRTE-21184; PX.PD202594I.00.1]

Moose-Wilson Corridor Comprehensive Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior. ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Moose-Wilson Corridor Comprehensive Management Plan, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming The FEIS analyzes four alternatives for future management of the corridor. Alternative C has been identified as the NPS preferred alternative.

DATES: The National Park Service will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

ADDRESSES: The FEIS is available to the public online at http://

parkplanning.nps.gov/MooseWilson, and at the Grand Teton National Park Headquarters Building, 1 Teton Park Road, Moose, Wyoming, and at the Reference Desk of the Teton County Library, 125 Virginian Lane, Jackson, Wyoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Vela, Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park, P.O. Drawer 170, Moose, Wyoming 83012-0170, (307) 739-3411, GRTE Superintendent@ nps.gov, or Daniel Noon, Chief of Planning and Environmental Compliance, P.O. Drawer 170, Moose Wyoming 83012-0170, (307) 739-3465, Daniel Noon@nps.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In recent years, the Moose-Wilson corridor in Grand Teton National Park has experienced changes in ecological conditions, development patterns, and use by visitors and local residents. As a resulť, the National Park Service is conducting a comprehensive planning and environmental impact process to determine how best to protect park resources and values while providing appropriate opportunities for visitor use, experience, and enjoyment of the corridor. The final plan: (1) Identifies management strategies to address natural and cultural resource protection; (2) identifies management strategies to address visitor safety concerns and conflicts with wildlife; (3) addresses vehicle/bicycle management related to road use, trailhead parking areas and pullouts; (4) identifies management strategies related to the operation of facilities within the corridor; (5) considers if a multi-use pathway should be provided along Moose-Wilson Road; and (6) examines specific road realignment and paving options for the Moose-Wilson and Death Canyon Roads.

Four management alternatives Alternatives A through D, are analyzed in the FEIS. Alternative A, the no-action alternative, would continue current management practices related to resources, visitor use, park operations, and maintenance of facilities within the Moose-Wilson corridor. Alternatives B through D address increases in traffic and volume-related congestion on the Moose-Wilson Road during peak use periods by either restricting its use as a through-travel route or limiting the number of vehicles entering the corridor at any one time.

Alternative B emphasizes managing the corridor as a visitor destination. Reduced crowding on Moose-Wilson Road and at destinations within the corridor would provide visitors an opportunity for self-discovery. This would be accomplished by restricting through-traffic in either direction during peak use periods through the management of a gate system on Moose Wilson Road within the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve. Existing developed areas and facilities would be maintained where appropriate and removed or

## A.3 Department of the Navy Notice of Extension of Public Scoping Period for the Environmental Impact Statement for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization, Nevada



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treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection. *Verbal Comments*: Members of the

public will be permitted to make verbal comments during the Board meeting only at the time and in the manner allowed herein. If a member of the public is interested in making a verbal comment at the open meeting, that individual must submit a request, with a brief statement of the subject matter to be addressed by the comment, at least three business (3) days in advance to the committee DFO or ADFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the addresses listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. The committee DFO and ADFO will log each request to make a comment, in the order received, and determine whether the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the Board's mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. A 15-minute period near the end of the meeting will be available for verbal public comments. Members of the public who have requested to make a verbal comment and whose comments have been deemed relevant under the process described above, will be allotted no more than three (3) minutes during this period, and will be invited to speak in the order in which their requests were received by the DFO and ADFO.

#### Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2016–27162 Filed 11–9–16; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3720–58–P

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

Notice of Extension of Public Scoping Period for the Environmental Impact Statement for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization, Nevada

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD. ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (DoN) published a notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization in the Federal Register (81 FR 58919) on August 26, 2016, which initiated a 90day public scoping period ending on November 25, 2016. This notice confirms the extension of that public scoping period until December 12, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest; Attention: Amy P. Kelley, Code EV21.AK; 1220 Pacific Highway; Building 1, 5th Floor; San Diego, California 92132.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public scoping period for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization EIS will be extended until December 12, 2016. Scoping comments may be submitted in writing to the address identified above. In addition, scoping comments may be submitted online at http://www.FRTCModernization.com. All written comments must be postmarked or received online by December 12, 2016 to ensure they become part of the official record. All comments submitted to the DoN during the public scoping period will be taken into consideration during EIS preparation.

Dated: November 7, 2016.

C. Mora, Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2016–27205 Filed 11–9–16; 8:45 am] BILING CODE 3810–FF–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration IBPA File No.: BP-181

Fiscal Year (FY) 2018–2019 Proposed Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments Public Hearing and Opportunities for Public Review and Comment

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA or Bonneville), Department of Energy (DOE). ACTION: Notice of FY 2018–2019 Proposed Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments.

SUMMARY: BPA is holding a consolidated rate proceeding, Docket No. BP-18, to establish power and transmission rates for FY 2018-2019.

The Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act (Northwest Power Act) provides that BPA must establish and periodically review and revise its rates so that they recover, in accordance with sound business principles, the costs associated with the acquisition, conservation, and transmission of electric power including amortization of the Federal investment in the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) over reasonable number of years, and BPA's other costs and expenses. The Northwest Power Act requires that BPA's rates be established based on the record of a formal hearing. For transmission rates only, the Northwest Power Act requires that the costs of the

Federal transmission system be equitably allocated between Federal and non-Federal power utilizing the system. By this notice, BPA announces the commencement of a power and transmission rate adjustment proceeding for power, transmission, ancillary, and control area services rates to be effective on October 1, 2017. DATES: Anyone wishing to become a party to the BP-18 proceeding must provide written notice by U.S. Mail or electronic mail. BPA must receive such notice no later than 3:00 p.m. on

November 18, 2016. The BP-18 rate adjustment proceeding begins with a prehearing conference at 9:00 a.m. on November 17, 2016, in the BPA Rates Hearing Room, 1201 NE Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 200, Portland, Oregon 97232.

Written comments by non-party participants must be received by February 17, 2017, to be considered in the Administrator's Record of Decision (ROD). ADDRESSES:

1. Petitions to intervene should be directed to: Hearing Clerk—L-7, Bonneville Power Administration, 905 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232 or may be emailed to rateclerk@ bpa.gov. In addition, copies of the petition must be served concurrently on BPA's General Counsel and directed to both Mr. Kurt Casad, LP-7, and Mr. Matthew Perkins, LT-7, Office of General Counsel, 905 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232, or by email to krcasad@bpa.gov and mwperkins@ bpa.gov (see section III.A. for more information regarding interventions).

2. Written comments by participants should be submitted to BPA Public Involvement, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, Oregon 97293. Participants may also submit comments electronically at www.bpa.gov/ comment. BPA requests that all comments and documents intended to be part of the Official Record in this rate proceeding contain the designation BP– 18 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ebony Amato, DKE-7, BPA Communications, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208; by phone toll free at 1-800-622-4520; or by email to elamato@bpa.gov.

elamato@bpa.gov. Responsible Officials: Mr. Daniel H. Fisher, Power Rates Manager, is the official responsible for the development of BPA's power rates, and Ms. Rebecca E. Fredrickson, Transmission Rates Manager, is the official responsible for the development of BPA's transmission,

### A.4 Bureau of Land Management Notice of Amended Application for Withdrawal Expansion and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Nevada

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[LLNVC01000.L19200000.ET0000; LRORF1709600; MO# 4500119564]

#### Notice of Amended Application for Withdrawal Expansion and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Amended Withdrawal Application for Expansion.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Engle Act of 1958 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, (FLPMA), the Department of the Navy (DON) has amended its 2016 Engle Act application for withdrawal to add 92,482.45 acres of public lands and 1,001 acres of non-federally owned lands to its original application for the withdrawal and reservation by Congress of 678,670.69 acres of public lands. These lands are located near Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, Nevada, for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). DATES: Comments on the amended withdrawal application including the environmental consequences of a withdrawal for military purposes of 92,482.45 acres of public land should be received on or before August 2, 2018. In addition, a public meeting will be held to help the public understand the withdrawal and the associated decisionmaking process. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Comments pertaining to this Notice should be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Email: BLM NV FRTC@blm.gov
- Fax: 775–885–6147

· Mail: BLM Carson City District, Attn: NAS Fallon FRTC, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701

 The public meeting will be held at the Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Dingman, BLM, Carson City District Office, 775-885-6168; address: 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701; email: cjdingman@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DON filed an amended application requesting the withdrawal and reservation of additional public lands for military training exercises involving NAS Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada. The DON proposed withdrawal amendment adds 92,482.45 acres of public lands and 1,001 acres of non-federally owned lands (i.e., lands that would be subject to such action should they enter Federal ownership) to the original land withdrawal expansion application for the withdrawal of the public lands from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, and reservation of the public lands located near FRTC for military use. The original and amended applications requested that Congress expand the area withdrawn and reserved for military purposes at FRTC. Currently, the FRTC occupies 223,557 acres of public lands withdrawn and reserved for its use, and the DON has requested renewal of the existing withdrawal and reservation. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) notified the public of the original land withdrawal expansion application consisting of 678,670.69 additional acres on September 2, 2016, with a Notice published in the Federal Register (81 FR 60736). The DON also requests partial cancellation and removal of 2,429.80 acres of public lands from the original land withdrawal expansion application for the withdrawal and reservation of public lands located near the FRTC. The entire FRTC expansion area-beyond the existing withdrawalconsists of 769,724.34 acres that are requested to be withdrawn from appropriation under the public land lâŵs, încluding the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, and reserved for military purposes. As required by section 204(b)(1) of FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1714(b)(1), and the BLM regulations at 43 CFR part 2300, the BLM is publishing this Notice of the DON amended application. While the BLM and the Department of the Interior (DOI) assist the DON with the processing of this application, Congress, not the Secretary, will make the decision on expansion of the existing NAS Fallon wîthdrawal.

Upon publication of this Notice in the Federal Register, the public lands described will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the

geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights for two years. The acres of public land segregated upon publication of this Notice totals 92,482.45 acres.

The DON, in accordance with the Engle Act, (43 U.S.C. 155–158), has filed an application requesting withdrawal and reservation of additional Federal lands for military training exercises involving NAS Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada (the "expansion area"). The DON requests that the land be withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land lâŵs, încluding the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights and reserved for use of the DON for testing and training involving air-to-ground weapons delivery, tactical maneuvering, use of electromagnetic spectrum, land warfare maneuver, and air support, as well as other defense-related purposes consistent with these purposes. The amended expansion area consists of the lands and interests in lands described below and adjacent to the exterior boundaries of NAS Fallon FRTC Dixie Valley Training Area, located in Churchill County, Nevada and NAS Fallon FRTC B-17 area, located in Churchill, Mineral, and Nye Counties, Nevada.

The area within the Dixie Valley Training Area aggregate 16,370.50 acres. Portions of these lands are unsurveyed and the acres obtained from protraction diagram information or calculated using Geographic Information System.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

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- T. 19 N., R. 35 E. Sec. 12, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;
- Sec. 13. T. 19 N., R. 36 E.,
- Sec. 19, E½.
- T. 20 N., R. 33 E., unsurveyed,
- Sec. 1, SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Secs. 7 and 8;
- Sec. 9, NW¼ and S½;
- Sec. 10, S<sup>1</sup>/2;
- Sec. 11, NE<sup>1</sup>/4 and S<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 12.
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B-17, Additional Lands

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E1/2SW1/4; T. 13 N., R. 36 E., unsurveyed, Sec. 6, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 7; Sec. 18 and 19; Sec. 30; Sec. 31, W<sup>1</sup>/z; T. 14 N., R. 36 E., unsurveyed, Sec. 31, W<sup>1</sup>/2; The additional lands area described for B-17 contains 76,111.95 acres in Churchill, Mineral, and Nye Counties. Department of Defense Fee Owned Lands None Non-federally Owned Lands Sec. 4, lots 1 thru 3, S<sup>1</sup>/2NE<sup>1</sup>/4, SE<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4,

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- Sec. 28, SE¼NW¼, W½SE¼ and
- N<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4;
- Sec. 29, NE¼SE¼;

Sec. 33, W1/2NE1/4 and S1/2; The additional lands area described for B-17 contains 1,001.00 acres in Mineral and

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A copy of the legal descriptions and the maps depicting the lands that are the subject of the DON's application, as amended, are available for public inspection at the following offices:

State Director, BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nevada 89502, and District Manager, BLM Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

For a period until August 2, 2018 all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the withdrawal applications may present their comments in writing to the persons and offices listed in the ADDRESSES section above. All comments received will be considered before any

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recommendation for withdrawal is presented to Congress. In addition, a public meeting

In addition, a public meeting addressing the amended withdrawal application will be held to help the public understand the amended withdrawal application and the associated process for decision-making; please see the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections for details.

The DON is the lead agency for evaluation of the proposed withdrawal expansion as pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970, as amended (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*, and other applicable environmental and cultural resources authorities.

Comments including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the BLM addresses noted above, during regular business hours Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable informationmay be publicly available at any time. While you can ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

For a period until May 4, 2020, subject to valid existing rights, the Federal lands that are described in this Notice as added to the DON's withdrawal application will be segregated, for two years, from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, unless the applications/proposal are denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The acres of public land segregated upon publication of this Notice totals 92,482.45 acres. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations may be allowed during the period of segregation, but only with the approval of the authorized officer and, as appropriate, with the concurrence of the DON.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 2310.1–4, the segregative effect for the 2,429.80 acres described above is terminated, and the lands opened as follows: At 9 a.m. on June 4, 2018 the 2,429.80 acres of public lands in Churchill County, identified by the DON as no longer needed for their application for legislative withdrawal, and legally described above, will be opened to the operation of the general land laws and to location and entry under the United States mining laws,

subject to valid existing right, the provision of existing withdrawals, and other segregations of record, and other applicable law, including the provisions of 43 U.S.C. 1782. Appropriation of any of the land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1988), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The BLM will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights, because Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts. All valid applications under any other general land laws received at or prior to 9 a.m. on June 4, 2018 shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

Authority: 43 CFR 2300.

#### Michael C. Courtney,

Acting State Director, Nevada. [FR Doc. 2018–09665 Filed 5–3–18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310–HC–P

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Colorado Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Manag Plan (RMP) Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Colorado Greater-Sage-Grouse (GRSC) Conservation and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period. BLM Colorado is soliciting comments on the entire Draft EIS, as well as the specific planning issues mentioned in this NOA, and the cumulative effects analysis. DATES: To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive

written comments on the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of availability of the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS in the Federal Register. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public participation activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings. ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Colorado GRSG RMP Amendment/Draft EIS by any of the following methods: • Website: https://goo.gl/kmLtwT.

 mail: BLM—Greater Sage-Grouse EIS, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506. Copies of the Colorado GRSG Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS are available at the website above. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Bridget Clayton, Colorado Sage-grouse Coordinator, telephone 970-244-3045; see address above; email bclayton@ blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Ms. Clayton. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with Ms. Clayton. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Greater Sage-Grouse is a state-managed species that is dependent on sagebrush steppe ecosystems. These ecosystems are managed in partnership across the range of the Greater Sage-Grouse by federal, state, and local authorities. Efforts to conserve the species and its habitat date back to the 1950s. Over the past two decades, state wildlife agencies, federal agencies, and many others in the range of the species have been collaborating to conserve Greater Sage-Grouse and its habitats. The United States Department of the Interior (DOI) and the BLM have broad responsibilities to manage federal lands and resources for the public benefit. Nearly half of Greater Sage Grouse habitat is managed by the BLM. The BLM is committed to being a good neighbor and investing in on-the-ground conservation activities through close collaboration with State governments, local communities, private landowners, and other stakeholders.

In September 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) determined that the Greater Sage-Grouse did not warrant listing under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The USFWS based its "not warranted" determination, in part, on the conservation commitments and management actions in the BLM

### A.5 Bureau of Land Management Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Availability of an Associated Environmental Assessment, and Notification of Public Meeting; Nevada



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Greater Sage-Grouse land use plan amendments and revisions (2015 GRSG land use plan decisions), as well as on other private, state, and federal conservation efforts. Since 2015 the BLM, in discussion with partners primarily Governors and state wildlife management agencies, recognized that several refinements and policy updates could help strengthen conservation efforts, while providing increased economic opportunity to local communities. The BLM and Department of Interior worked closely with Governors charged with managing Greater Sage-Grouse to determine whether some, none, or all of the 2015 Land Use Plans should be amended. After carefully considering the Governor's input, and using its discretion and authority under FLPMA, as well as under direction from the Secretary, including Secretary's Order (SO) 3353, the BLM proposes amending the Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse land use plans that address GRSG management. This action is proposed to enhance cooperation and improve alignment with the state plans or management strategies, in accordance with the BLM's multiple use and sustained yield mission. The BLM prepared the Wyoming Greater Sag Grouse Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS to address alternatives that will build upon its commitment to conse and restore Greater Sage-Grouse habitat, while improving collaboration and alignment with state management strategies for Greater Sage-Grouse. The BLM seeks to improve management alignment in ways that will increase management flexibility, maintain access to public resources, and promote conservation outcomes. The BLM used internal, agency, and public scoping to identify issues considered in the environmental analysis. As part of this analysis, the BLM also examined the range of alternatives evaluated in the BLM's 2015 GRSG land use plan decisions and their supporting NEPA

analyses This Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS is one of six separate planning efforts that are being undertaken in response to SO 3353, Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation and Cooperation with Western States (June 7, 2017), and in accordance with SO 3349, American Energy Independence (March 29, 2017). The Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS proposes to amend the RMPs for field offices on BLM lands within BLM Wyoming boundaries. The current management decisions for resources are described in the following resource management plans (RMPs):
 Buffalo RMP (2015)

- Casper RMP (2007)
   Cody RMP (2015)
   Kemmerer RMP (2010)
- Lander RMP (2014) Newcastle RMP (2000)
- Pinedale RMP (2008)
- Rawlins RMP (2008)
- Green River RMP (1997)
   Worland RMP (2015)

The planning area includes nearly 60 million acres of BLM, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, State, local, and private lands located in Wyoming, in 20 counties: Albany, Bighorn, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Crook, Fremont, Hot Springs, Johnson, Lincoln, Natrona, Niobrara, Park, Sheridan, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta, Washakie. and Weston. Within the decision area, the BLM administers more than 18 million acres of public lands, providing approximately 17 million acres of Priority and General GRSG habitat. Surface management decisions made as a result of this Draft RMP Amendment/ Draft EIS will apply only to BLM administered lands in the decision area

The formal public scoping process for the RMP Amendment/EIS began on October 11, 2017, with the publication of a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register (82 FR 47248), and ended on December 1, 2017. The BLM Wyoming held two public scoping meetings in November 2017. The BLM used scoping comments to help identify planning issues to form alternatives and frame the scope of the analysis in the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS. The scoping process was also used to familiarize the public and introduce them to preliminary planning criteria, which sets limits on the scope of the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS.

The Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS addresses the designation of sagebrush focal areas, mitigation standards, clarification of habitat objectives tables, adjustments to habitat boundaries to reflect new information, and reversing adaptive management responses when the BLM determines that resource conditions no longer warrant those

The Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS evaluates two alternatives in detail including the No Action Alternative (Alternative A) and one action alternative (Alternative B). Alternative B has been identified as BLM's Preferred Alternative for the purposes of public comment and review. Identification of this alternative, however, does not represent final agency direction, and the Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS may reflect changes or adjustments from information received during public comment, from new information, or

from changes in BLM policies or priorities. The Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS may include objectives and actions described in the other analyzed alternative as well. In addition, certain components of the 2015 GRSG plans are not present in the Lander RMP; therefore, only the portions applicable to Lander would be amended through this proces

Alternative A would retain the current management goals, objectives, and direction specified in the current RMPs for each field office.

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names street addresses, and email addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the address provided in the ADDRESSES section of this notice during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment-including your personal identifying information-may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, v cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10, 43 CFR 1610.2

Mary Jo Rugwell,

State Director, Wyoming. [FR Doc. 2018-09524 Filed 5-3-18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310-84-P

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Availability of an Associated Environmental Assessment, and Notification of Public Meeting; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management. Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Withdrawal

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw approximately 769,724 acres of Federal land in Churchill, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, and Pershing Counties, Nevada, for up to 4 years from all forms of appropriation

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under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights. The petition/application also requests withdrawal of 68,804 acres of Federal land in the Dixie Valley Training Area from the mineral leasing laws (not currently withdrawn from these laws under Section 3016 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2000 (NDAA 2000), subject to valid existing rights. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), the BLM Carson City District Stillwater Field Office, Carson City, Nevada, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) associated with the proposed withdrawal for Land Management Evaluation (LME) purposes, and by this Notice is announcing the EA's availability.

DATES: Comments on the proposed 4year withdrawal including environmental consequences should be received on or before August 2, 2018. In addition, a public meeting will be held on Tuesday June 19, 2018, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, Nevada 89406 to help the public understand the proposed withdrawal and the associated decision-making process.

ADDRESSES: Comments pertaining to this Notice or the proposed withdrawal for LME purposes, including environmental issues pertaining to the proposed LME withdrawal, should be submitted by any

- of the following methods: Email: BLM NV FRTC@blm.gov.
  - Fax: (775) 885-6147.

 Mail: BLM Carson City District, Attn: NAS Fallon FRTC, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Dingman, BLM, Carson City District Office, 775-885-6168; address: 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701; email: cjdingman@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM and the Department of the Navy (DON) are engaged in evaluation of issues relating to the Navy's proposed training land range expansion and airspace modifications project of Naval Air

Station Fallon, Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, pending the processing of the DON's application for withdrawal of Federal land for defense purposes under the Engle Act (Federal Register Notice 2016–20502) (81 FR 58919) and Federal Register Notice 2016-21213 (81 FR 60736). In accordance with Section 204 of the FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1714, and BLM regulations at 43 CFR part 2300, the BLM has filed a petition/application requesting the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw the area described below from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, for LME purposes, subject to valid existing rights, to support that evaluation. This application does not request reservation of the lands for the DON for defense purposes. The BLM's petition/ application also requested the Secretary to withdraw 68,804 acres of subsurface in the Dixie Valley Training Area from the mineral leasing laws, for land management evaluation purposes, subject to valid existing rights. The BLM filed the petition/application for withdrawal from the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, for LME purposes, subject to valid existing rights in support of possible future transfer of the lands to DON jurisdiction by Congress in accordance with an application filed by the DON (see Federal Register Notice 2016–21213) (81 FR 60736). The Secretary of the Interior therefore proposes to withdraw the lands described below in "Expansion and Land Management Evaluation," for 4 years from operation of the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, for land management purposes, subject to valid existing rights. This notice and comment will allow opportunity for the BLM to receive input from the State of Nevada, potential stakeholders, and the local community in order to adequately address potential concerns about the overall size of the withdrawal expansion and the potential impacts to existing multiple uses and resources, including but not limited to critical and other minerals, geothermal resources, livestock grazing, and recreational access

The "Expansion and Land Management Evaluation" proposal would withdraw the following areas in Churchill, Lyon, Pershing, Mineral, and Nye Counties, Nevada, subject to valid existing rights as described below:

The areas B-16, B-17, B-20 and the Dixie Valley Training Area aggregate

769,724 acres. Portions of these lands are unsurveyed and the acres were obtained from protraction diagrams information or calculated using Geographic Information System.

### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

### B-16

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- T. 16 N., R. 26 E.,
  - Sec. 1, lots 1 thru 4; Sec. 2, lots 1 and 2.
- T. 17 N., R. 26 E., partly unsurveyed,
- Secs. 1, 2, and 11 thru 13; Sec. 14, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>;
- Sec. 23, E<sup>1</sup>/2
- Secs. 24 and 25;
- Sec. 26, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>;
- Sec. 35, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 36.
- T. 18 N., R. 26 E.,
- Sec. 35, S<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 36.
- T. 16 N., R. 27 E., Sec. 1, lots 1 thru 5, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4; Secs. 2 and 3:
- Sec. 4, lots 1 thru 4, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,
- N1/2SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4; Sec. 5, lots 1 thru 4, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,
- SW¼, and N½SE¼; Sec. 6, lots 1 thru 5, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and E½SE¼SE¼
- T. 17 N., R. 27 E., partly unsurveyed, Secs. 4 thru 10;
  - Sec. 11, W<sup>1</sup>/2;
- Sec. 14, W<sup>1</sup>/2;
- Secs. 15 thru 22 and 27 thru 34. T. 18 N., R. 27 E.
- Secs. 27 thru 34; Sec. 35, W½.
- T. 16 N., R. 28 E., partly unsurveyed, Sec. 5, lots 1 thru 4, S1/2NE1/4 and S1/2NW1/4: Sec. 6, lots 1 thru 5, SE<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4 and
- S1/2NE1/4.
- The area described for B-16 aggregates 32,201.17 acres in Churchill and Lyon Counties.

### B-17

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- T. 13 N., R. 32 E.,
- Sec. 1, except patented lands. T. 14 N., R. 32 E., unsurveyed,
- Secs. 1 thru 3, 10 thru 15, 22 thru 26, 35,
- and 36.
- T. 15 N., R. 32 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 25, 26, 35, and 36.
   T. 12 N., R. 33 E.,
- Secs. 1 thru 8;
- Sec 9, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;
- Secs. 10 thru 15;
- Sec 16, W<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4;

- Sec. 6, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 830-
  - Sec. 7, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839:

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Sec. 4, lots 1 thru 3, E½SW¼, and SE¼;	T. 14 N., R.
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Secs. 34 thru 36.	Sec. 6, lot
T. 11 N., R. 35 E.,	Sec. 7, lot
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Sec. 4, W <sup>1</sup> /2 and E <sup>1</sup> /2;	T. 25 N., R.

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ru 8; W¼ and that portion lying east of sterly right-of-way line of State 361; and 11; W<sup>1</sup>/z; and 15; hat portion lying east of the ly right-of-way line of State Route thru 20; hat portion lying east of the ly right-of-way line of State Route hru 27; W1/2NE1/4, E1/2NE1/4, W1/2, 1/4, and E1/2SE1/4; hru 32: W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4; hru 36. 35 E., unsurveyed, uru 8 and 17 thru 20; W1/2 and SE1/4; hru 32; W1/2 and E1/2; 35 E., 36 E., ts 3 thru 7, SE¼NW¼ and 36 E., unsurveyed, 1½: nd 19; W1/2 36 E., unsurveyed, N<sup>1</sup>/2. described for B–17 aggregates acres in Churchill, Nye, and unties. ally Owned Lands . 32 E., partly unsurveyed, n of M.S. No. 4773 (Viking's 'urtle, Tungsten, and Don). 33 E. 1/4SW1/4 and SW1/4SE1/4; N<sup>1</sup>/2, E<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4, and SE<sup>1</sup>/4. 34 E ts 1 thru 3, S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, 4 and NE1/4SW1/4; 34 E. ot 2, SW1/4NE1/4, and N1/2SE1/4; t 3 and NE¼SW¼; SE¼NW¼, W½SE¼, and V<sup>1</sup>/4; NE<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4; W1/2NE1/4 and S1/2. 34 E., partly unsurveyed, n of M.S. No. 4184 (Eva B, Eva B Argel No. 1, Argel No. 2, Argel No. Prince Albert Lodes); n of M.S. No. 3927 (Lookout No. e)

described for B–17 aggregates in Churchill, Nye, and Mineral

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31 E. , 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 28, 31 E.,

Secs. 34 and 36. T. 24 N., R. 32 E. Secs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18. T. 25 N., R. 32 E., Secs. 10, 12, and 14; Sec. 15, SE¼NE¼, NE¼SE¼, and SE<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Secs. 16, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 32, 34, and 36. T. 22 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 4, 5, and 8. T. 23 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 2, 4, 10, 11, 14 thru 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 32 thru 34. T. 24 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 22, 24, 26, 28, 34, and 36 T. 25 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 6, 8, 16, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30, 32, and 34. The area described for B-20 aggregates 49,986.79 acres in Churchill and Pershing Counties. Bureau of Reclamation T. 22 N., R. 30 E. Secs. 12 and 24. T. 23 N., R. 30 E., Secs. 25, 35, and 36. T. 22 N., R. 31 E., Secs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 thru 34, and 36. T. 23 N., R. 31 E., Secs. 1 thru 4; Sec. 5, S½; Secs. 6 thru 36. T. 24 N., R. 31 E., Secs. 24, 26, 32, 34, and 36. T 22 N R 32 E Secs. 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8; Sec. 9, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 10 thru 16, 18, and 20 thru 36. T. 23 N., R. 32 E., Secs. 32, and 34 thru 36. T. 22 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 6, 7, and 18. T. 23 N., R. 33 E., Sec. 31. The area described for B-20 aggregates 65,375.88 acres in Churchill County. Fish and Wildlife Service T. 22 N., R. 30 E. Secs. 2, 10, 14, 22, and 26. The area described for B-20 aggregates 3,201.00 acres in Churchill County. Non-Federally Owned Lands

### T. 22 N., R. 30 E.,

- Secs. 1, 11, 13, 15, 23, and 25. T. 22 N., R. 31 E.,
- Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, and 35. T. 23 N., R. 31 E.,
  - Sec. 5, lots 1 thru 4, S1/2NE1/4 and S1/2NW1/4.
- T. 24 N., R. 31 E.
- Secs. 1, 3, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.
- T. 25 N., R. 31 E.,
- Sec. 35. T. 22 N., R. 32 E., Secs. 3, 5, and 7;
- Sec. 9, W1/2;
- Secs. 17 and 19. T. 23 N., R. 32 E.,
  - Secs. 31 and 33.
- T. 24 N., R. 32 E.,

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Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17. T. 25 N., R. 32 E., Secs. 1, 11 and 13; Sec 15, N½NE¼, SW¼NE¼, W½ and W1/2SE1/4; Secs. 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33 and 35. T. 23 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 3 and 9. T. 24 N., R. 33 E. Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, 25, 27, 33, and 35. T. 25 N., R. 33 E Secs. 5, 7, 15, 17, 19, 21, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35. The area described for B-20 aggregates 61,764.88 acres in Churchill and Pershing Counties Dixie Valley Training Area **Bureau of Land Management** T. 13 N., R. 32 E., Sec. 2; Sec. 3, lots 1 thru 4, S<sup>1</sup>/2NE<sup>1</sup>/4, S<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4, and SE¼; Sec. 4, lots 1 and 2 and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 11: Sec. 12, except patented lands; Secs. 13 and 24. T. 14 N., R. 32 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 4, 5, 8, 9, and 16; Sec. 21, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 27: Sec. 28, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 33, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 34. T. 15 N., R. 32 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 1 and 2; Sec. 3, except lands withdrawn under PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site"; Sec. 5, except lands withdrawn under PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site"; Sec. 8, except lands withdrawn under PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site"; Sec. 9, except lands withdrawn under PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site"; Sec. 10, except lands withdrawn under PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site"; Secs. 11 thru 17, 20 thru 24, 27 thru 29, and 32 thru 34. T. 16 N., R. 32 E., Secs. 13 and 14, 23 thru 26, 35, and 36. T. 17 N., R. 32 E., partly unsurveyed, Sec. 1, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 12, E½. T. 18 N., R. 32 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36. T. 19 N., R. 32 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 13, 24, 25, and 36. T. 16 N., R. 33 E., Sec. 1, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; Sec. 2, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; Sec. 3, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50, except patented lands; Sec. 4, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; Sec. 5, that portion north of the southerly

northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; Sec. 17, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839: Sec. 18, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839: Sec. 19, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839; Sec. 30, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839: Sec. 31, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839: Sec. 32, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839. T. 17 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 6 and 7. T. 18 N., R. 33 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 1, 2, and 4 thru 8; Sec. 9, W1/2; Sec. 10, that portion north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash: Secs. 11 and 12; Sec. 13, that portion north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash; Sec. 14, that portion north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash: Sec. 16, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 17 thru 20; Sec. 29, W<sup>1</sup>/z; Secs. 30 and 31. T. 19 N., R. 33 E., unsurveyed, Sec. 19; Sec. 20, N<sup>1</sup>/2, SW<sup>1</sup>/4, and SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Sec. 21 thru 27; Sec. 28, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Secs. 29 thru 36. T. 20 N., R. 33 E., unsurveyed, Sec. 1, N<sup>1</sup>/2, SW<sup>1</sup>/4, and SE<sup>1</sup>/4;

Sec. 1, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 2, thru 8; Sec. 9, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Sec. 10, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Sec. 11, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. T. 21 N., R. 33 E., Secs. 1 thru 3; Sec. 9, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Secs. 10 thru 16;

Sec. 20, E<sup>1</sup>/2;

- Secs. 21 and 22;
- Sec. 23, except patented lands; Sec. 24, except patented lands;
- Sec. 24, except patented lands; Secs. 25 thru 29;
- Sec. 31, E<sup>1</sup>/2;
- Secs. 32 thru 36.
- T. 16 N., 33 ½E., Sec. 1, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; T. 18 Ň., R. 33 ½ E.,
- T. 18 N., R. 33 ½ E., Secs. 1 and 12; Sec. 13, that portion north of Elevenmile
- Canyon Wash; Sec. 24, that portion north of Elevenmile
- Canyon Wash. T. 19 N., R. 33 ½ E., unsurveyed,
- Secs. 24, 25, and 36.
- T. 20 N., R. 33 ½ E., unsurveyed, Sec. 1, N½ and S½; Sec. 12.
- T. 16 N., R. 34 E., partly unsurveyed,

Secs. 1 thru 3: Sec. 4, lots 1, 2, and 9 thru 12, and SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Sec. 5, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; Sec. 6, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50; Sec. 9, lots 2 and 6, NE¼, and E½SE¼; Secs. 10 thru 14 and 24. T. 17 N., R. 34 E., Secs. 1 and 2: Sec. 3, lots 1 and 2, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 10, E½; Secs. 11 thru 13: Sec. 14, lots 1 thru 4, N<sup>1</sup>/2, N<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4, and E½SE¼; Sec. 15, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 22, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Sec. 23, lots 1 thru 3, E½NE¼, SW¼NE¼, S1/2NW1/4, and S1/2; Secs. 24 thru 26; Sec. 27, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 34, E½: Secs. 35 and 36. T. 18 N., R. 34 E., Secs. 1 and 2; Sec. 4, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 5 thru 8; Sec. 9, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121. Secs. 11 thru 14; Sec. 16, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121; Secs. 17 and 18; Sec. 19, that portion north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash; Sec. 20, that portion north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash; Sec. 21, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121 and north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash; Secs. 23 thru 26, 35, and 36. T. 19 N., R. 34 E., Secs. 1 and 2; Sec. 4, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 5 thru 8: Sec. 9, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121; Secs. 11 thru 14; Sec. 16, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121; Secs. 17 thru 20; Sec. 21, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 23 and 24; Sec. 25, lots 1 thru 9, N½NE¼, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, and NW1/4SE1/4; Sec. 26, lots 1 thru 5, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and W1/2; Sec. 28, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 29 thru 32:

Sec. 5, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the

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Sec. 33, that portion west of the easterly	S <sup>1</sup> /2NW <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4, S <sup>1</sup> /2NW <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4,	Sec. 14, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4;
right-of-way boundary for State Route	S1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and SE1/4;	Sec. 15, E½NE¼ and E½SE¼;
121;	Sec. 11, NE <sup>1</sup> /4, E <sup>1</sup> /2SE <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4,	Sec. 22, E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> and E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;
Sec. 35, lot 1, W½NE¼, SE¼NE¼, W½,	NW4NW4NW4,	Sec. 23, W <sup>1</sup> /2NE <sup>1</sup> /4, W <sup>1</sup> /2 and W <sup>1</sup> /2SE <sup>1</sup> /4.
and SE <sup>1</sup> /4; Sec. 36, lots 1 thru 11, SW <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4.	S <sup>1</sup> /2SW <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4, S <sup>1</sup> /2SE <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4, SW <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4,	T. 21 N., R. 34 E., Sec. 1, SW¼;
S <sup>1</sup> /2NW <sup>1</sup> /4, and SW <sup>1</sup> /4.	NE¼NE¼SW¼, SE¼NW¼NE¼SW¼,	Sec. 24;
T. 20 N., R. 34 E., partly unsurveyed,	N½SE¼NE¼SW¼,	Sec. 25, lots 3 and 4, SW¼, and W½SE¼;
Sec. 1; Sec. 2, lot 1, SE¼NE¼, and E½SE¼;	SE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4, W <sup>1</sup> /2SW <sup>1</sup> /4, S <sup>1</sup> /2NE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4,	Sec. 34, E <sup>1</sup> /2; Secs. 35 and 36.
Sec. 3, lots 2 thru 4, SW <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4, S <sup>1</sup> /2NW <sup>1</sup> /4,	S1/2NW1/4SE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4SW1/4,	T. 19 N., R. 35 E.,
SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4;	N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ,	Sec. 3, S½NW¼SW¼SE¼, S½SW¼SE¼,
Secs. 4 and 5; Sec. 6, N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> and S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ;	N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ,	and SW <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4;
Secs. 7 thru 9:	W1/2SW1/4NW1/4SE1/4, N1/2SE1/4NW1/4SE1/4, S1/2SW1/4SE1/4 and	Sec. 10, N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ,
Sec. 10, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4;	S <sup>1</sup> /2SE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4;	N½SE¼NE¼NE¼,
Sec. 11, E½NE¼ and E½SE¼;	Sec. 12, S <sup>1</sup> /2SW <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4;	N½NE¼NW¼NE¼, and
Secs. 12 and 13; Sec. 14, E½NE¼ and E½SE¼;	Secs. 13 thru 29;	N <sup>1</sup> /2NW <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4; Sec. 11, N <sup>1</sup> /2NE <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4, SW <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4,
Sec. 15, W <sup>1</sup> /2NE <sup>1</sup> /4, W <sup>1</sup> /2, and W <sup>1</sup> /2SE <sup>1</sup> /4;	Sec. 30, lots 1 thru 6, E½, and E½NW¼; Sec. 31, lots 1 thru 7, NE¼, E½SW¼,	W <sup>1</sup> /2SE <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4, NE <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4,
Secs. 16, 17, 20 and 21;	N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , and SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;	N½SW¼NW¼NW¼,
Sec. 22, W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , and W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;	Sec. 32, lots 1 thru 8, NW1/4, and	N <sup>1</sup> /2SE <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4, SE <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4,
Sec. 23, E½NE¼ and E½SE¼; Secs. 24 and 25;	N½SW¼;	N½NW¼NE¼SW¼, SW¼NW¼NE¼SW¼,
Sec. 26, E½NE¼ and E½SE¼;	Sec. 33, lots 1 thru 9, E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , and SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ; Secs. 34 thru 36.	SW1/4NE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4NE1/4SW1/4,
Sec. 28, that portion west of the easterly	T. 20 N., R. 35 E., unsurveyed,	N <sup>1</sup> /2NE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4,
right-of-way boundary for State Route	Secs. 3 thru 10, 14 thru 23, and 26 thru 35.	N <sup>1</sup> /2NW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4,
121; Secs. 29 thru 32;	T. 21 N., R. 35 E.,	S½SW¼NE¼SE¼, S½SE¼NE¼SE¼, E½SW¼NW¼SE¼,
Sec. 33, that portion west of the easterly	Secs. 1 thru 3;	S½SE¼NW¼SE¼, N½SW¼SE¼,
right-of-way boundary for State Route	Sec. 4, lots 3 thru 8 and S½NW¼; Sec. 5, lots 1 thru 4, S½NE¼, and	N½SE¼SE¼, and
121; Secs. 35 and 36.	S <sup>1</sup> /2NW <sup>1</sup> /4;	SW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4.
T. 21 N., R. 34 E.,	Secs. 6 and 7;	T. 21 N., R. 35 E., Sec. 4, W½SW¼, SE¼SW¼, and SE¼;
Sec. 1, lots 1 thru 7, SW <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4, S <sup>1</sup> /2NW <sup>1</sup> /4,	Sec. 10, N <sup>1</sup> /2; Sec. 11, W <sup>1</sup> /2;	Sec. 5, S <sup>1</sup> /2;
and W½2SE¼;	Sec. 11, w 72; Secs. 12;	Sec. 8, N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , NW <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , and SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;
Secs. 2 thru 18 Sec. 19, except patented lands;	Sec. 13, except lot 16 that portion lying	Sec. 9, N <sup>1</sup> /2, SW <sup>1</sup> /4, N <sup>1</sup> /2NE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4, N <sup>1</sup> /2NW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4, SW <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4,
Secs. 20 thru 23 and 26;	south of the southerly line of the dirt	W1/2SE1/4NW1/4SE1/4,
Sec. 27, N <sup>1</sup> /2, N <sup>1</sup> /2SW <sup>1</sup> /4, SW <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4,	road; Sec. 14, NE <sup>1</sup> /4 and S <sup>1</sup> /2;	W <sup>1</sup> /2NE <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4,
N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ,	Sec. 14, NE 74 and 5 72; Sec. 15, S½NE¼, S½NW¼ and SE¼;	SE¼NE¼SW¼SE¼, W½SW¼SE¼,
and SE <sup>1</sup> /4:	Sec. 16, SE¼;	SE <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4, S <sup>1</sup> /2NE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4, S <sup>1</sup> /2NW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4, and S <sup>1</sup> /2SE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4;
Secs. 28 thru 33;	Sec. 17, W <sup>1</sup> /2;	Sec. 10, S <sup>1</sup> /2;
Sec. 34, W <sup>1</sup> /2.	Sec. 19, lots 5 thru 15; Sec. 20, W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> and SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;	Sec. 14, NW¼;
T. 22 N., R. 34 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 34, 35, and 36.	Sec. 21, E½ and SW¼;	Sec. 15, N <sup>1</sup> /2NE <sup>1</sup> /4, N <sup>1</sup> /2NW <sup>1</sup> /4, and SW <sup>1</sup> /4; Sec. 16, N <sup>1</sup> /2 and SW <sup>1</sup> /4;
T. 15 N., R. 35 E., unsurveyed,	Sec. 22, E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> and SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;	Sec. 17, E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ;
Sec. 5.	Sec. 23;	Sec. 18, lots 1 thru 4, E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ,
T. 16 N., R. 35 E.,	Sec. 24, except lots 1 and 2 that portion lying south of the southerly line of the	W½SE¼, and NE¼SE¼ except Parcel 1
Secs. 5 thru 8, 17 thru 20, 29, 30, and 32. T. 17 N., R. 35 E.,	dirt road, and lots 7 thru 10, 15, and 16.	of Logan Turley Parcel Map, filed in the office of the County Recorder of
Seos. 2 thru 10;	Sec. 25, lots 3 thru 6 and 11 thru 14;	Churchill County of July 9, 1979, under
Sec. 11, W <sup>1</sup> /2;	Secs. 26 thru 35;	filing number 165908;
Sec. 15, N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ; Secs. 16 thru 20;	Sec. 36, lots 3 thru 6 and 9 thru 12. T. 22 N., R. 35 E.,	Sec. 19, lots 1 and 2, NW <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4, and
Sec. 21, N <sup>1</sup> /2 and SW <sup>1</sup> /4;	Secs. 31 thru 36.	E½NW¼; Sec. 20, NE¼, N½SE¼, and SW¼SE¼;
Secs. 29 thru 32.	T. 19 N., R. 36 E.,	Sec. 21, NW¼;
T. 18 N., R. 35 E., unsurveyed,	Sec. 19, lots 1 thru 4, E½NW¼, and	Sec. 22, NW¼.
Secs. 1 thru 3; Sec. 4, except patented lands;	E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ; Sec. 30, lots 1 thru 3, NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ,	The area described for Dixie Valley
Sec. 5, except patented lands;	NE¼SW¼, N½SE¼, and SE¼SE¼;	Training Area aggregates 8,722.47 acres in Churchill, and Mineral Counties.
Sec. 6, except patented lands;	Sec. 31, lot 4, E½, and E½SW¼.	
Sec. 7;	T. 21 N., R. 36 E.,	Non-Federally Owned Lands
Sec. 8, except patented lands; Sec. 9, except patented lands;	Sec. 2 thru 9; Secs. 16 thru 20, except that portion lying	T. 13 N., R. 32 E., A portion of M.S. No. 4773A (Don and
Secs. 10 thru 24 and 26 thru 35.	south of the southerly line of the dirt	Tungsten No. 1 Lodes).
T. 19 N., R. 35 E.,	road.	T. 16 N., R. 33 E.,
Sec. 2; Sec. 2 Late 1 three 4 S16 ME16, S16 MP416	T. 22 N., R. 36 E.,	Sec. 3, the right-of-way for U.S. Highway
Sec. 3, lots 1 thru 4, S½NE¼, S½NW¼, SW¼, N½SE¼, NE¼SW¼SE¼,	Secs. 31 thru 35. The area described for Dixie Valley	50, as described in deed recorded July 27, 1934, Book 20, Deed Records, page
N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ,	Training Area aggregates 290,987.39 acres in	353, Doc. No. 48379 of Churchill County,
NW1/4SE1/4SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4SE1/4SE1/4,	Churchill and Mineral Counties.	NV.
and SE <sup>1</sup> /4SW <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4SE <sup>1</sup> /4; Secs. 4 thru 9;	Department of Navy-Managed Lands Not	T. 21 N., R. 33 E., M.S. No. 1877 (IXL, 1st Ext. IXL, Black
Sec. 10, S½SW¼NE¼NE¼,	Withdrawn From the Public Domain	Prince, 1st Ext. Black Prince, Twin Sister
S <sup>1</sup> /2SE <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4, S <sup>1</sup> /2NE <sup>1</sup> /4NW <sup>1</sup> /4NE <sup>1</sup> /4,	T. 20 N., R. 34 E.,	and Twin Sister No. 2 Lodes);

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M.S. No. 1936 A (Bonanza): M.S. No. 1937 (Spring Mine). T. 16 N., R. 34 E. A portion of M.S. No. 3630 (Kimberly No. 3 and Kimberly No. 4 Lodes). T. 17 N., R. 34 E M.S. No. 4180 (Copper King, Central and Horn Silver Lodes). T. 19 N., R. 34 E. M.S. No. 3064 (Spider, Wasp, Tony Pah, Long Nel and Last Chance Lodes); A portion of M.S. No. 3122 (Great Eastern No. 1, Great Eastern No. 3 and Great Eastern No. 4 Lodes); A portion of M.S. No. 3398 (Nevadan, Little Witch, Silver Tip, Valley View and Panhandle Lodes); M.S. No. 3424 (Bumblebee, Grey Horse, Grey Horse No. 2, Grey Horse No. 1, Triangle Fraction and Kingstone Lodes); M.S. No. 3885 (Last Chord, King Midas, King Midas No. 1, King Midas No. 2 and King Midas No. 3 Lodes). T. 21 N., R. 34 E., Sec. 27, NE¼SW¼SE¼SW¼ (Dixie Cemetery). T. 18 N., R. 35 E., unsurveyed, M.S. No. 2954 (Blue Jay Lode); M.S. No. 3070 (Mars Lode): M.S. No. 3071 (Scorpion Lode); M.S. No. 3072 (B. and S. Lode); M.S. No. 3078 (Nevada Wonder Lode); M.S. No. 3079 (Ruby No. 1 Lode); M.S. No. 3123 (Last Chance Lode); M.S. No. 3124 (Last Chance No. 1 Lode); M.S. No. 3325 (Nevada Wonder No. 2 Lode); M.S. No. 3326 (Last Chance No. 2 Lode); M.S. No. 3327 (Nevada Wonder No. 1, Ruby and Ruby No. 2 Lodes); M.S. No. 3416 (Starr Lode); M.S. No. 3417 (Moss Fraction Lode): A portion of M.S. No. 3671 (Gold Dawn No. 1, Gold Dawn No. 2, Gold Dawn No. 3 and Gold Dawn No. 6 Lodes); A portion of M.S. No. 3750 (Hercules, Jackrabbit, Hilltop and Hercules No. 2 Lodes); M.S. No. 4225 (Nevada Wonder No. 3 Lode); M.S. No. 4226 (Hidden Treasure, Hidden Treasure No. 1 and Hidden Treasure No. 2 Lodes): M.S. No. 4227 (North Star, Rose No. 1, Twilight No. 2 and Twilight No. 3 Lodes): Wonder Townsite, (Patent No. 214499, July 3, 1911); Wonder Townsite, Blocks 31 and 42. T. 19 N., R. 35 E. M.S. No. 2826 (Jackpot and Grand View Lodes): A portion of M.S. No. 3122 (Great Eastern, Great Eastern No. 1, Great Eastern No. 3, Great Eastern No. 4 and Great Eastern Fraction Lodes); A portion of M.S. No. 3398 (Little Witch, Silver Tip, Valley View, Pan Handle and Yellow Jacket Lodes); M.S. No. 3671 (Gold Dawn No. 1, Gold Dawn No. 2 and Gold Dawn No. 3 Lodes):

- M.S. No. 3732 (Gold Bar No. 4, New York No. 2 and Blister Foot Lodes);
- A portion of M.S. No. 3750 (Hilltop Fraction, Hercules, Hercules No. 2.

Hercules No. 3, Hilltop, Jackrabbit, Worm, Beauty, Lizard No. 1 and Grand View Fraction Lodes);

- M.S. No. 3786 (Queen, Queen No. 1, Queen No. 4, Queen No. 5, Queen No. 7, Queen No. 8, Queen No. 9, Queen No. 10, Queen No. 11, Queen Bee and Great Bend Lodes).
- T. 21 N., R. 35 E.
- Sec. 4, NE¼SW¼;
- Sec. 8, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;
- Sec. 9, S<sup>1</sup>/2NE<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4, E<sup>1</sup>/2SE<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4, NE<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4, N<sup>1</sup>/2NE<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4, and N½NW¼SE¼SE¼;
- Sec. 11, E<sup>1</sup>/2;
- Sec. 18, a portion of NE<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4 being Parcel 1 of Logan Turley Parcel Map, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Churchill County of July 9, 1979, under filing number 165908.
- T. 19 N., R. 36 E.,
- Sec. 30, lot 4, SE<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4, and SW<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Sec. 31, lots 1 thru 3 and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. The area described for Dixie Valley
- Training Area aggregates 2,358.28 acres in Churchill and Mineral Counties.

Portions of the Dixie Valley Training Area which are segregated from operation of the mineral leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, are described below. Portions of these lands are unsurveyed and the acres were obtained from protraction diagrams information or calculated using Geographic Information System.

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### Dixie Valley Training Area

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T. 16 N. R. 33 E.

- Sec. 1, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50;
- Sec. 2, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50;
- Sec. 3, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50, except patented lands;
- Sec. 4, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 5Ŏ
- Sec. 5, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50.
- T. 17 N, R. 33 E,
- Secs. 1 thru 5, 8 thru 17, 20 thru 29 and 32 thru 36.
- T. 18 N, R. 33 E, unsurveyed,
- Sec. 9, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 10, that portion south of Elevenmile
- Canyon Wash: Sec. 13, that portion south of Elevenmile
- Canyon Wash;
- Sec. 14, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash;
- Sec. 15;
- Sec. 16, E½;
- Secs. 21 thru 28;
- Sec. 29, E<sup>1</sup>/2;
- Secs. 32 thru 36.
- T. 16 N, R. 33 ½ E, unsurveyed, Sec. 1, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50.

- T. 17 N, R. 33 1/2 E. T. 18 N. R. 33 ½ E.
  - Sec. 13, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash:
  - Sec. 24, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash;
- Secs. 25 and 36. T. 16 N, R. 34 E, partly unsurveyed,
- Sec. 4, lots 3 and 5;
- Sec. 5, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 5**0**:
- Sec. 6, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50
- T. 17 N, R. 34 E,
- Sec. 3, lots 3 and 4, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Secs. 4 thru 9;
- Sec. 10, W<sup>1</sup>/2;
- Sec. 15, W<sup>1</sup>/2;
- Secs. 16 thru 21;
- Sec. 22, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 27, W<sup>1</sup>/2;
- Secs. 28 thru 33;
- Sec. 34, W1/2.
- T. 18 N, R. 34 E,
- Sec. 3;
- Sec. 4, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:
- Sec. 9, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121;
- Secs. 10 and 15;
- Sec. 16, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121.
- Sec. 19, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash;
- Sec. 20, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash;
- Sec. 21, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121 and that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash;
- Sec. 22;
- Secs. 27 thru 34.
- T. 19 N, R. 34 E,
- Sec. 3:
  - Sec. 4, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:
  - Sec. 9, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:
  - Secs. 10 and 15:
  - Sec. 16, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:
  - Sec. 21, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:
  - Secs. 22 and 27;
  - Sec. 28, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121;
  - Sec. 33, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121;
- Sec. 34.
- T. 20 N, R. 34 E, partly unsurveyed,
- Sec. 2, lots 2 thru 4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4,
- SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4; Sec. 3, lot 1, SE<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, E<sup>1</sup>/2SE<sup>1</sup>/4;
- Sec. 10, E1/2NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4;
- Sec. 11, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4 and W1/2;

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Sec. 26, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Sec. 27;

Sec. 28, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121;

Sec. 33, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121;

Sec. 34. T. 21 N, R. 34 E,

Sec. 25, lots 1 and 2, W½NE¼ and NW¼. T. 21 N, R. 35 E,

Sec. 17, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, except patented lands; Sec. 18, lots 5 thru 11 and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

The area described for Dixie Valley Training Area aggregates 68,804.44 acres in Churchill County.

Jurisdiction for the decision on this withdrawal proposal lies with the Secretary of the Interior, or an appropriate member of the Office of the Secretary, pursuant to Section 204 of FLPMA.

The BLM's withdrawal petition/ application and the records relating to the petition/application can be examined at the BLM Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701, during regular business hours (7:30 a.m., to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

except Federal holidays. A copy of the legal descriptions and the maps depicting the lands proposed withdrawal for land management evaluation purposes are available for public inspection at the following offices:

State Director, BLM Nevada State Office, 1430 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada 89502

District Manager, BLM Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701

For a period until August 2, 2018 all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their comments in writing to the persons and offices listed in the ADDRESSES section above.

All comments received will be considered before any final action is taken on the proposed withdrawal.

For the proposed 4-year withdrawal for LME purposes, the BLM is the lead agency for NEPA compliance and with this Notice invites public review of the EA. Because of the nature of a withdrawal of public lands from operation of the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, for land management evaluation purposes, subject to valid existing rights, where the purpose of the withdrawal is to maintain the status quo of the lands, mitigation of the withdrawal's effects is not likely to be an issue requiring detailed analysis. However, consistent with Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1502.14), the BLM will consider whether and what kind of mitigation measures may be appropriate to address the reasonably foreseeable impacts to resources from the approval of this proposed withdrawal for land management evaluation purposes.

You may submit comments on the EA for LME purposes in writing to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the date specified in the DATES section above. The BLM will use this NEPA public participation process to help satisfy the public involvement requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470(f)) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed withdrawal for LME purposes will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA.

Comments including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the BLM address noted above, during regular business hours Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable informationmay be publicly available at any time. While you can ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so

As the public land referenced in this Notice have already been segregated as described, licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations may be allowed during the segregative period, but only with the approval of the authorized officer and, as appropriate, with the concurrence of the DON.

The proposed withdrawal will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-1

### Michael C. Courtney,

Acting State Director, Nevada. [FR Doc. 2018–09670 Filed 5–3–18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310-HC-P DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS-WASO-ANRSS-24195; PPWONRADE2, PMP00EI05.YP0000]

Notice of Availability of the Saline Valley Warm Springs Draft Environmental Impact Statement at Death Valley National Park, California and Nevada

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior. ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Saline Valley Warm Springs Draft Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (plan/DEIS). DATES: The NPS will accept comments on the plan/DEIS for a period of 60 days following publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Notice of Availability of the plan/ DEIS in the Federal Register. After the EPA Notice of Availability is published, the NPS will schedule public meeting: to be held during the comment period. Dates, times, and locations of these meetings will be announced in press releases and on the plan/DEIS website for the project at http://

parkplanning.nps.gov/SalineValley WarmSprings.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:

 NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website: http:// parkplanning.nps.gov/SalineValley WarmSprings.

Mail or Hand Delivery:

Superintendent Mike Reynolds, Death Valley National Park, Death Valley National Park, P.O. Box 579, Death Valley, CA 92328.

For detailed instructions on sending comments and additional information, see the "Public Participation" and "How to Comment" heading of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Superintendent Mike Reynolds, Death Valley National Park, Death Valley National Park, P.O. Box 579, Death Valley, CA 92328, or by telephone at 760–786–3243. Information is available online for public review at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/Saline ValleyWarmSprings.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This process is being conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the regulations of the Department of the Interior (43 CFR part 46). The purpose of this plan/DEIS is to develop a

# A.6 Bureau of Land Management Public Land Order No. 7873; Withdrawal of Public Land for Land Management Evaluation Purposes; Nevada

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made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

### Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22) and the NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6; 43 CFR part 46).

#### Charles M. Wooley,

Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region. [FR Doc. 2018-18989 Filed 8-30-18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4333-15-P

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

#### [LLCO956000 L14400000.BJ0000 18X]

#### Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Colorado State Office, Lakewood, Colorado, 30 calendar days from the date of this publication. The surveys, which were executed at the request of the U.S. Forest Service and the BLM, are necessary for the management of these lands.

DATES: Unless there are protests of this action, the plats described in this notice will be filed on October 1, 2018. ADDRESSES: You may submit written protests to the BLM Colorado State Office, Cadastral Survey, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215-7093.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Bloom, Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado, (303) 239-3856; rbloom@ blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service at 1--800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal busines hours. The Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey in Township 14 South, Range 99 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on July 5, 2018.

The plat, in 4 sheets, incorporating the field notes of the dependent resurvey in Township 2 South, Range 73 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted on July 9, 2018.

The plat, in 2 sheets, incorporating the field notes of the dependent resurvey and subdivision of section 23 in Township 41 North, Range 2 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted on July 23, 2018.

The plat, in 2 sheets, incorporating the field notes of the dependent resurvey and subdivision of section 27 in Township 4 South, Range 72 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted on August 9, 2018.

A person or party who wishes to protest any of the above surveys must file a written notice of protest within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice. A statement of reasons for the protest may be filed with the notice of protest and must be filed within 30 calendar days after the protest is filed. If a protest against the survey is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed or otherwise resolved. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, please be aware that your entire protest, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 43 U.S.C. Chap. 3.

### Randy A. Bloom,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor. [FR Doc. 2018-18991 Filed 8-30-18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310-JB-P

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[LLNVC01000.L19200000.ET0000; LRORF1709600; MO# 4500124053]

Public Land Order No. 7873; Withdrawal of Public Land for Land Management Evaluation Purposes; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 694,838.84 acres of public land in Churchill, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, and Pershing Counties, Nevada from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, and leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, for four years for land management evaluation purposes. In addition, 68,809.44 acres of Federal land in the Dixie Valley area (Churchill County, Nevada) are withdrawn from leasing under the mineral leasing laws. Including the 8,722.47 acres of Department of the Navy (DON) lands, the total Federal land withdrawn by this Public Land Order is 772,370.75 acres Non-Federal lands totaling 66,160.53 acres are described within the withdrawal area. Any current or future Federal estate interest in these non-Federal lands are subject to this withdrawal.

DATES: This Public Land Order takes effect on August 31, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Dingman, BLM, Carson City District Office, 775–885–6168; address: 5665 Morgan Mill Rd., Carson City, NV 89701; email: *cjdingman@blm.gov*. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800– 877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This withdrawal keeps the lands identified below from the specified forms of appropriation in order to maintain the current environmental baseline, relative to mineral exploration and development for land management evaluation, subject to valid existing rights, to allow the DON time to complete its environmental evaluations under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The DON's environmental evaluations and NEPA analysis are for a potential legislative withdrawal of these acres of land at Naval Air Station Fallon that the DON intends to propose to Congress to withdraw and reserve for military use.

#### Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

 Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby

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withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, and leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, to maintain current environmental baseline conditions; excluding those public lands within Tps. 15 and 16 N., Rs. 34 and 35 E., that are subject to the following unpatented mining claims and millsites. Should any of these unpatented mining claims or millsites be forfeited or relinquished, the public lands would be subject to this withdrawal Order:

Mining Claim Nos: NMC1025588 thru NMC1025706, NMC108333 thru NMC1083361, NMC139460, NMC139462 thru NMC139464, NMC139486 thru NMC 139491, NMC144261, NMC144262, NMC186865, NMC186866, NMC3100915, NMC310918, NMC44931 thru NMC449940, and NMC804403; Millsite Nos: NMC1090926 thru NMC1090931.

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Lands Adjoining the Naval Air Station Fallon's B-16 Training Range Bureau of Land Management T. 16 N, R. 26 E, Sec. 1, lots 1 thru 4; Sec. 2, lots 1 and 2. T. 17 N, R. 26 E, partly unsurveyed, Secs. 1, 2, and 11 thru 13; Sec. 14, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 23, E1/2; Secs. 24 and 25: Sec. 26, E½; Sec. 35, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 36. T. 18 N, R. 26 E, Sec. 35, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Sec. 36 T. 16 N, R. 27 E, Sec. 1, lots 1 thru 5, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4; Secs. 2 and 3; Sec. 4, lots 1 thru 4, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N1/2SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4; Sec. 5, lots 1 thru 4, S1/2NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4; Sec. 6, lots 1 thru 5, S1/2NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4, and E1/2SE1/4SE1/4 T. 17 N, R. 27 E, partly unsurveyed, Secs. 4 thru 10; Sec. 11, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Sec. 14, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 15 thru 22 and 27 thru 34. T. 18 N, R. 27 E, Secs. 27 thru 34; Sec. 35, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. T. 16 N, R. 28 E, partly unsurveyed, Sec. 5, lots 1 thru 4, S1/2NE1/4 and S1/2NW1/4; Sec. 6, lots 1 thru 5, SE1/4NW1/4 and S1/2NE1/4. The area described for lands adjoining the Naval Air Station Fallon's B-16 aggregates 32,201.17 acres in Churchill and Lyon Counties. Lands Adjoining the Naval Air Station Fallon's B-17 Training Range Bureau of Land Management T. 13 N, R. 32 E, Sec. 1, except patented lands. T. 14 N, R. 32 E, unsurveyed,

Secs. 1 thru 3, 10 thru 15, 22 thru 26, 35, and 36. T. 15 N, R. 32 E, unsurveyed, Secs. 25, 26, 35, and 36. T. 12 N, R. 33 E, Secs. 1 thru 8; Sec 9, N<sup>1</sup>/2, N<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4, SW<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4; Secs. 10 thru 15; Sec 16, W1/2SW1/4; Secs. 17, 18, and 20 thru 24. Tps. 13 and 14 N, R. 33 E, unsurveyed. T. 15 N, R. 33 E, partly unsurveyed, Sec. 6, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839: Sec. 7, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839; Sec. 18, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839 Sec. 19, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 839; Secs. 29 thru 34. T. 11 N, R. 34 E, Secs. 1 thru 3; Sec. 4, lot 4, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 5: Sec. 6, lots 1 and 2, S1/2NE1/4 and SE1/4; Secs. 9 thru 12: Sec. 13, N<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 14, N<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 15, N<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 16, N<sup>1/2</sup> T. 12 N. R. 34 E. Secs. 1 thru 5; Sec. 6, lots 1 and 3 thru 7, SE1/4NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and S1/2SE1/4; Sec. 7, lots 1, 2, and 4, E<sup>1</sup>/2, E<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4, and SE1/4SW1/4; Secs. 8 thru 27: Sec. 28, NE<sup>1</sup>/4, N<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4, SW<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4, S1/2SW1/4, and E1/2SE1/4; Sec. 29, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 30: Sec. 31, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 32; Sec. 33, E½NE¼ and NW¼; Secs. 34 thru 36; Tps. 13 and 14 N, R. 34 E, unsurveyed. T. 15 N, R. 34 E, partly unsurveyed, Secs. 1 thru 3: Sec. 4, lots 1 thru 3, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4; Sec. 9, E<sup>1</sup>/2, E<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4, and E<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4; Secs. 10 thru 15: Sec. 16, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 21, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SW1/4SW1/4; Secs. 22 thru 28 and 32 thru 36. T. 16 N, R. 34 E, partly unsurveyed, Sec. 15, lots 1 and 2, N1/2, SE1/4, and E1/2SW1/4; Sec. 16, lots 1 thru 8 and 13, NE1/4NE1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4; Sec. 21, lot 1, E1/2NE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, and SE1/4: Secs. 22, 23 and 25 thru 27; Sec. 28, E<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 33, E1/2; Secs. 34 thru 36. T. 11 N, R. 35 E, Sec. 4, lots 3 and 4, SW1/4 and S1/2NW1/4;

Secs. 5 thru 7; Sec. 8, W<sup>1</sup>/2. T. 12 N, R. 35 E, Secs. 1 thru 12; Sec. 13, W½; Secs. 14 thru 23; Sec. 26, N<sup>1</sup>/2; Secs. 27 thru 33; Sec. 34, N<sup>1</sup>/2. T. 13 N, R. 35 E, unsurveyed, Secs. 1 thru 3; Sec. 4, W1/2 and E1/2: Secs. 5 thru 8; Sec. 9, NE¼, NW¼, and S½; Secs. 10 thru 36; T. 14 N, R. 35 E, unsurveyed, Sec. 2, W1/2; Sec. 3; Sec. 4, W1/2 and E1/2; Secs. 5 thru 11; Sec. 13, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Secs. 14 thru 27: Sec. 28, W<sup>1</sup>/2NE<sup>1</sup>/4, E<sup>1</sup>/2NE<sup>1</sup>/4, W<sup>1</sup>/2, W1/2SE1/4, and E1/2SE1/4; Secs. 29 thru 32; Sec. 33, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, W1/2SE1/4, E1/2NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4; Secs. 34 thru 36. T. 15 N, R. 35 E, unsurveyed, Secs. 6 thru 8 and 17 thru 20; Sec. 28, W<sup>1</sup>/2 and SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Secs. 29 thru 32; Sec. 33, W1/2 and E1/2; Sec. 34. T. 16 N, R. 35 E, Sec. 31. T. 12 N, R. 36 E, Sec. 6, lots 3 thru 7, SE¼NW¼ and E1/2SW1/4. T. 13 N, R. 36 E, unsurveyed, Sec. 6, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 7; Secs. 18 and 19; Sec. 30; Sec. 31, W<sup>1</sup>/2. T. 14 N, R. 36 E, unsurveyed, Sec. 31, W<sup>1</sup>/2. The area described for lands adjoining the Naval Air Station Fallon's B-17 training range aggregates 253,089.11 acres in Churchill, Nye, and Mineral Counties. Lands Adjoining the Naval Air Station Fallon's B-20 Training Range Bureau of Land Management T. 24 N, R. 31 E, Secs. 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 28, and 30. T. 25 N, R. 31 E, Secs. 34 and 36. T. 24 N, R. 32 E, Secs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18. T. 25 N, R. 32 E, Secs. 10, 12, and 14; Sec. 15, SE<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4, NE<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4, and SE1/4SE1/4; Secs. 16, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 32, 34, and 36. T. 22 N, R. 33 E, Secs. 4, 5, and 8. T. 23 N, R. 33 E, Secs. 2, 4, 10, 11, 14 thru 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 32 thru 34. T. 24 N, R. 33 E, Secs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 22, 24, 26, 28, 34, and 36.

T. 25 N, R. 33 E,

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Secs. 6, 8, 16, 18, 20, 22, 26, 28, 30, 32,	T. 16 N, R. 32 E,	Sec. 12.
and 34.	Secs. 13 and 14, 23 thru 26, 35, and 36.	T. 21 N. R. 33 E.
The area described for lands adjoining the	T. 17 N, R. 32 E, partly unsurveyed,	Secs. 1 thru 3;
Naval Air Station Fallon's B-20 training	Sec. 1, E <sup>1</sup> /2;	Sec. 9, E <sup>1</sup> /2;
range aggregates 49,986.79 acres in Churchill	Sec. 12, E <sup>1</sup> /2.	Secs. 10 thru 16;
and Pershing Counties.	T. 18 N, R. 32 E, unsurveyed,	Sec. 20, E <sup>1</sup> /2;
Bureau of Reclamation	Secs. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, and 36.	Secs. 21 and 22;
T. 22 N, R. 30 E,	T. 19 N, R. 32 E, unsurveyed,	Sec. 23, except patented lands;
Secs. 12 and 24.	Secs. 13, 24, 25, and 36. T. 16 N, R. 33 E,	Sec. 24, except patented lands; Secs. 25 thru 29;
T. 23 N, R. 30 E,	Sec. 1, that portion north of the southerly	Sec. 31, E <sup>1</sup> /2;
Secs. 25, 35, and 36.	right-of-way boundary and south of the	Secs. 32 thru 36.
T. 22 N, R. 31 E,	northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S.	T. 16 N, 33 ½ E,
Secs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22,	Highway 50;	Sec. 1, that portion north of the southerly
24, 26, 28, 30, 32 thru 34, and 36.	Sec. 2, that portion north of the southerly	right-of-way boundary and south of the
T. 23 N, R. 31 E,	right-of-way boundary and south of the	northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S.
Secs. 1 thru 4;	northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S.	Highway 50;
Sec. 5, S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ; Secs. 6 thru 36.	Highway 50; Sec. 3, that portion north of the southerly	T. 18 N, R. 33 ½ E, Secs. 1 and 12;
T. 24 N, R. 31 E,	right-of-way boundary and south of the	Sec. 13, that portion north of Elevennile
Secs. 24, 26, 32, 34, and 36.	northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S.	Canyon Wash;
T. 22 N, R. 32 E,	Highway 50, except patented lands;	Sec. 24, that portion north of Elevenmile
Secs. 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8;	Sec. 4, that portion north of the southerly	Canyon Wash.
Sec. 9, E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ;	right-of-way boundary and south of the	T. 19 N, R. 33 ½ E, unsurveyed,
Secs. 10 thru 16, 18, and 20 thru 36.	northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S.	Secs. 24, 25, and 36.
T. 23 N, R. 32 E,	Highway 50;	T. 20 N, R. 33 ½ E, unsurveyed,
Secs. 32, and 34 thru 36.	Sec. 5, that portion north of the southerly	Sec. 1, N <sup>1</sup> /2 and S <sup>1</sup> /2;
T. 22 N, R. 33 E,	right-of-way boundary and south of the	Sec. 12.
Secs. 6, 7, and 18.	northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S.	T. 16 N, R. 34 E, partly unsurveyed,
T. 23 N, R. 33 E, Sec. 31.	Highway 50;	Secs. 1 thru 3;
	Sec. 17, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route	Sec. 4, lots 1, 2, and 9 thru 12, and SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;
The area described for lands adjoining the Naval Air Station Fallon's B–20 training		Sec. 5, that portion north of the southerly right-of-way boundary and south of the
range aggregates 65,375.88 acres in Churchill	839; Sec. 18, that portion west of the easterly	northerly right-of-way boundary and south of the
County.	right-of-way boundary for State Route	Highway 50;
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	839;	Sec. 6, that portion north of the southerly
Fish and Wildlife Service	Sec. 19, that portion west of the easterly	right-of-way boundary and south of the
T. 22 N, R. 30 E,	right-of-way boundary for State Route	northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S.
Secs. 2, 10, 14, 22, and 26.	839;	Highway 50;
The area described for lands adjoining the	Sec. 30, that portion west of the easterly	Sec. 9, lots 2 and 6, NE <sup>1</sup> /4, and E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SE <sup>1</sup> /4;
Naval Air Station Fallon's B-20 training	right-of-way boundary for State Route	Secs. 10 thru 14 and 24.
range aggregates 3,201.00 acres in Churchill County.	839;	T. 17 N, R. 34 E,
	Sec. 31, that portion west of the easterly	Secs. 1 and 2; Sec. 2, lots 1 and 2, SIGNELC, and SELC:
Lands Adjoining the Naval Air Station	right-of-way boundary for State Route 839;	Sec. 3, lots 1 and 2, S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , and SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;
Fallon's Dixie Valley Training Area	Sec. 32, that portion west of the easterly	Sec. 10, E½; Secs. 11 thru 13;
Bureau of Land Management	right-of-way boundary for State Route	Sec. 14, lots 1 thru 4, N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , and
T. 13 N, R. 32 E,	839.	E½SE¼;
Sec. 2;	T. 17 N. R. 33 E.	Sec. 15, E <sup>1</sup> /2;
Sec. 3, lots 1 thru 4, S1/2NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4,	Secs. 6 and 7.	Sec. 22, E <sup>1</sup> /2;
and SE <sup>1</sup> /4;	T. 18 N, R. 33 E, unsurveyed,	Sec. 23, lots 1 thru 3, E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ,
Sec. 4, lots 1 and 2 and S½NE¼;	Secs. 1 thru 8;	S1/2NW1/4, and S1/2;
Sec. 11;	Sec. 9, W <sup>1</sup> /2;	Secs. 24 thru 26;
Sec. 12, except patented lands;	Sec. 10, that portion north of Elevenmile	Sec. 27, E <sup>1</sup> /2;
Secs. 13 and 24. T 44 N P 32 F upper record	Canyon Wash;	Sec. 34, E½;
T. 14 N, R. 32 E, unsurveyed, Secs. 4, 5, 8, 9, and 16;	Secs. 11 and 12; Sec. 13, that portion north of Elevenmile	Secs. 35 and 36. T. 18 N, R. 34 E,
Sec. 21, E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ;	Canyon Wash;	Secs. 1 and 2;
Sec. 27;	Sec. 14, that portion north of Elevenmile	Sec. 4, that portion west of the easterly
Sec. 28, E <sup>1</sup> /2;	Canyon Wash;	right-of-way boundary for State Route
Sec. 33, E½;	Sec. 16, W1/2;	121;
Sec. 34.	Secs. 17 thru 20;	Secs. 5 thru 8;
T. 15 N, R. 32 E, unsurveyed,	Sec. 29, W <sup>1</sup> /2;	Sec. 9, that portion west of the easterly
Secs. 1 and 2;	Secs. 30 and 31.	right-of-way boundary for State Route
Sec. 3, except lands withdrawn under PLO	T. 19 N, R. 33 E, unsurveyed,	121;
2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site";	Sec. 19;	Secs. 11 thru 14;
Sec. 5, except lands withdrawn under PLO	Sec. 20, N <sup>1</sup> /2, SW <sup>1</sup> /4, and SE <sup>1</sup> /4; Secs. 21 thru: 27:	Sec. 16, that portion west of the easterly right of way boundary for State Pouto
2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site"; Sec. 8, except lands withdrawn under PLO	Secs. 21 thru 27; Sec. 28. Wild and Elde	right-of-way boundary for State Route
Sec. 8, except lands withdrawn under PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site";	Sec. 28, W <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> and E <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ; Secs. 29 thru 36.	121; Secs. 17 and 18;
Sec. 9, except lands withdrawn under PLO	T. 20 N, R. 33 E, unsurveyed,	Sec. 17 and 16, Sec. 19, that portion north of Elevenmile
2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site";	Sec. 1, N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , and SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ;	Canyon Wash;
Sec. 10, except lands withdrawn under	Secs. 2 thru 8;	Sec. 20, that portion north of Elevenmile
PLO 2771 and PLO 2834, "Shoal Site";	Sec. 9, NE <sup>1</sup> /4, NW <sup>1</sup> /4, and S <sup>1</sup> /2;	Canyon Wash;
Secs. 11 thru 17, 20 thru 24, 27 thru 29,	Sec. 10, N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> and S <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ;	Sec. 21, that portion west of the easterly
and 32 thru 34.	Sec. 11, NE <sup>1</sup> /4, NW <sup>1</sup> /4, and S <sup>1</sup> /2;	right-of-way boundary for State Route
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121 and north of Elevenmile Canyon Wash: Secs. 23 thru 26, 35, and 36. T. 19 N, R. 34 E, Secs. 1 and 2; Sec. 4, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 5 thru 8; Sec. 9, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 1Ž1: Secs. 11 thru 14; Sec. 16, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121; Secs. 17 thru 20; Sec. 21, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121;Secs. 23 and 24: Sec. 25, lots 1 thru 9, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, and NW1/4SE1/4; Sec. 26, lots 1 thru 5, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. and Ŵ1/2; Sec. 28, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 29 thru 32: Sec. 33, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:Sec. 35, lot 1, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, and SE1/4: Sec. 36, lots 1 thru 11, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, and SW1/4. T. 20 N, R. 34 E, partly unsurveyed, Sec. 1: Sec. 2, lot 1, SE¼NE¼, and E½SE¼; Sec. 3, lots 2 thru 4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4; Secs. 4 and 5; Sec. 6, N1/2 and S1/2; Secs. 7 thru 9; Sec. 10, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4; Sec. 11, E1/2NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4; Secs. 12 and 13; Sec. 14, E1/2NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4; Sec. 15, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4; Secs. 16, 17, 20 and 21; Sec. 22, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, and W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 23, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Secs. 24 and 25; Sec. 26, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 28, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121; Secs. 29 thru 32; Sec. 33, that portion west of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121: Secs. 35 and 36. T. 21 N, R. 34 E, Sec. 1, lots 1 thru 7, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4; Secs. 2 thru 18 Sec. 19: Secs. 20 thru 23 and 26; Sec. 27, N<sup>1</sup>/2, N<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4, SW<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4, N1/2SE1/4SW1/4, W1/2SW1/4SE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4SE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4SE1/4SW1/4, and SE1/4; Secs. 28 thru 33; Sec. 34, W<sup>1</sup>/2. T. 22 N, R. 34 E, unsurveyed, Secs. 34, 35, and 36.

T. 15 N, R. 35 E, unsurveyed, Sec. 5. T. 16 N, R. 35 E, Secs. 5 thru 8, 17 thru 20, 29, 30, and 32. T. 17 N, R. 35 E, Secs. 2 thru 10; Sec. 11, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 15, N<sup>1/2</sup>; Secs. 16 thru 20; Sec. 21, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Secs. 29 thru 32. T. 18 N, R. 35 E, unsurveyed, Secs. 1 thru 3; Sec. 4, except patented lands; Sec. 5, except patented lands; Sec. 6, except patented lands; Sec. 7; Sec. 8, except patented lands; Sec. 9, except patented lands; Secs. 10 thru 24 and 26 thru 35. T. 19 N, R. 35 E, Sec. 2; Sec. 3, lots 1 thru 4, S1/2NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4SE1/4, N1/2NW1/4SW1/4SE1/4, E1/2SE1/4SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4SE1/4SE1/4, and SE1/4SW1/4SE1/4SE1/4; Secs. 4 thru 9; Sec. 10, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S1/2SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4NW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and SE1/4; Sec. 11, NE<sup>1</sup>/4, E<sup>1</sup>/2SE<sup>1</sup>/4NE<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4, NW1/4NW1/4NW1/4, S1/2SW1/4NW1/4NW1/4, S1/2SE1/4NW1/4NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NE¼NE¼SW¼, SE¼NW¼NE¼SW¼, N1/2SE1/4NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4SE1/4NE1/4SW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, S1/2NE1/4SE1/4SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4SE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4SW1/4, N1/2NE1/4SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4NE1/4SE1/4, N1/2SE1/4NE1/4SE1/4, N1/2NW1/4SE1/4, W1/2SW1/4NW1/4SE1/4, N1/2SE1/4NW1/4SE1/4, S1/2SW1/4SE1/4 and S1/2SE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 12, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Secs. 13 thru 29; Sec. 30, lots 1 thru 6, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 31, lots 1 thru 7, NE¼, E½SW¼, N1/2SE1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4; Sec. 32, lots 1 thru 8, NW1/4, and N<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4; Sec. 33, lots 1 thru 9, E1/2NE1/4, and SE1/4; Secs. 34 thru 36. T. 20 N, R. 35 E, unsurveyed, Secs. 2 thru 11, 14 thru 23, and 26 thru 35. T. 21 N, R. 35 E. Secs. 1 thru 3: Sec. 4, lots 3 thru 8 and S1/2NW1/4; Sec. 5, lots 1 thru 4, S1/2NE1/4, and S1/2NW1/4; Secs. 6 and 7; Sec. 10, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Sec. 11, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 12: Sec. 13, all that portion north of the southerly line of a dirt road, running NE and SW through lot 16; Sec. 14, NE¼ and S½; Sec. 15, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 16, SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Sec. 19, lots 5 thru 15; Sec. 20, W1/2 and SE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 21, E1/2 and SW1/4; Sec. 22, E1/2 and SW1/4;

Sec. 23; Sec. 24, those portions of lots 1 and 2 lying north of the southerly line of a dirt road, and lots 3 thru 6, 11, and 14. Sec. 25, lots 3 thru 6 and 11 thru 14; Secs. 26 thru 35; Sec. 36, lots 3 thru 6 and 9 thru 12. T. 22 N, Ř. 35 E, Secs. 31 thru 36. T. 19 N, R. 36 E, Sec. 19, lots 1 thru 4, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and ɽ; Sec. 30, lots 1 thru 3, NE<sup>1</sup>/4, E<sup>1</sup>/2NW<sup>1</sup>/4, NE1/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 31, lot 4, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. T. 21 N, R. 36 E, Secs. 2 thru 9; Secs. 16 thru 18, those portions lying north of the southerly line of a dirt road running northwesterly through Secs. 16 thru 18 and turning southwesterly in Sec. 18. T. 22 N, R. 36 E, Secs. 31 thru 35. The area described for lands adjoining the Dixie Valley Training Area aggregates 290,984.89 acres in Churchill and Mineral Counties. DON Lands Not Withdrawn From the Public Domain T. 20 N, R. 34 E, Sec. 14, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, and W1/2SE1/4; Sec. 15, E1/2NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4; Sec. 22, E1/2NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4; Sec. 23, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2 and W1/2SE1/4. T. 21 N, R. 34 E, Sec. 1, SW<sup>1</sup>/4; Sec. 24; Sec. 25, lots 3 and 4, SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4; Sec. 34, E½; Secs. 35 and 36. T. 19 N, R. 35 E, Sec. 3, S1/2NW1/4SW1/4SE1/4, S1/2SW1/4SE1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4SE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 10, N<sup>1/2</sup>NE<sup>1/4</sup>NE<sup>1/4</sup>, N1/2SW1/4NE1/4NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4, N1/2NE1/4NW1/4NE1/4, and N1/2NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4; Sec. 11, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4, N<sup>1</sup>/2SE<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4, SE<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4, N1/2NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4 SW1/4NE1/4SW1/4, N1/2NE1/4SE1/4SW1/4, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, E1/2SW1/4NW1/4SE1/4 S1/2SE1/4NW1/4SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4SE1/4, N<sup>1</sup>/2SE<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4, and SW1/4SE1/4NE1/4SW1/4. T. 21 N, R. 35 E, Sec. 4, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 5, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Sec. 8, N<sup>1</sup>/2, NW<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4, and SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Sec. 9, N<sup>1</sup>/2, SW<sup>1</sup>/4, N<sup>1</sup>/2NE<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4, N1/2NW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4SE1/4, W1/2SE1/4NW1/4SE1/4, W1/2NE1/4SW1/4SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4SW1/4SE1/4, W1/2SW1/4SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4, S1/2NW1/4SE1/4SE1/4, and S1/2SE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 10, S½; Sec. 14, NW<sup>1</sup>/4;

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Sec. 15, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 16, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

- Sec. 17, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Sec. 18, lots 1 thru 4, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W1/2SE1/4, and NE1/4SE1/4 except Parcel 1 of Logan Turley Parcel Map, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Churchill County of July 9, 1979, under filing number 165908;
- Sec. 19, lots 1 and 2, NW1/4NE1/4, and E1/2NW1/4;
- Sec. 20, NE<sup>1</sup>/4, N<sup>1</sup>/2SE<sup>1</sup>/4, and SW<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4; Sec. 21, NW1/4;
- Sec. 22, NW<sup>1</sup>/4.

The area described for lands adjoining the Dixie Valley Training Area aggregates 8,722.47 acres in Churchill and Mineral Counties.

2. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from leasing under the mineral leasing laws to maintain current environmental baseline conditions:

#### unt Diablo Meridian. Nevada

Lands Within the Naval Air Station Fallon's Dixie Valley Training Area

- Bureau of Land Management
- T. 16 N, R. 33 E,
- Sec. 1, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 5Ŏ:
- Sec. 2, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 5Ŏ;
- Sec. 3, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50, except patented lands;
- Sec. 4, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50:
- Sec. 5, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50.
- T. 17 N, R. 33 E,
  - Secs. 1 thru 5, 8 thru 17, 20 thru 29 and 32 thru 36.
- T. 18 N, R. 33 E, unsurveyed, Sec. 9, E<sup>1</sup>/2;
  - Sec. 10, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash;
  - Sec. 13, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash;
  - Sec. 14, that portion south of Elevenmile
  - Canyon Wash; Sec. 15;
  - Sec. 16, E½:
  - Secs. 21 thru 28; Sec. 29, E½;
- Secs. 32 thru 36.
- T. 16 N, R. 33 1/2 E, unsurveyed,
- Sec. 1, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50.
- T. 17 N, R. 33 1/2 E.
- T. 18 N, R. 33 1/2 E,
- Sec. 13, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash; Sec. 24, that portion south of Elevenmile
- Canyon Wash; Secs. 25 and 36.
- T. 16 N, R. 34 E, partly unsurveyed, Sec. 4, lots 3 and 5;
- Sec. 5, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50:

Sec. 6, that portion north of the northerly right-of-way boundary for U.S. Highway 50

- T. 17 N, R. 34 E,
- Sec. 3, lots 3 and 4, S1/2NW1/4 and SW1/4; Secs. 4 thru 9: Sec. 10, W<sup>1</sup>/2; Sec. 15, W<sup>1</sup>/2;
- Secs. 16 thru 21:
- Sec. 22, W1/2;
- Sec. 27, W<sup>1</sup>/2;
- Secs. 28 thru 33;
- Sec. 34, W<sup>1</sup>/2.
- T. 18 N, R. 34 E,
- Sec. 3;
- Sec. 4, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:
- Sec. 9, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121;
- Secs. 10 and 15;
- Sec. 16, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:
- Sec. 19, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash;
- Sec. 20, that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash;
- Sec. 21, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121 and that portion south of Elevenmile Canyon Wash;
- Sec. 22;
- Secs. 27 thru 34.
- T. 19 N, R. 34 E, Sec. 3:

  - Sec. 4. that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:
  - Sec. 9, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route
  - 121:
  - Secs. 10 and 15;
- Sec. 16, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:
- Sec. 21, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:
- Secs. 22 and 27;
- Sec. 28, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121:
- Sec. 33, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121;
- Sec. 34.
- T. 20 N, R. 34 E, partly unsurveyed, Sec. 2, lots 2 thru 4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4;
  - Sec. 3, lot 1, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;
  - Sec. 10, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;
- Sec. 11, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4 and W1/2; Sec. 26, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>;
- Sec. 27:
- Sec. 28, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121;
- Sec. 33, that portion east of the easterly right-of-way boundary for State Route 121;
- Sec. 34.
- T. 21 N, R. 34 E,
- Sec. 25, lots 1 and 2, W1/2NE1/4 and NW1/4. T. 21 N. R. 35 E.

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Sec. 17, W½;

- Sec. 18, lots 5 thru 11 and E½SE¼SE¼AE¼AE¼.
- The area described for Dixie Valley

Training Area aggregates 68,809.44 acres in Churchill County.

3. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described non-Federal lands are hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, and leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws to maintain current environmental baseline conditions:

#### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

Non-Federally Owned Lands

Lands Adjoining the Naval Air Station Fallon's B-17 Training Range

- T. 13 N, R. 32 E, partly unsurveyed, A portion of M.S. No. 4773 (Viking's
- Daughter, Turtle, Tungsten, and Don).
- T. 12 N, R. 33 E, Sec. 9, SE1/4SW1/4 and SW1/4SE1/4;
- Sec. 16, N<sup>1</sup>/2, E<sup>1</sup>/2SW<sup>1</sup>/4, and SE<sup>1</sup>/4. T. 11 N, R. 34 E,
- Sec. 4, lots 1 thru 3, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N1/2SE1/4 and NE1/4SW1/4;
- T. 12 N, R. 34 E,
  - Sec. 6, lot 2, SW1/4NE1/4, and N1/2SE1/4; Sec. 7, lot 3 and NE<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4;

No.2, Argel No. 1, Argel No. 2, Argel No.

A portion of M.S. No. 3927 (Lookout No.

The area described for lands adjoining the

range aggregates 2,037.37 acres in Churchill,

Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21,

Secs. 1, 3, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25,

Naval Air Station Fallon's B-17 training

Lands Adjoining the Naval Air Station

Sec. 28, SE<sup>1</sup>/4NW<sup>1</sup>/4, W<sup>1</sup>/2SE<sup>1</sup>/4, and N1/2SW1/4;

3, and Prince Albert Lodes);

Sec. 29, NE<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4;

11 Lode).

T. 22 N, R. 30 E,

T. 22 N, R. 31 E,

T. 23 N. R. 31 E.

T. 24 N, R. 31 E,

T. 25 N, R. 31 E,

T. 22 N, R. 32 E,

Sec. 9, W1/2;

T. 23 N, R. 32 E,

T. 24 N, R. 32 E,

T. 25 N, R. 32 E,

W1/2SE1/4;

Secs. 3, 5, and 7;

Secs. 17 and 19.

Secs. 31 and 33.

Secs. 1, 11 and 13;

Sec. 35.

S1/2NW1/4.

Nye, and Mineral Counties

Fallon's B-20 Training Range

Secs. 1, 11, 13, 15, 23, and 25.

23, 25, 27, 29, 31, and 35.

27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

Sec. 5, lots 1 thru 4, S1/2NE1/4 and

Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17.

Sec. 15, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and

Secs. 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33 and 35.

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Sec. 33, W1/2NE1/4 and S1/2. T. 16 N, R. 34 E, partly unsurveyed, A portion of M.S. No. 4184 (Eva B, Eva B

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T. 23 N, R. 33 E, Secs. 3 and 9. T. 24 N, R. 33 E, Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, 25, 27, 33, and 35. T. 25 N. R. 33 E. Secs. 5, 7, 15, 17, 19, 21, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35. The area described for lands adjoining the Naval Air Station Fallon's B-20 training range aggregates 61,764.88 acres in Churchill and Pershing Counties. Lands Adjoining the Naval Air Station Fallon's Dixie Valley Training Area T. 13 N. R. 32 E. A portion of M.S. No. 4773A (Don and Tungsten No. 1 Lodes). T. 16 N. R. 33 E. Sec. 3, the right-of-way for U.S. Highway 50, as described in deed recorded July 27, 1934, Book 20, Deed Records, page 353, Doc. No. 48379 of Churchill County, NV. T. 21 N, R. 33 E, M.S. No. 1877 (IXL, 1st Ext. IXL, Black Prince, 1st Ext. Black Prince, Twin Sister and Twin Sister No. 2 Lodes); M.S. No. 1936 A (Bonanza); M.S. No. 1937 (Spring Mine). T. 16 N, R. 34 E, A portion of M.S. No. 3630 (Kimberly No. 3 and Kimberly No. 4 Lodes). T. 17 N. R. 34 E. M.S. No. 4180 (Copper King, Central and Horn Silver Lodes). T. 19 N, R. 34 E, M.S. No. 3064 (Spider, Wasp, Tony Pah, Long Nel and Last Chance Lodes); A portion of M.S. No. 3122 (Great Eastern No. 1, Great Eastern No. 3 and Great Eastern No. 4 Lodes); A portion of M.S. No. 3398 (Nevadan, Little Witch, Silver Tip, Valley View and Panhandle Lodes); M.S. No. 3424 (Bumblebee, Grey Horse, Grey Horse No. 2, Grey Horse No. 1, Triangle Fraction and Kingstone Lodes); M.S. No. 3885 (Last Chord, King Midas, King Midas No. 1, King Midas No. 2 and King Midas No. 3 Lodes). T. 21 N, R. 34 E, Sec. 27, NE<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4SW<sup>1</sup>/4 (Dixie Cemetery). T. 18 N, R. 35 E, unsurveyed, M.S. No. 2954 (Blue Jay Lode); M.S. No. 3070 (Mars Lode); M.S. No. 3071 (Scorpion Lode); M.S. No. 3072 (B. and S. Lode); M.S. No. 3078 (Nevada Wonder Lode); M.S. No. 3079 (Ruby No. 1 Lode); M.S. No. 3123 (Last Chance Lode); M.S. No. 3124 (Last Chance No. 1 Lode); M.S. No. 3325 (Nevada Wonder No. 2 Lode): M.S. No. 3326 (Last Chance No. 2 Lode); M.S. No. 3327 (Nevada Wonder No. 1, Ruby and Ruby No. 2 Lodes); M.S. No. 3416 (Starr Lode); M.S. No. 3417 (Moss Fraction Lode); A portion of M.S. No. 3671 (Gold Dawn No. 1, Gold Dawn No. 2, Gold Dawn No. 3 and Gold Dawn No. 6 Lodes); A portion of M.S. No. 3750 (Hercules, ackrabbit, Hilltop and Hercules No. 2 Lodes):

M.S. No. 4225 (Nevada Wonder No. 3 Lode);

- M.S. No. 4226 (Hidden Treasure, Hidden Treasure No. 1 and Hidden Treasure No. 2 Lodes);
- M.S. No. 4227 (North Star, Rose No. 1, Twilight No. 2 and Twilight No. 3 Lodes);
- Wonder Townsite, (Patent No. 214499, July 3, 1911);
- Wonder Townsite, Blocks 31 and 42. T. 19 N. R. 35 E,
- M.S. No. 2826 (Jackpot and Grand View Lodes):
- A portion of M.S. No. 3122 (Great Eastern, Great Eastern No. 1, Great Eastern No. 3, Great Eastern No. 4 and Great Eastern Fraction Lodes);
- A portion of M.S. No. 3398 (Little Witch, Silver Tip, Valley View, Pan Handle and Yellow Jacket Lodes);
- M.S. No. 3671 (Gold Dawn No. 1, Gold Dawn No. 2 and Gold Dawn No. 3 Lodes);
- M.S. No. 3732 (Gold Bar No. 4, New York No. 2 and Blister Foot Lodes);
- A portion of M.S. No. 3750 (Hilltop Fraction, Hercules, Hercules No. 2, Hercules No. 3, Hilltop, Jackrabbit, Worm, Beauty, Lizard No. 1 and Grand View Fraction Lodes);
- M.S. No. 3786 (Queen, Queen No. 1, Queen No. 4, Queen No. 5, Queen No. 7, Queen No. 8, Queen No. 9, Queen No. 10, Queen No. 11, Queen Bee and Great Bend Lodes).
- T. 21 N, R. 35 E,
  - Sec. 4, NE¼SW¼;
  - Sec. 8, E1/2SW1/4 and SW1/4SW1/4;
  - Sec. 9, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,
    - N1/2NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4, and
  - N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Sec. 11, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>;
- Sec. 11, E<sup>72</sup>, Sec. 18, a portion of NE<sup>1</sup>/4SE<sup>1</sup>/4 being Parcel 1 of Logan Turley Parcel Map, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Churchill County of July 9, 1979, under filing number 165908.
- T. 19 N, Ř. 36 E, Sec. 30, lot 4, SE¼SW¼, and SW¼SE¼;
- Sec. 31, lots 1 thru 3 and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. The area described for lands adjoining the

Dixie Valley Training Area aggregates 2,358.28 acres in Churchill and Mineral Counties.

4. The withdrawal made by this Order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the land under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of the mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining or mineral leasing laws.

 This withdrawal will expire four years from the effective date of this order, unless, as a result of a review conducted pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended. Dated: August 23, 2018. Joseph R. Balash, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management. [FR Doc. 2018–18998 Filed 8–30–18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310–HC–P

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Bureau of Land Management

[18X 1109AF LLUT930000 L16100000.DS0000.LXSSJ0640000]

Notice of Error in Draft Resource Management Plans and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument-Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits, and Escalante Canyon Units and Federal Lands Previously Included in the Monument That Are Excluded From the Boundaries; Extension of Public Comment Period, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of error and extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: This action corrects an error related to potential disposal of Federal lands under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended (FLPMA), within a notice published in the Federal Register on August 17, 2018. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) and Kanab Field Office published in the Federal Register the availability of Draft Resource Management Plans (RMPs) and an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument-Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits, and Escalante Canyon Units and Federal lands previously included in the Monument that are excluded from the boundaries. The BLM is modifying the Draft RMPs and EIS so that it does not include any Federal lands identified as available for potential disposal under FLPMA. DATES: The BLM is extending the public comment period by 15 days to provide for notice of and opportunity to comment on the modified Draft RMPs and EIS. Comments should be submitted by November 30, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the modified Draft RMPs and EIS by

either of the following methods:

Website: https://goo.gl/EHvhbc

 Mail: 669 S Hwy. 89Å Kanab, UT 84741, Attn: Matt Betenson.

Copies of the modified Draft RMPs and EIS are available at the following locations:

## A.7 Department of the Navy Notice of Public Meetings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada



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Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$795 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 9, 2018. Sarah Brabson, NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

[FR Doc. 2018-24921 Filed 11-14-18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510-22-P

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Co-Exclusive License

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD. ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Sirchie Acquisition Company, LLC. (Youngsville, NC) a revocable, nonassignable, co-exclusive license to practice worldwide, the Governmentowned inventions described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 8,5574,658 issued November 5, 2013: FUMELESS LATENT FINGERPRINT DETECTION. The Navy intends to grant no more than two co-exclusive licenses to the above invention.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this co-exclusive license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than November 30, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Research and Technology Applications, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, Code 400000D, 1900 N Knox Road, Stop 6306, China Lake, CA 93555–6106. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dylan Riley, Director, Technology Transfer Office, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, Code 498400D, 1900 N Knox Road, Stop 6312, China Lake, CA 93555–6106, telephone 760–939–2105, Email: dylan.riley@ navy.mil.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404. Dated: November 9, 2018.

Meredith Steingold Werner,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2018–24910 Filed 11–14–18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3810–FF–P

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

### Notice of Public Meetings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD. ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality, the Department of the Navy (DoN) has prepared and filed with the United States Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada, to include renewing the current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure. The DoN is not proposing to change the level or type of training, rather activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges. The DoN will hold seven public meetings to inform the public and receive oral and written comments on the Draft EIS. This notice announces the dates and locations of the public meetings and provides information about the environmental planning effort. DATES: The 60-day public comment period begins November 16, 2018, and ends January 15, 2019. Public meetings will be held on December 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2018. All public comments are due by January 15, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held in the following locations:

1. December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 932 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415–2281.

December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to
 0 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium,
 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409–0147.

3. December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Austin Town Hall, 135 Court

Street, Austin, NV 89310–9302. 4. December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Eureka Opera House, Grand

Hall, 31 South Main Street, Eureka, NV 89316–1500. 5. December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to

5. December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406– 2661.

6. December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room, 1420 Cornell Avenue, Lovelock, NV 89419–0056.

7. December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., West 2nd Events Center, 600 West 2nd Street, Reno, NV 89503–5312.

The DoN will hold seven public meetings to inform the public about the proposed action, alternatives under consideration, the environmental analysis, and to provide an opportunity for the public to submit oral and written comments on the Draft EIS. Public meetings will include an open house session with informational poster stations staffed by DoN representatives, followed by a brief presentation by the DoN, and a public oral comment session. A stenographer will be available throughout the meeting to record oral comments from the public. In the interest of available time, and to ensure all who wish to provide an oral statement to the stenographer have the opportunity to do so, each speaker's comments will be limited to three minutes. Equal weight will be given to oral and written statements. Federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Native American tribes, and interested organizations and individuals are encouraged to provide comments in person at the public meetings or in writing during the public review period. Comments may be provided at the

Comments may be provided at the public meetings, by mail, and through the project website at: http:// www.FRTCModernization.com. Mailed comments should be submitted to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, Code EV21.SC, 1220 Pacific Highway, Building 1, 5th Floor, San Diego, CA 92132–5190, Attn: Ms. Sara Goodwin, EIS Project Manager.

All comments submitted during the public review period, oral or written, will become part of the public record and will be reviewed and considered in the preparation of the Final EIS. For consideration in the Final EIS, comments must be postmarked or received online by January 15, 2019.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, Code EV21.SG, 1220 Pacific Highway; Building 1, 5th floor, San Diego, CA 92132–5190, Attn: Ms. Sara Goodwin, EIS Project Manager, 619– 532–4463, or project website: http:// www.FRTCModernization.com.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The

Bureau of Land Management, Federal Aviation Administration, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service are federal cooperating agencies for this EIS. Additional state and county cooperating agencies include: Nevada Department of Wildlife, Nevada Division of Minerals, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada Governor's Office of Energy, Churchill County, Eureka County, Lander County, Mineral County, Nye County, and Pershing County. The DoN is also working with thirteen federally recognized Native American tribes and one Tribal Council.

The FRTC is a training complex in the high desert of northern Nevada encompassing airspace, land ranges, and electronic systems used primarily for air and ground training activities. The DoN's proposed action is to modernize the FRTC by expanding land ranges and modifying associated airspace configurations. The proposed action has the following elements:

 Congressional renewal of the 1999 public land withdrawal of 202,864 acres which is scheduled to expire in November 2021.

 Withdrawal and reservation by Congress for military use of up to approximately 618,727 acres of additional federal land.

 Acquisition of approximately 65,153 acres of private or state-owned (non-federal) land.

 Expansion of associated special use airspace and reconfiguration of existing airspace.

 Modification of range infrastructure to support modernization, including construction of new targets.

The purpose of the proposed action is to provide sustainable and modernized airspace, range, maneuver areas, training facilities, and range infrastructure and resources that would support acceptably realistic air warfare training activities as well as special operations ground training activities in order to meet emergent and future threats. The proposed action would enable the DoN's execution of its congressionally mandated roles and responsibilities under 10 United States Code (U.S.C), section 5062 and 10 U.S.C. 167. Current range configurations do not support realistic training.

Increasing the size of the range would allow the DoN to realistically train with precision-guided munitions, which require greater safety buffer zones because they are launched from aircraft at higher altitudes and longer distances from targets. It would also allow ground forces to realistically conduct tactical ground mobility training.

The Draft EIS is available at the project website at http:// www.FRTCModernization.com. A paper copy of the Draft EIS may be reviewed at each of the following public libraries:

1. Austin Branch Library, 88 Main Street, Austin, NV 89310-0121.

 Carson City Library, 900 North Roop Street, Carson City, NV 89701– 3101.

 Churchill County Library, 553 S. Maine Street, Fallon, NV 89406–3306.

4. Crescent Valley Branch Library, Crescent Valley Town Center, 5045 Tenabo Avenue, Suite 103, Crescent Valley, NV 89821–8051.

Downtown Reno Library, 301 S.
 Center Street, Reno, NV 89501–2102.
 Eureka Branch Library, 80 South

Monroe Street, Eureka, NV 89316–0293. 7. Fernley Branch Library, 575 Silver

Lace Blvd., Fernley, NV 89408–1591. 8. Gabbs Community Library, 602 3rd

Street, Gabbs, NV 89409–0206. 9. Mineral County Library 110 First

Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415–1390. 10. Pershing County Library, 1125

Central Avenue, Lovelock, NV 89419-0781.

Yerington Branch Library, 20
 Nevin Way, Yerington, NV 89447–2399.
 A compact disc of the Draft EIS will

be made available upon written request by contacting: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, Code EV21.SG, 1220 Pacific Highway; Building 1, 5th floor, San Diego, CA 92132–5190, Attn: Ms. Sara Goodwin, EIS Project Manager.

Dated: November 9, 2018.

### Meredith Steingold Werner,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2018-24909 Filed 11-14-18; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy; DoD. ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (DoN) announces the availability of the inventions listed below, assigned to the United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Navy, for domestic and foreign licensing by the Department of the Navy.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patents cited should be directed to Office of Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, MD 20817–5700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Joseph Teter, Director, Technology Transfer Office, Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division, Code 00T, 9500 MacArthur Blvd., West Bethesda, MD 20817–5700, telephone 301–227– 4299.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following patents are available for licensing: 7/U.S. Patent No. 9,783,321: RETRACTABLE VERTICAL FLOW-CONTROL DEVICE FOR TOPSIDE MITIGATION OF AIRWAKES OVER SHIP FLIGHT DECKS//U.S. Patent No. 9,822,040: PRESSURELESS SÍNTÉRING-BASED METHOD FOR MAKING A TWO-PHASE CERAMIC COMPOSITE BODY//U.S. Patent No. 9,858,527: ALGORITHMIC METHOD FOR MODELING HUMAN DECISION-MAKING//U.S. Patent No. 9,975,135: LIGHTWEIGHT APPARATUS FOR CAPTURING OVERSPRAY AND AIRBORNE PARTICULATES//U.S Patent No. 10,024,579: SOLAR PANEL DEPLOYMENT SYSTEM//U.S. Patent No. 10.053,195; SHIPBOARD SIDE-MOUNTED EXTENDING ARTICULATED BOOM FOR FUELING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS//

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404

Dated: November 9, 2018.

## Meredith Steingold Werner,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2018–24903 Filed 11–14–18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3810–FF–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

List of Borrowers Who Have Defaulted on Their Health Education Assistance Loans

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, Department of Education. ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), as required by the Public Health Service Act (the Act) is publishing this list of Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) borrowers who have defaulted on their loans as of June 30, 2018. This information is also made available for

#### A.8 Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

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consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the activities, functions, policies, and regulations required by the SDWA.

Dated: November 7, 2018. Peter Grevatt, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water. [FR Doc. 2018-25081 Filed 11-15-18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### [ER-FRL-9042-3]

#### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-5632 or https://www.epa.gov/ nepa/.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 11/05/2018 Through 11/09/2018 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

#### Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: https:// cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/

action/eis/search. EIS No. 20180267, Final, USFS, CO,

Golden Peak Improvements 2016, Review Period Ends: 12/26/2018, Contact: Max Forgensi 970-309-4861

- EIS No. 20180268, Draft Supplement, FHWA, NH, Derry-Londonderry I-93 Exit 4A, Comment Period Ends: 01/ 04/2019, Contact: Jamison S. Sikora 603-410-4870
- EIS No. 20180269, Draft, FHWA, NV, Interstate 80/Interstate 580/US Highway 395 Freeway-to-Freeway Interchange and Connecting Road Improvements, Comment Period Ends: 01/15/2019, Contact: Abdelmoez Abdalla 775-687-1231

EIS No. 20180270, Final, NSF, NM, Sacramento Peak Observatory, Review Period Ends: 12/17/2018, Contact:

- Elizabeth Pentecost 703-292-4907 EIS No. 20180271, Final, APHIS, PRO, Fruit Fly Cooperative Control Program, Review Period Ends: 12/17/ 2018, Contact: Jim E. Warren 212-316-3216
- EIS No. 20180272, Draft, USN, NV, Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization, Comment Period Ends: 01/15/2019, Contact: Sara Goodwin 619-532-4463

EIS No. 20180273, Final, NRC, LA, Generic Environmental Impact

Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 58, Regarding River Bend Station, Unit 1, Final Report, Review Period Ends: 12/ 17/2018, Contact: David Drucker 301-415-6223

EIS No. 20180274, Final, NMFS, AK, Final Environmental Impact Statement for Issuing Annual Catch Limits To the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission for A Subsistence Hunt On Bowhead Whales for The Years 2019 And Beyond, Review Period Ends: 12/17/2018, Contact: John Henderschedt, ATTN: Carolyn Doherty 301-427-8385

EIS No. 20180275, Final, USACE, VA, Final Integrated City of Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study, Review Period Ends: 12/17/2018, Contact: Katherine Perdue 757-201-7218

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EIS No. 20180235, Draft, USACE, VA, Draft Integrated City of Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study, Contact: Katherine Perdue 757–201–7218 Revision to FR Notice Published 10/ 12/2018; Retracted due to erroneous filing.

Dated: November 13, 2018.

#### Robert Tomiak.

Director, Office of Federal Activities. [FR Doc. 2018-25045 Filed 11-15-18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

#### FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

#### Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the 'Government in the Sunshine Act'' (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will meet in open session at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, to consider the following matters: Summary Agenda: No substantive

discussion of the following items is anticipated. These matters will be resolved with a single vote unless a member of the Board of Directors requests that an item be moved to the discussion agenda.

Disposition of minutes of previous Board of Directors' Meetings

Memorandum and resolution re: Regulatory Capital Rule: Capital Simplification for Qualifying

Community Banking Organizations. Memorandum and resolution re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Increase the Appraisal Threshold for

Residential Real Estate Transactions, Implement the Residential Rural Exemption, and Require Appropriate Appraisal Review.

Memorandum and resolution re: Final Rule on Transferred OTS Regulations Regarding Fiduciary Powers of State Savings Associations and Consent Requirements for the Exercise of Trust Powers

Memorandum and resolution re: Final Rule to Revise the FDIC's Regulations Concerning Inflation-Adjusted Maximum Civil Money Penalty Amounts.

Report of actions taken pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors.

Discussion Agenda:

Memorandum and resolution re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Proposed Changes to Applicability Thresholds for Regulatory Capital Requirements and Liquidity Requirements.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room located on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC.

This Board meeting will be webcast live via the internet and subsequently made available on-demand approximately one week after the event. Visit http://fdic.windrosemedia.com to view the event. If you need any technical assistance, please visit our Video Help page at: https://

www.fdic.gov/video.html. The FDIC will provide attendees with auxiliary aids (e.g., sign language interpretation) required for this meeting. Those attendees needing such assistance should call 703–562–2404 (Voice) or 703-649-4354 (Video Phone) to make necessary arrangements.

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at 202-898-7043.

Dated: November 14, 2018. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

#### Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2018-25184 Filed 11-14-18; 4:15 pm]

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

#### Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on the agreements to the Secretary by email at Secretary@fmc.gov, or by mail,

# A.9 Department of the Navy Extension of Public Comment Period for the Draft Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement, Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada



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security emergencies). The Defense Medical Human Resources System internet—DMHRSi) is a DoD application that provides the MHS with a joint comprehensive enterprise human resource system with capabilities to manage human capital across the entire spectrum of medical facilities and personnel types. Affected Public: Individuals or

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary. OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Cortney Higgins.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

instructions for submitting comments. Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number, and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at http:// www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Frederick Licari.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dddod-information-collections@mail.mil.

Dated: December 20, 2018.

Shelly E. Finke, Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 2018–28035 Filed 12–26–18; 8:45 am]

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### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2018-OS-0104]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense, DoD.

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary of Defense announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by February 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: http:// www.regulations.gov. Follow the

instructions for submitting comments. Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24 Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at http:// www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, ATTN: Yvonne Schilz, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 810, Arlington, VA 22209– 2203 or call 1–877–387–9951. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Vietnam War Commemoration Program Partner Events; DD Form 2953; DD Form 2954; DD Form 3027; DD Form 3028; DD Form 3029; OMB Control Number 0704-0500.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is necessary to notify the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Program of Commemorative Partner's planned events. Information is submitted for inclusion on the program's events calendar and to request event support in the form of materials and/or speakers from the program. The information collection is necessary to obtain, vet, record, process and provide Certificates of Honor to be presented on behalf of a grateful nation by partner organizations. Additionally, this collection is necessary for the partner organizations to communicate to the Commemoration program the results of their events and lessons learned.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local or tribal government, or, by exception, eligible individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 7,505. Number of Respondents: 16,020. Responses per Respondent: 1.8739. Annual Responses: 30,020 Average Burden Per Response: 15

Average Buraen Per Response: 15 Minutes.

Frequency: On Occasion. Respondents are representatives of commemorative partner organizations or immediate family members of veterans listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC or, by exception, individuals, acting on behalf of eligible family members of American military personnel who are listed as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War by the Department of Defense. Burden is reported as an annual average; not every respondent will complete all five (5) forms.

Dated: December 20, 2018.

Shelly E. Finke,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 2018-28033 Filed 12-26-18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5001-06-P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### Department of the Navy

#### Extension of Public Comment Period for the Draft Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement, Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD. ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A notice of availability was published in the Federal Register by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on November 16, 2018 (83 FR 57726) for the Department of the Navy's (Navy) Draft Fallon Range Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) at Naval Air Station Fallon, NV. The public review period ends January 15, 2019. This notice announces a thirty-day extension of the public comment period until February 14, 2019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces a thirty-day extension

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of the public comment period until February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted in writing to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, Code EV21.SG, 1220 Pacific Highway; Building 1, 5th floor, San Diego, CA 92132-5190, Attn: Ms. Sara Goodwin, EIS Project Manager. In addition, comments may be submitted online at http://frtcmodernization.com/ during the comment period. All written comments must be postmarked by February 14, 2019, to ensure they become part of the official record. All comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

The Draft EIS is available electronically for public viewing at http://frtcmodernization.com/ and hard copies are available for public review at the following libraries: Austin Branch Library, 88 Main Street, Austin, NV 89310-0121, Carson City Library, 900 North Roop Street, Carson City, NV 89701-3101, Churchill County Library, 553 S. Maine Street, Fallon, NV 89406-3306, Crescent Valley Branch Library, Crescent Valley Town Center, 5045 Tenabo Avenue, Suite 103, Crescent Valley, NV 89821-8051, Downtown Reno Library, 301 S. Center Street, Reno, NV 89501-2102, Eureka Branch Library, 80 South Monroe Street, Eureka, NV 89316-0293, Fernley Branch Library, 575 Silver Lace Blvd., Fernley, NV 89408-1591, Gabbs Community Library, 602 3rd Street, Gabbs, NV 89409-0206, Mineral County Library, 110 First Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415-1390, Pershing County Library, 1125 Central Avenue, Lovelock, NV 89419-0781, and Yerington Branch Library, 20 Nevin Way, Yerington, NV 89447–2399.

Dated: December 19, 2018.

### M.S. Werner,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2018-28012 Filed 12-26-18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3810-FF-P

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2018-ICCD-0107]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; The Department of Education Accrediting Agency, Foreign Medical and Foreign Veterinarian Program Comparability Database Approval

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

### ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 28, 2019.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use http://www.regulations.gov by searching the Docket ID number ED-2018-ICCD-0107. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http:// www.regulations.gov by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9086, Washington, DC 20202-0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Herman Bounds, 202–453–6128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the

respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: The Department of Education Accrediting Agency, Foreign Medical and Foreign Veterinarian Program Comparability Database Approval.

OMB Control Number: 1840-0788.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 94.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 3,988.

Abstract: The United States Secretary of Education (Secretary) is required by law to publish a list of nationallyrecognized accrediting agencies that have been determined to be reliable authorities regarding the quality of education or training offered by the institutions or programs they accredit. In determining whether a specific agency should be recognized, the Secretary evaluates the submission for compliance with the Criteria for Recognition contained in regulations. The collection of information is necessary for the Secretary to evaluate and monitor the continued compliance with the criteria during any period of recognition granted. This collection is submitted due to the approaching end of the 3 year approval period. There is a change in burden hours for the following reasons. The number of accrediting agencies/organizations submitting documentation increased. Two additional accrediting agencies submitted initial petitions for recognition and supporting documentation, one additional foreign veterinary accrediting agency and two additional accrediting organizations communicated their intent to submit an initial application. Department staff consulted with seven accrediting agencies and organizations and determined that a new evaluation of burden hours was necessary.

Dated: December 20, 2018. Kate Mullan.

Acting Director, Information Collection

Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management. [FR Doc. 2018–28028 Filed 12–26–18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4000–01–P

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Appendix B: Agency Correspondence

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# Appendix B Agency Correspondence

# B.1 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation



Preserving America's Heritage

# Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Electronic Section 106 Documentation Submittal System (e106) Form MS Word format

Send to: e106@achp.gov

## I. Basic information

1. Name of federal agency (If multiple agencies, state them all and indicate whether one is the lead agency):

US Navy

Bureau of Land Management

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Federal Aviation Administration

For the purposes of Section 106 the US Navy is the lead Agency

2. Name of undertaking/project (Include project/permit/application number if applicable):

Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

401 F Street NW, Suite 308 🗆 Washington, DC 20001-2637

Phone: 202-517-0200 Fax: 202-517-6381 achp@achp.gov www.achp.gov

Location of undertaking (Indicate city(s), county(s), state(s), land ownership, and whether it would
occur on or affect historic properties located on tribal lands):

Small portions of Pershing County in the north, Nye County in the south, Elko County in the east, Mineral County in the southwest, and Lyon and Washoe Counties in the west.

Direct effects associated with this undertaking will impact federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, US Navy, Fish and Wildlife Service. Indirect effects associated with this undertaking are defined by NAS Fallon's special use airspace. The airspace includes approximately 50% of the Walker River Reservation, the entirety of the Fallon Paiute/Shoshone Reservation, the entirety of the Yomba Reservation, and the northern ¼ of the Pyramid Lake Reservation (see attached Map). The US Navy has been in consultation with the tribes regarding effects to historic properties on and off the reservation.

 Name and title of federal agency official and contact person for this undertaking, including email address and phone number:

Mike Baskerville

michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

(775)426-4397

5. Purpose of notification. Indicate whether this documentation is to:

propose to develop a project Programmatic Agreement (project PA) for complex or multiple undertakings in accordance with 36 C.F.R. 800.14(b)(3).

## II. Information on the Undertaking\*

 Describe the undertaking and nature of federal involvement (if multiple federal agencies are involved, specify involvement of each):

The Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet, a command of the U.S. Navy ("Navy"), proposes to modernize the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) by expanding land ranges and modifying associated airspace configurations. The Proposed Action would have the following elements:

- Congressional renewal of the 1999 Public Land Withdrawal of 202,864 acres which is scheduled to expire in November 2021
- withdrawal and reservation by Congress for military use approximately 618,727 acres of additional federal land for military use
- acquisition of approximately 65,153 acres of private or state-owned (non-federal) land
- expansion of associated Special Use Airspace (SUA) and reconfiguration of existing airspace
- modification of range infrastructure to support modernization

The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of aviation or ground training from what has been previously analyzed in 2015.

Actions associated with proposal include:

- Development of new target areas within B16 and 17 Ranges
- · Development of new electronic warfare sites (final locations to be determined)
- · Re-route of State Highway 361 (location yet to be determined)
- · Re-route of Paiute Pipeline (location yet to be determined)
- · Construction of Range Fences (locations to be determined)

The number of federal agencies involved has not been completely identified. The US Navy will be involved in the majority of the projects. The BLM will be involved in the approval of the rights-of-way associated with the proposed movement State Highway 361 and Paiute Pipeline. They will also likely be involved in the approval of the locations of fenceline. The role of additional federal agencies involved in the movement of State Highway361 and Pipeline has yet to be determined.

## 7. Describe the Area of Potential Effects:

36CFR800.16 defines the Area of Potential Effect (APE) as the "geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist. The area of potential effect is influenced by the scale and nature of an undertaking and may be different for different kinds of effects caused by the undertaking".

36CFR800.5 identifies that the introduction of visual, atmospheric or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the properties significance as a potential adverse effect. The Navy recognizes that the noise and vibration associated with the routine operation of its aircraft within its special use air space (Enclosure 1) could have a possible indirect affect that may adversely affect a historic properties eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Navy has had multiple discussions with various tribes related to the potential effects of Navy operations and has received comments from members of the public and Federal Agencies related to the potential effects associated with Navy operations. Based on those discussions and comments the Navy has determined the APE for this undertaking is approximately 10,452,796 acres in size the approximate size of the special use air space assigned to NAS Fallon by the Federal Aviation Administration (Attachment 1). The discontinuous chunk of air space shown in the enclosed map is connected to the remainder of the airspace by a transit corridor used by the military and civilian aircraft operating in the area. The APE as defined will cover all known actions including those that are reasonably foreseeable or cumulative.

## 8. Describe steps taken to identify historic properties:

To following steps have been taken by the Navy to identify Historic properties

 Has conducted (2) Class I inventories (Identification of previous inventories and identification cultural properties

- Conducted 66,000 acres of inventory and recorded 855 sites. Preliminary assessments have been made
- Conducted background research to identify those sites that have been formally evaluated as Traditional Cultural Properties and those that may someday be recorded and evaluated as sacred or Traditional Cultural Properties.

Have conducted meetings with four tribes related to the identification of cultural properties within the APE (have reached out to 14 other tribes but have not received response). The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2019.

Sent the first report documenting the findings of a 12,000 acre CRM inventory to four tribes that have been actively participating in process and asked for comment. No response has been received though the Navy has asked for them several times. The second report documenting the results of 48,000 acres of inventory is due March 1, 2019.

 Describe the historic property (or properties) and any National Historic Landmarks within the APE (or attach documentation or provide specific link to this information):

There are no known Historic Landmarks within the APE. A number of inventories related to new target areas have been completed but formal determinations of eligibility have not been consulted on yet.

Sites likely to be considered eligible include Salt Cave and a series of three smaller caves all of which contain petroglyphs located, an isolated petroglyph panel located on boulder and several temporary habitation sites.

## 10. Describe the undertaking's effects on historic properties:

The undertaking is expected to have adverse effects on several properties likely to be considered eligible located in target areas. Based on available data some limited habitation sites will be adversely affected. Additional adverse effects may occur further out in association with the construction of fencelines; the relocations of the Paiute Pipeline and State Highway 361; and infrastructure projects yet to be identified.

11. Explain how this undertaking would adversely affect historic properties (include information on any conditions or future actions known to date to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects):

Early on in the process there was an attempts by the Navy to avoid having adverse effects on any potential historic properties. When the several of the proposed target areas were dropped and relocated, however in several cases after a reconnaissance of the area it would be impossible to relocate with having an impact on a cultural property located in the new area.

While no formal mitigation has been determined beyond data recovery the Navy is considering several suggestions proffered by the tribes and BLM related to mitigation which include formal recordation of locations that could be TCPs located under the installations special use space and a suggestion by the tribes to contact with them to conduct an ethno graphic study of the installations ranges and the installation of a system that monitors airspeed and identifies aircraft out in the Reese River Valley (would cover Yomba Reservation and town of Austin). Additionally, the

Navy is planning to formalize access to the installations ranges for the tribes through the development of an MOA.

12. Provide copies or summaries of the views provided to date by any consulting parties, Indian tribes or Native Hawai'ian organizations, or the public, including any correspondence from the SHPO and/or THPO.

08/25/16 A notice to prepare an environmental impact statement sent to (18) tribes. The notice describes the undertaking, invites them to participate in the scoping process, provide comments, and initiates the consultation process.

12/19/16: Walker River Reservation responds to earlier letter and presentation held at NAS Fallon in October 2016. Tribes confirms it willingness to consult on the EIS; however, they note that while they sent a representative along with four other tribes the meeting should not be considered consultation as consultation by their definition requires the presence of all council members. Inclosing they express their interest in being a cooperating agency; participating in the EIS with other cooperating agencies, and look forward to government to government consultation.

1/17-9/17 Navy visits five reservations that requested presentations on the EIS (Duckwater, Yomba, Walker River, Fallon and Pyramid Lake).

9/27/18 FAA requested that Navy Check into local certified governments and recommended that local governments be included as consulting parties.

7/15 Letter sent out to 18 Nevada tribes requesting assistance with identifying cultural properties within FRTC expansion boundaries.

11/17 Copies of first cultural report detailing the results of 14,062 acres of inventory conducted in association with FRTC forwarded to tribes for comment.

3/17-8/17: Navy visits the five reservations located within APE and shares ethnographic data it has collected as part of its background research. Request that they review the information for accuracy and with five tribes residing within APE. Additionally, requests that they provide any additional information that the Navy should consider in future effects determinations.

5/18: Received e-mail from resident from Austin Nevada stating windows in Historic Building are being broken due to sonic booms from Navy overflights (potential consulting partner)

9/18 Consultation related to APE concluded. (See attached letter)

11/26/18: public website comment regarding the need to inventory target areas and questioning APE associated with Target Areas

11/14/2018 Consultation with local tribes with knowledge of TCPS or sensitive sites within APE informed the Navy that they do not have information related to the current use of different areas (when they are used by members of their tribe) and that they considered the entirety of the area below the APE to be sacred and special.

1/19: E-mail to 18 tribes to consult on the location of known sensitive sites (TCPs, sacred sites, potential TCP's, and sensitive sites).

2/7/19 E-mail from the SHPO's Office requesting information on what sites the they monitor as part of Site Stewardship Program that would be included in the withdrawal.

There have been concerns expressed by members of the county governments related to access to historic sites (Various Meetings)

\* see Instructions for Completing the ACHP e106 Form

## III. Optional Information

13. Please indicate the status of any consultation that has occurred to date. Are there any consulting parties involved other than the SHPO/THPO? Are there any outstanding or unresolved concerns or issues?

that the ACHP should know about in deciding whether to participate in consultation?

14. Does your agency have a website or website link where the interested public can find out about this project and/or provide comments? Please provide relevant links: yes

www.FRTCMODERNIZATION.com

15. Is this undertaking considered a "major" or "covered" project listed on the Federal Infrastructure Projects Permitting Dashboard or other federal interagency project tracking system? If so, please provide the link or reference number:

The following are attached to this form (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_ Section 106 consultation correspondence

\_\_\_\_ Maps, photographs, drawings, and/or plans

\_\_\_\_\_Additional historic property information

\_\_\_ Other:



May 2, 2019

Mr. Michael C. Baskerville Cultural Resources Manager Department of the Navy Naval Air Station Fallon 4755 Pasture Road Fallon, NV 89495-5000

REF: Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization at Naval Air Station Fallon Pershing, Nye, Elko, Mineral, Lyon and Washoe Counties, Nevada ACHPConnect Log Number: 013626

Dear Mr. Baskerville:

On February 12, 2019, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) received your notification of adverse effect for the referenced undertaking that was submitted in accordance with Section 800.6(a)(1) of our regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). The background documentation included with your submission did not include all of the required information specified in Section 800.11(e) of the ACHP's regulations. We, therefore, are unable to determine whether Appendix A of the regulations, *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, applies to this undertaking. Accordingly, we request that you submit the following additional information so that we can determine whether our participation in the consultation to resolve adverse effects is warranted.

 We would appreciate an explanation of why Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon's definition of the undertaking regarding the Fallon Training Range Complex (FRTC) Modernization did not include the Land Withdrawal Case Files under the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA).

The ACHP understands that the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-65) withdrew 202,864 acres of federal land for use within the FRTC which is set to expire in November 2021. We are aware that the Department of the Air Force is also considering the extension and expansion of land withdrawal for use within the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) in accordance with Public Law 106-65. While these actions are separate, they are similar, and the ACHP wishes to be consistent in its recommendations to the both agencies.

The Commander, United States Pacific Fleet, proposes to modernize the FRTC at NAS Fallon through 1) renewal of the Navy's current public land withdrawal, 2) land range expansion through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, 3) airspace expansion and modifications, and 4) upgrades to range infrastructure.

The information we have reviewed lacks a clear and consistent description of what is, and is not, subject

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to Section 106 regarding the modernization of the FRTC. For example, the ACHP has been consistent in its position that the transfer of property from one federal agency to another federal agency is not an undertaking subject to Section 106, because a federal agency still has responsibilities under Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the land it controls. (Note, however, how a federal agency plans to utilize the land once transferred may be subject to Section 106 review. As such, the Navy should not include the the withdrawal of federal land in its definition of the undertaking under Section 106.)

It is our understanding that the Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Final EIS for Military Readiness Activities at FRTC, which provided for 10% increase in tempo annually to address the various missions. With the modernization, training activities will be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space.

 We seek further clarification as to whether the Navy is also producing a Legislative EIS or if it intends to issue a ROD to meet NEPA.

The ACHP assumes that the Navy intends to submit, in accordance with the FLPMA, a Land Withdrawal Case File renewal request to continue the withdrawal of the 202,864 acres, and a separate Land Withdrawal Case File for a request to withdraw an additional 618,727 acres of federal land. We are aware that the Pacific Fleet, with support from the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southwest, has prepared and released a Draft Environmental Impact State (DEIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The 99<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron (99CES), with support from the Air Force Civil Engineer Center's National Environmental Policy Act Center (AFCEC/NEPA Center) is working on a Legislative EIS to be included in the recommendation to Congress on the withdrawal proposal regarding the NTTR. (A Legislative EIS does not require a Record of Decision (ROD), as the decision on whether or not to approve the Land Withdrawal Case Files is made by Congress.)

• Please provide a concise explanation of what historic property identification efforts NAS Fallon has undertaken, or intends to take, for the 65,153 acres of private or state-owned (non-federal) land it is considering acquiring and the 618,727 acres of additional federal land.

It is understood that the Navy proposes the acquisition of 65,153 acres of private or state-owned (nonfederal) land in addition to the 618,727 acres of additional federal land under the FLPMA. The Navy has responsibilities under Sections 106 and 110 of the NHPA for the land it will control, and it is advisable for the federal agency to understand if historic properties exist on the property it intends to acquire.

 We seek clarification as to whether or not NAS Fallon is reviewing the FTRC Modernization in accordance with the 2011 Programmatic Agreement.

In 2011, the Programmatic Agreement Among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon (2011 PA) was executed and is set to expire in August 2021. Documentation provided to the ACHP did not mention the 2011 PA. The 2011 PA is the Section 106 compliance document for NAS Fallon undertakings on Navy-acquired lands in Nevada, which includes the FRTC.

 We seek clarification as to how NAS Fallon will review the FTRC Modernization occurring on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land.

In accordance with the 2011 PA, undertakings on lands withdrawn from the BLM are to be administered in accordance with the stipulations in the 2009 State Protocol Agreement between the BLM and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer. Documentation provided to the ACHP did not mention the 2009 BLM/SHPO State Protocol Agreement. Activities associated with the modernization of the FRTC are to be addressed in accordance with the 2009 BLM/SHPO State Protocol Agreement.

We look forward to clarification on the above points. Should you have any questions regarding our requests, please contact Ms. Katharine R. Kerr at (202) 517-0216 or by e-mail at kkerr@achp.gov and reference the ACHPConnect Log Number.

Sincerely,

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Tom McCulloch, Ph.D., R.P.A. Assistant Director Office of Federal Agency Programs Federal Property Management Section



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NEVADA 89496-5000



5090 Ser N0000CF/0133 May 24, 2019

Dr. Tom McCulloch, Ph.D., R.P.A. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Assistant Director Office of Federal Agency Programs Federal Property Management Section 401 F Street NW, Suite 308 Washington, DC 20001-2637

# REF: Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization at Naval Air Station Fallon, Pershing, Nye, Elko, Mineral, Lyon and Washoe Counties, Nevada ACHP Connect Log Number:013626

Dear Dr. McCulloch:

Thank you for your questions regarding the Navy's Section 106 consultation for the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). Following are responses intended to clarify and facilitate our continuing consultation.

1. We would appreciate an explanation of why Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon's definition of the undertaking regarding the Fallon Training Range Complex (FRTC) Modernization did not include the Land Withdrawal Case Files under the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA).

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The focus of the Navy's consultation on the proposed modernization of the FRTC is to amend the *Programmatic Agreement Among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon* (2011 PA), in order to address potential effects to historic properties that may result from undertakings associated with the modernization. The proposed modernization also includes the acquisition, renewal, and expansion of withdrawn lands. We recognize that these actions, in and of themselves, are not subject to Section 106, however the Navy's activities on such newly acquired/renewed/expanded withdrawn lands may require review to evaluate potential effects to historic properties.

With respect to the case file under FLPMA, the Navy encloses for your reference the following materials: the applications submitted by the Navy for the relevant land withdrawals (renewals and new withdrawals); notices of receipt for these applications; and associated Federal Register notices. A copy of the Draft EIS for the Navy's proposed action can be found at the following link: www.frtemodernization.com. The Navy can provide additional materials upon request. Alternatively, a copy of the entire case file can be obtained from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) (case file # NVN 096256).



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## We seek further clarification as to whether the Navy is also producing a Legislative EIS or if it intends to issue a ROD to meet NEPA.

The Navy is preparing an EIS and intends to issue a ROD to meet obligations under NEPA. The FRTC Modernization EIS supports two separate decisions by two decision-making bodies. First, it serves as the detailed statement required by NEPA for Congress to consider in deciding whether to support authorization of the proposed FRTC Modernization to renew the existing public land withdrawal and to withdraw additional public lands. As such, it will enable Congress to make informed decisions regarding the Navy's proposed action. In this context, the EIS could be characterized as a Legislative EIS because any decision whether to renew the existing withdrawal or to withdraw the additional public lands will be made by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by the President. The EIS also serves as the environmental impact analysis informing a decision about sustainable and modernized airspace, maneuver areas, training facilities, and range infrastructure and resources. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment will render a decision on a selected alternative to be implemented by the Navy (subject to Congressional authorization of and funding for the proposed action), including the acquisition of private land.

3. Please provide a concise explanation of what historic property identification efforts NAS Fallon has undertaken, or intends to take, for the 65,153 acres of private or state-owned (non-federal) land it is considering acquiring and the 618,727 acres of additional federal land.

The Navy is currently conducting surveys to identify historic properties, and the proposed PA amendment would include programmatic measures to continue identification efforts through its implementation on Navy undertakings associated with the modernization.

## 4. We seek clarification as to whether or not NAS Fallon is reviewing the FTRC Modernization in accordance with the 2011 Programmatic Agreement.

As noted, the Navy proposes to amend the 2011 PA in accordance with Stipulation X, in order to ensure its applicability to Navy undertakings related to the FRTC modernization and to extend the expiration date. Individual undertakings associated with the FRTC modernization would be reviewed in accordance with the amended PA.



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# 5. We seek clarification as to how NAS Fallon will review the FTRC Modernization occurring on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land.

At present, the 2011 PA stipulates that for lands withdrawn from BLM holdings, the Navy will follow the State Protocol Agreement between the BLM and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer (2009, 2014), whereas for all other lands Navy follows the procedures laid out in the PA. As part of the process to amend the agreement, the Navy will consult with the parties to the 2011 PA to evaluate the potential benefits of removing this stipulation in order to establish consistent procedures for all actions associated with the modernization.

If you have additional questions related to this undertaking please contact Mike Baskerville by phone at (775) 426-3027 or via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u>.

Sincerely,

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MICHAEL T. KLAPEC P.E. Installation Environmental Program Director By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosures 1 Withdrawal Application 2. Notice of Receipt 3 Federal Register Notices Copy to: Alex Stone, COMPACFLT William Manley, DFPO Mike Baskerville, NAS Fallon



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IN REPLY REFER TO

5090 Ser N0000CF/0157 June 27, 2019

Dr. Tom McCulloch, Ph.D., R.P.A. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Assistant Director Office of Federal Agency Programs Federal Property Management Section 401 F Street NW, Suite 308 Washington, D.C. 20001-2637

## SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NAS FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT TO MEET FRTC MODERNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Dear Dr. McCulloch,

The Navy is proposing to modernize the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) located in northern Nevada in order to meet the aviation and ground training requirements assigned to the FRTC, as described in the FRTC Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The proposed modernization includes undertakings with the potential to affect historic properties. Presently, the extent of the potential effects cannot be fully determined, thereby requiring a programmatic approach to govern the implementation of the FRTC program.

The Navy proposes to amend the 2011 Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon to accommodate proposed changes in the FRTC. The Navy's proposed amendments include: expanding the PA's applicability to NAS Fallon undertakings related to FRTC operations and modernization within the operational area of NAS Fallon; removing requirements to adhere to the policies and procedures of other Federal agencies; and extending the PA's sunset date by 5 years to allow time to develop a new agreement with your office and interested parties.

Consistent with previous communications, the Navy requests your assistance to amend the 2011 PA consistent with Stipulation X. This letter initiates consultation with the Signatories and Concurring Party on the proposed amendment. A draft Amendment is attached for consideration and comment. The Navy respectfully requests comments within 30 days of receipt. If you have questions, my point of contact for this project is Mr. Alex Bethke at 619-532-4186 or alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

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Sincerely,

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MICHAEL T. KLAPEC, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Director By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Proposed Amendments to the 2011 Programmatic Agreement

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## **B.2** Bureau of Land Management



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96860-3131

> IN REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/0311 22 Mar 16

The Honorable Mr. John F. Ruhs Director, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office 1340 Financial Boulevard Reno, Nevada 89502

## SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY REQUEST FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## Dear Mr. Ruhs,

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Department of the Navy (Navy) is initiating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with a comprehensive modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), Nevada. The federal proposal to be studied includes renewal of the existing withdrawal and reservation of public lands, withdrawal and reservation of additional public lands, and the modification and expansion of Special Use Airspace and other airspace areas in the FRTC. Implementation of this proposal supports military readiness requirements into the future.

The primary mission of the FRTC is to provide a tactical training environment to support the most realistic strike and integrated warfare training available for the United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Marine Corps, Naval Special Warfare Command, and other combat elements. As mission requirements have changes over the years and the performance of platforms and weapon system technologies has advanced, there is a need to modernize the airspace, ranges, maneuver areas, training facilities, and range infrastructure of the FRTC. Specifically, in addition to renewing the current withdrawal of 221,363 acres, the Navy is proposing to withdraw and reserve an additional 612,270 acres, for a total of 833,633 acres of public land. The public land currently withdrawn was made available for military use by the Department of Defense under Public Law 106-65, which will expire on November 5, 2021.

As the Federal agency authorized to manage public land in the State of Nevada as defined by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. Section 1701, as amended), , the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has jurisdiction by law for the Navy's proposed land renewal and withdrawal. As a result, the Navy requests BLM to serve as a cooperating agency for the development of its EIS pursuant to NEPA and associated regulations.

As the Lead Agency, the Navy will be responsible for overseeing preparation of the FRTC Modernization EIS, to include, but not be limited to the following environmental planning actions:

• Identifying and providing the necessary background information, including the most up-to-date real estate information, as well as scientific, encroachment, and resource management analysis, as best available data, to prepare the EIS and the associated withdrawal application;

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- Working closely with the BLM to pursue the proposed withdrawal renewal and additional withdrawal of public lands to renew and expand the FRTC;
- Determining the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives to be evaluated;
- Circulating the EIS with the public, stakeholders and interested parties and perform public involvement under the NEPA regulations;
- Scheduling and supervising meetings held in support of the NEPA process;
- Compiling, summarizing, and responding to comments received by the public, stakeholders, and interested parties; and
- Maintaining an administrative record and responding as appropriate to any Freedom of Information Act requests relating to this EIS.

The Navy requests that the BLM, in its role as a cooperating agency, provide support as follows:

- Providing timely comments on working drafts of the EIS and associated withdrawal application documents, in accordance with agreed upon and approved project schedules and commenting protocols;
- Responding to Navy requests for information, in particular those related to the public land withdrawal process and Federal management of public land in the State of Nevada,
- Participating as appropriate and as agreed upon in public involvement efforts and public meetings conducted by the Navy for the EIS;
- Adhering to the comprehensive project schedule as developed by the Navy in cooperation with BLM;
- Preparing BLM and withdrawal-application-specific documents;
- Maintaining an administrative record and responding as appropriate to any Freedom of Information Act requests relating to this EIS; and
- Providing a formal, written response to this request.

The Navy views BLM's participation as an important element to the successful completion of the environmental planning process for the FRTC Modernization EIS.

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The Navy's point of contact for the FRTC Modernization is Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon, Command Integrator/N5, (775) 426-2405, edmund.rybold@navy.mil. The U.S. Pacific Fleet's point of contact is Mr. Alex Stone, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

Ray M. Footy

L. M. FOSTER By direction

Copy to: CNO (N456) COMFLTFORCOM (N465) Commander, Naval Installations Command (N45) Commander, Navy Region Southwest (N40) Commander, Navy Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest (N45) Commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (N00) Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Fallon (N00)



# United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Carson City District Office 5665 Morgan Mill Road Carson City, Nevada 89701 http://www.blm.gov/nv/ccdo

In reply refer to: LLNVC0100.L1440

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Commander United States Pacific Fleet NAS North Island, Building 678 San Diego, CA 92135 Attention: N465AS

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of March 22, 2016 to the Mr. John F. Ruhs Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nevada State Office, the BLM accepts your invitation to serve as a Cooperating Agency for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement.

The designated BLM point of contact for the FRTC Modernization shall be Ms. Colleen Sievers, Carson City District Project Manager. She may be contacted at (775) 885-6168 or by email at <u>csievers@blmm.gov</u>.

Thank you for extending the invitation to the BLM in this environmental process.

Sincerely,

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Teresa J. Knutson, Manager Stillwater Field Office

cc:

Commander, Navy Region Southwest, 37 North Harbor Drive, Building 1, San Diego, CA, 92132; Attention: N8, Nick Mallari

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest; 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA, 92132; Attention: N45 (EV21 AK)

Commander, Pacific Fleet - Environmental Readiness, NAS North Island, Bldg 678, Room 218, San Diego, CA 92135; Attn: Alex Stone, PACFLT

Commanding Officer, NAS Fallon, 4755 Pasture Road, Fallon, NV, 89496-5000; Attention: N5

# B.3 Churchill County, Nevada



September 21, 2016

U.S. Pacific Fleet - Environmental Readiness, N465 Attn: Alex Stone, N465 250 Makalapa Drive Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3131

RE: Cooperating Agency Status for Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization EIS

Dear Mr. Stone,

Churchill County is requesting Cooperating Agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization EIS. County staff has extensive expertise in land use and environmental issues specific to our region, which will be addressed in the EIS. We maintain interest in collaboration with NAS Fallon and recognize the significant economic benefits NAS Fallon provides to our community, and therefore, have developed a strong, mutually beneficial partnership. This partnership, utilizing REPI and County funds, has resulted in the preservation of 5,000 acres of productive agricultural lands and the removal of development rights on properties surrounding the Base.

The County adopted a Master Plan pursuant to NRS 278.150 to establish our vision for the future. This Master Plan provides the framework and foundation for decision making by the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners concerning matters relating to growth and development. Chapter 12 "Policy Plan for Public Lands", addresses federal land use management issues and is intended to be used as a positive guide for federal land management agencies in their development and implementation of federal land plans and management actions. The policy also states that we "..support the continued multiple use of public lands and open public access to recreation, wildlife and resources should be available to all. If at any time, according to the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), FLPMA or any other legislation, the U.S. Government (under any agency) intends to change uses or availability of resources on public lands in a way that will impact current historical and cultural uses, input from the citizens of the County is required and the Board of County Commissioners will be consulted."

Pursuant to NRS 278.50, a component of the Master Plan is a land use plan with zoning districts and the Board of County Commissioners adopted a Consolidated Development Code to regulate land use and development. Zoning regulations comply with NRS 278.250 2. (o), "To foster the coordination and compatibility of land uses with any military installation in the city, or county or region, taking into account the location, purpose and stated mission of the military installation." In support of these regulations, the County recently completed a Joint Land Use

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Study (JLUS) with NAS Fallon, and we are in the process of implementing recommendations to ensure continued compatible land use and development that protects the mission of NAS Fallon.

The County is aware and prepared to carry out responsibilities associated with Cooperating Agency status (CFR §1501.6). We currently have a contract with Resource Concepts, Inc. (RCI) which provides us access to a diverse team of experts for public land policy and natural resource consulting. Additionally, we engaged RCI in a scope of work involving consultation on the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization EIS. Should we be granted Cooperating Agency status, the County is fully prepared to meet our obligations.

Churchill County is seeking Cooperating Agency status because of our expertise in environmental issues specific to this region and our duty to guide and regulate land development to promote general welfare and manage use of our resources to maintain our quality of life for future generations. The proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex has the potential to change uses of public lands and significantly reduce the availability of resources, therefore we respectfully request that Churchill County be designated as a Cooperating Agency in the EIS. We look forward to your favorable consideration of this request.

Singerely, H. Pete Olsen

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

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> NREPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/1198 18 October 2016

Mr. H. Pete Olsen, Chairman Board of County Commissioners Churchill County 155 N. Taylor Street, Suite 110 Fallon, Nevada 89406

Dear Mr. Olsen,

# SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR CHURCHILL COUNTY NEVADA FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

Thank you for your letter requesting cooperating agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

Specifically, the DON's action proponent, Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet, proposes to renew an existing withdrawal of public land, withdraw additional public lands, and modify and expand Special Use Airspace and other airspace areas in the FRTC. The proposal includes renewal of the existing withdrawal of public land for military use of 202,859 acres which is set to expire on November 5, 2021. An additional 604,789 acres of public land is also proposed for withdrawal as well as the acquisition of approximately 65,200 acres. Implementation of this proposal supports military readiness requirements into the future.

The primary mission of the FRTC is to provide a tactical training environment to support the most realistic strike and integrated warfare training for the United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Marine Corps, Naval Special Warfare Command, and other combat elements. As mission requirements have changed over the years and the performance of platforms and weapon system technologies has advanced, there is a need to modernize the airspace, range, maneuver areas, training facilities, and range infrastructure of the FRTC.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet agrees that Churchill County possesses special expertise with respect to environmental impacts associated with land use and management that could result from the proposed action. Therefore, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, supports the designation of Churchill County as a cooperating agency, pursuant to NEPA and its implementing regulations, on the FRTC Modernization EIS.

As the Lead Agency, U.S. Pacific Fleet will be responsible for overseeing preparation of the FRTC Modernization EIS, to include, but not be limited to, the following environmental planning actions:

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 Identify and provide the necessary background information, including the most upto-date real estate information, as well as scientific, encroachment and resource management analysis, as best available data, to prepare the EIS and the associated documents;

(2) Work closely with Churchill County, identify protected resources and analyze environmental impacts;

(3) Determine the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives to be evaluated;

(4) Circulate the EIS with the public, stakeholders and interested parties and perform public involvement under the NEPA regulations;

(5) Schedule and supervise meetings held in support of the NEPA process;

(6) Compile, summarize and respond to comments received by the public, stakeholders, and interested parties; and,

(7) Maintain an administrative record and responding as appropriate to any Freedom of Information Act requests relating to this EIS.

The U. S. Pacific Fleet requests that Churchill County, as a cooperating agency, agree to perform the following actions:

 Provide timely comments on working drafts of the EIS, where the Navy requests comments, in accordance with agreed upon and approved project schedules and commenting protocols;

(2) Respond to requests from the U.S. Pacific Fleet for information, in particular those related to the impacts analysis, local resources management and use of the Churchill County Master Plan, Joint Land Use Study and Consolidated Development Code;

(3) Participate as appropriate and as agreed upon in public involvement efforts and public meetings conducted by the U. S. Pacific Fleet for the EIS;

(4) Adhere to the comprehensive project schedule as developed by the U. S. Pacific Fleet;

(5) Prepare any Churchill County final decisions, documentation and necessary impacts analysis;

(6) Maintain an administrative record;

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(7) Agree to sign a written non-disclosure agreement governing disclosure of information discussed and shared as part of the development of the FRTC Modernization EIS; and,

(8) Provide a formal, written response to this request, identifying points of contact.

The U. S. Pacific Fleet views Churchill County's participation as an important element to the successful completion of the environmental planning process for the FRTC Modernization EIS. Should you have any questions or need additional information, the primary point of contact for the FRTC Modernization at NAS Fallon is Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon, Command Integrator/N5, (775) 426-2405, Edmund.rybold@navy.mil. The U.S. Pacific Fleet's point of contact for development of this EIS is Mr. Alex Stone, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

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## B.4 Eureka County, Nevada



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 9650-3131

> IN REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/0056 20 January 2017

Mr. J.J. Goicoechea Chairman, Board of County Commissioners Eureka County, Nevada P.O. Box 694 10 South Main Street Eureka, Nevada 89316

Dear Mr. Goicoechea:

## SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR EUREKA COUNTY NEVADA FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

Thank you for your letter requesting cooperating agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

Specifically, the Department of the Navy's (DON's) action proponent, Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet, proposes to renew an existing withdrawal of public land, withdraw additional public lands, and modify and expand Special Use Airspace and other airspace areas in the FRTC. The proposal includes renewal of the existing withdrawal of public land for military use of 202,859 acres which is set to expire on November 5, 2021. An additional 604,789 acres of public land is also proposed for withdrawal as well as the acquisition of approximately 65,200 acres. Implementation of this proposal supports military readiness requirements into the future.

The primary mission of the FRTC is to provide a tactical training environment to support the most realistic strike and integrated warfare training for the U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Marine Corps, Naval Special Warfare Command, and other combat elements. As mission requirements have changed over the years and the performance of platforms and weapon system technologies has advanced, there is a need to modernize the airspace, range, maneuver areas, training facilities, and range infrastructure of the FRTC.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet agrees that Eureka County possesses special expertise with respect to environmental impacts associated with land use, in particular planning for current and future land uses developed in consistency with local land use plans, policy, and controls, maintenance and use of private land, viability of the county tax base, and providing for multiple use of public lands, when analyzing impacts that could result from the proposed action. In addition, it is recognized that Eureka County may also possess special expertise as it relates to the airspace use above the county and the operation of the Eureka airport. Therefore, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, supports the designation of Eureka County as a cooperating agency, pursuant to NEPA and its implementing regulations, on the FRTC Modernization EIS.

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As the Lead Agency, U.S. Pacific Fleet will be responsible for overseeing preparation of the FRTC Modernization EIS, to include, but not be limited to, the following environmental planning actions:

 Identify and provide the necessary background information, including the most up-todate real estate information, as well as scientific, encroachment and resource management analysis, as best available data, to prepare the EIS and the associated documents;

(2) Work closely with Eureka County to identify land uses and use by the public to analyze environmental impacts;

(3) Determine the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives to be evaluated;

(4) Circulate the EIS with the public, stakeholders and interested parties and perform public involvement under the NEPA regulations;

(5) Schedule and supervise meetings held in support of the NEPA process;

(6) Compile, summarize and respond to comments received by the public, stakeholders, and interested parties; and,

(7) Maintain an administrative record and responding as appropriate to any Freedom of Information Act requests relating to this EIS.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet requests that Eureka County, as a cooperating agency, agree to perform the following actions:

 Provide timely comments on working drafts of the EIS, where the U.S. Pacific Fleet requests comments, in accordance with agreed upon and approved project schedules and commenting protocols;

(2) Respond to requests from the U.S. Pacific Fleet for information, in particular those related to the impacts analysis for which Eureka County has special expertise, to include local resources management and its expertise in local land use where managing for multiple use, operation of the Eureka airport and impacts from adjacent military airspace designations (noise and vibrations), maintenance and use of private lands, generation of tax revenue, mining, agriculture, grazing rights, management of natural resources and access to water resources as water rights and right-of-way;

(3) Participate as appropriate and as agreed upon in public involvement efforts and public meetings conducted by the U. S. Pacific Fleet for the EIS;

(4) Adhere to the comprehensive project schedule as developed by the U. S. Pacific Fleet;

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(5) Prepare any Eureka County final decisions, documentation and necessary impacts analysis;

(6) Maintain an administrative record;

(7) Agree to sign a written non-disclosure agreement governing disclosure of information discussed and shared as part of the development of the FRTC Modernization EIS; and,

(8) Provide a formal, written response to this request, identifying points of contact.

The U. S. Pacific Fleet views Eureka County's participation as an important element to the successful completion of the environmental planning process for the FRTC Modernization EIS. Should you have any questions or need additional information, the primary point of contact for the FRTC Modernization at NAS Fallon is Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon, Command Integrator/N5, (775) 426-2405, Edmund.rybold@navy.mil. The U.S. Pacific Fleet's point of contact for development of this EIS is Mr. Alex Stone, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.

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February 21, 2017

U.S. Pacific Fleet - Environmental Readiness, N465 Attn: L.M. Foster 250 Makalapa Drive Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3131

RE: 5090; Ser N465/0056; Acceptance of Cooperating Agency Status on FRTC Modernization EIS

Dear Mr. Foster:

We are in receipt of the letter from the Navy dated January 20, 2017 recognizing Eureka County having special expertise to participate as a cooperating agency for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We thank the Navy for recognition of this special expertise.

The Eureka County Board of Commissioners accepts being a cooperating agency on the FRTC Modernization EIS. We have reviewed the requirements and responsibilities of both the Navy and Eureka County outlined in the Navy's letter. We agree with all of the requested actions of Eureka County and have some responses below.

## Eureka County Points of Contact

Please consider the following as the official points of contact for the FRTC Modernization EIS.

Primary Point of Contact:

Jake Tibbitts Eureka County Natural Resources Manager PO Box 682 Eureka, NV 89316 775-237-6010 jtibbitts@eurekacountynv.gov Secondary Point of Contact:

Jackie Berg Eureka County Board of Commissioners Clerk Deputy Clerk/Treasurer PO Box 694 Eureka, NV 89316 772-237-7211 jberg@eurekacountynv.gov

## Non-Disclosure Agreement

To the extent allowed by law, including Nevada Open Meeting Law and other "Government in the Sunshine" laws, Eureka County commits to not disclose of information discussed and shared as part of the development of the FRTC Modernization EIS. We will sign a separate agreement to this effect if desired by the Navy.

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<u>Navy Response to County Comments on EIS Working Drafts and Associated Documents</u> Eureka County requests that the Navy include the following additional action under its responsibilities:

Incorporate the comments, recommendations and data submitted by Eureka County, to the maximum extent possible or appropriate. If U.S. Pacific Fleet determines such will not be incorporated into the EIS, U.S. Pacific Fleet will provide the reasoning and rationale to Eureka County for not incorporating.

<u>Navy Coordination for Consistency with County Plans, Policies, and Controls</u> Eureka County requests that the Navy include the following additional action under its responsibilities:

Coordinate with Eureka County for consistency with Eureka County plans, policies, and controls to the maximum extent possible to meet the obligations of the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA Implementing Regulations 40 CFR 1502.16(c)<sup>1</sup> and 40 CFR 1506.2(d)<sup>2</sup> and the March 16, 1981, Memorandum for Federal NEPA Liaisons, Federal, State, and Local Officials and Other Persons Involved in the NEPA Process, Questions 23b and 23c<sup>3</sup>.

We look forward to close coordination and a fruitful cooperating agency relationship as the EIS moves forward.

Sincerely,

J.J. Goicoechea DVM, Chairman Eureka County Board of Commissioners

cc: Mr. Robert Rule, NAS Fallon via email – robert.rule@navy.mil Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon via email – edmund.rybold@navy.mil Mr. Alex Stone, U.S. Pacific Fleet, via email – alexander.stone@navy.mil

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 40 CFR 1502.16(c), states that the Environmental Consequences section of any EIS "shall include discussions of...possible conflicts between the proposed action and the objectives of...regional, State, and local (and in the case of a reservation, Indian tribe) land use plans, policies and controls for the area concerned. (See §1506.2(d).)."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 40 CFR 1506.2(d). 2.16(c), "...statements shall discuss any inconsistency of a proposed action with any approved State or local plan and laws (whether or not federally sanctioned). Where an inconsistency exists, the statement should describe the extent to which the agency would reconcile its proposed action with the plan or law."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Question 23b of the CEQ FAQs clarifies that conflicts with "Proposed plans should also be addressed if they have been formally proposed...in a written form, and are actively pursued by officials of the jurisdiction" and "The term 'policies' includes formally adopted statements of land use policy as embodied in laws or regulations. It also includes proposals for action such as the initiation of a planning process, or a formally adopted policy statement of the local, regional or state executive branch, even if it has not yet been formally adopted by the local, regional or state legislative body." Question 23c of the CEQ FAQs clarifies that "In the Record of Decision, the decisionmaker must explain what the decision was, how it was made, and what mitigation measures are being imposed to lessen adverse environmental impacts of the proposal, among the other requirements of Section 1505.2. This provision would require the decisionmaker to explain any decision to override land use plans, policies or controls for the area."

#### **B.5** Federal Aviation Administration



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS 2000 NAVY PENTAGON WASHINGTON, DC 20350-2000

> 5090 Ser N45/16U132367 March 18, 2016

Ms. Elizabeth L. Ray Director, Airspace Services Mission Support Services Federal Aviation Administration 800 Independence Avenue, SW Suite 400 East Washington, DC 20591

Dear Ms. Ray,

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Department of the Navy (Navy) is initiating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with a comprehensive modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), Nevada. The federal proposal includes renewal of the existing public land withdrawal, the withdrawal of additional public lands, and the modification and expansion of Special Use Airspace and other airspace areas in the FRTC. Implementation of this proposal supports military readiness requirements into the future.

The primary mission of the FRTC is to provide a tactical training environment to support the most realistic strike and integrated warfare training for the United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Marine Corps, Naval Special Warfare Command, and other combat elements. As mission requirements have changed over the years and the performance of platforms and weapon system technologies has advanced, there is a need to modernize the airspace, range, maneuver areas, training facilities, and range infrastructure of the FRTC. Specifically, the Navy is proposing the following: (1) expansion of the northern border of the FRTC to improve east/west aircraft flow geometry and reduce the potential for aircraft spill outs from restricted airspace; (2) expansion of the land areas comprising FRTC bombing ranges B-16, B-17, and B-20 and the overlying Special Use Airspace in order to improve training capabilities and to reduce public health and safety risk; (3) vertical expansion of the Carson and Reno Military Operations Areas (MOAs) and a request for the establishment of new MOAs below the Zircon, Diamond, Duckwater, and Smokie Air Traffic Controlled Assigned Airspace (ATCAAs); and (4) additional vertical airspace for the Zircon, Diamond, Smokie, Duckwater, and Reno ATCAAs.

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As the Federal agency for the designation and management of U.S. airspace (14 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 71, 73 and 91), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has jurisdiction by law for the Navy's proposed airspace modifications. As a result, the Navy requests the FAA serve as a cooperating agency for the development of its EIS pursuant to NEPA and associated regulations. The Navy also requests FAA's cooperation in accordance with the guidelines described in the October 4, 2005 Memorandum of Understanding between the FAA and the Department of Defense concerning the environmental review of Special Use Airspace actions.

As the Lead Agency, the Navy will be responsible for overseeing preparation of the FRTC Modernization EIS, to include, but not be limited to the following environmental planning actions:

- Identifying and providing the necessary background information and best available data, including the most up-to-date airspace utilization information, and scientific, encroachment and resource management analyses, needed to prepare the EIS and the associated FAA application for airspace expansion;
- Working with the FAA on the application for airspace expansion (the Navy is already working informally with the Oakland and Salt Lake Air Route Traffic Control Centers in an ongoing effort to reach preliminary agreement on its proposal);
- · Determining the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives to be evaluated;
- Circulating the EIS with the public, stakeholders, and interested parties and conducting
  public involvement efforts as required under NEPA regulations;
- Scheduling and supervising meetings to be held in support of the NEPA process;
- Compiling, summarizing, and responding to comments received from the public, stakeholders, and interested parties; and
- Maintaining an administrative record and responding as appropriate to any Freedom of Information Act requests relating to this EIS.

The Navy requests that the FAA, in its role as a cooperating agency, provide support as follows:

 Providing timely comments on working drafts of the EIS and associated application documents, in accordance with agreed upon and approved project schedules and commenting protocols;

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- Responding to Navy requests for information, in particular those related to Federal management of airspace within the State of Nevada that support the FRTC Modernization proposal;
- Participating as appropriate and as agreed upon in public involvement efforts and public meetings conducted by the Navy for discussion of issues related to the FRTC Modernization EIS;
- Adhering to a comprehensive project schedule to be developed by the Navy in cooperation with FAA;
- Preparing FAA-specific documents as required by rulemaking and a Record of Decision, among others;
- Maintaining an administrative record and responding as appropriate to any Freedom of Information Act requests relating to this EIS; and
- · Providing a formal, written response to this request.

The Navy views FAA's participation as an important element to the successful completion of the environmental planning process for the FRTC Modernization EIS.

The Navy's point of contact for the FRTC Modernization is Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon, Command Integrator/N5, (775) 426-2405, edmund.rybold@navy.mil. The U.S. Pacific Fleet's point of contact is Mr. Alex Stone, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.

Sincerely.

D. G. MORTON Director, Energy and Environmental Readiness Division

Copy to: COMPACFLT (N465) COMFLTFORCOM (N465) Commander, Naval Installations Command (N45) Commander, Navy Region Southwest (N40)



U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration

ATO, Mission Support Services Airspace Services 800 Independence Avenue, SW. Washington, DC 20591

Mr. D. G. Morton Director, Energy and Environmental Readiness Division United States Navy Office of the Chief of Naval Operations 2000 Navy Pentagon Washington, DC 20350-2000

Dear Mr. Morton:

The Federal Aviation Administration received a request for participation as a Cooperating Agency for the planned Environmental Impact Statement for Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization, Nevada.

The Air Traffic Organization (ATO) has reviewed the information provided and will serve as a Cooperating Agency for this Environmental Impact Statement. Modification of this Special Use Airspace resides under the jurisdiction of the Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 1601 Lind Ave. SW, Renton, Washington. The Western Service Center will be the primary focal point for matters related to airspace and associated environmental matters. Please contact Ms. Tracey Johnson, Manager of the Operations Support Group, Western Service Center for further coordination.

FAA Order 7400.2, Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters, Chapter 32, indicates that airspace modifications and environmental processes should be conducted in tandem as much as possible; however, they are separate processes. Approval of either the aeronautical process or the environmental process does not automatically indicate approval of the entire proposal. I have enclosed Appendix 2, 3, and 4 of FAA Order 7400.2 for additional details.

We have forwarded copy of this correspondence to Ms. Johnson. If you have any questions she can be contacted at 425-203-4301.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Norek Acting Director, Airspace Services

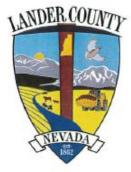
cc: Tracey Johnson FAA Western Service Center

Enclosure

#### B.6 Lander County, Nevada

# Lander County Executive Director

50 State Route 305 Battle Mountain, NV 89820 (775) 635-2885 Fax- (775) 635-5332



RE: Cooperating Agency Status for Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization EIS

Dear Mr. Stone,

Lander County is requesting Cooperating Agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization EIS. County staff has extensive expertise in land use and environmental issues specific to our region, which will be addressed in the EIS. We maintain interest in collaboration with NAS Fallon and recognize the significant economic benefits NAS Fallon provides to the region and the important role NAS Fallon plays in military readiness and preparedness.

The County adopted a Master Plan pursuant to NRS 278.150 to establish our vision for the future. This Master Plan provides the framework and foundation for decision making by the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners concerning matters relating to growth and development. Lander County's 2010 Master Plan chapter 2 incorporates by reference the Policy Plan for Federally Administered Lands, which addresses federal land use management issues and is intended to be used as a positive guide for federal land management agencies in their development and implementation of federal land plans and management actions.

The policy also states that Lander County supports the concept of **Multiple Use Management** as an overriding philosophy for management of the federally administered lands based on multiple use and sustained yield concepts, and in a way that will conserve natural resources. The Policy Plan also goes on to state, "Lander County will participate with federal agencies on actions that affect federally administered lands within the county."

Pursuant to NRS 278.50, a component of the Master Plan is a land use plan with zoning districts and the Board of County Commissioners adopted a zoning code to regulate land use and development. Zoning regulations comply with NRS 278.250 2. (o), "To foster the coordination and compatibility of land uses with any military installation in the city, or county or region, taking into account the location, purpose and stated mission of the military installation."

The County is aware and prepared to carry out responsibilities associated with Cooperating Agency status (CFR §1501.6). We work closely with and wish to designate as our representative the Nevada Association of Counties ("NACO"), which provides us a

continuous point of contact and access to the expertise and information we need on public land policy and natural resources projects.

Should we be granted Cooperating Agency status, the County is fully prepared to meet our obligations.

Lander County is seeking Cooperating Agency status because of our expertise in environmental issues specific to this region and our duty to guide and regulate land development to promote general welfare and manage use of our resources to maintain our quality of life for future generations. The proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex has the potential to change uses of public lands and significantly reduce the availability of resources, therefore we respectfully request that Lander County be designated as a Cooperating Agency in the EIS. We look forward to your favorable consideration of this request.

Keith Westergard Lander County Executive Director



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96660-3131

> N REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/0444 20 April 2017

Mr. Keith Westengard, Executive Director Lander County, Nevada 50 State Route 305 Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Dear Mr. Westengard:

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR LANDER COUNTY NEVADA FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

Thank you for your letter requesting cooperating agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

Specifically, the Department of the Navy's action proponent, Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet, proposes to renew an existing withdrawal of public land, withdraw additional public lands, and modify and expand Special Use Airspace and other airspace areas in the FRTC. The proposal includes renewal of the existing withdrawal of public land for military use of 202,859 acres which is set to expire on November 5, 2021. An additional 604,789 acres of public land is also proposed for withdrawal as well as the acquisition of approximately 65,200 acres. Implementation of this proposal supports military readiness requirements into the future.

The primary mission of the FRTC is to provide a tactical training environment to support the most realistic strike and integrated warfare training for the U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Marine Corps, Naval Special Warfare Command, and other combat elements. As mission requirements have changed over the years and the performance of platforms and weapon system technologies has advanced, there is a need to modernize the airspace, range, maneuver areas, training facilities, and range infrastructure of the FRTC.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet agrees that Lander County possesses special expertise with respect to environmental impacts associated with land use and environmental issues, in particular planning for current and future land uses developed in consistency with local land use plans, policy, and controls to include the Lander County Master Plan and its associated Zoning Code and providing for multiple use and sustained yield of public lands, when analyzing impacts that could result from the proposed action. Therefore, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, supports the designation of Lander County as a cooperating agency, pursuant to NEPA and its implementing regulations, on the FRTC Modernization EIS.

The Navy has no objection to Lander County working cooperatively with Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) within any associated technical or planning framework; however, the Navy does not recognize NACO as formally authorized to act within this NEPA intergovernmental relationship on behalf of a County. Any MOA, as an expression of this

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NEPA intergovernmental relationship, will be between the Navy and the actual County government, individually.

As the Lead Agency, U.S. Pacific Fleet will be responsible for overseeing preparation of the FRTC Modernization EIS, to include, but not be limited to, the following environmental planning actions:

 Identify and provide the necessary background information, including the most upto-date real estate information, as well as scientific, encroachment and resource management analysis, as best available data, to prepare the EIS and the associated documents;

(2) Work closely with Lander County to identify land uses and use by the public to analyze environmental impacts;

(3) Determine the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives to be evaluated;

(4) Circulate the EIS with the public, stakeholders and interested parties and perform public involvement under the NEPA regulations;

Schedule and supervise meetings held in support of the NEPA process;

(6) Compile, summarize and respond to comments received by the public, stakeholders, and interested parties; and,

(7) Maintain an administrative record and responding as appropriate to any Freedom of Information Act requests relating to this EIS.

The U. S. Pacific Fleet requests that Lander County, as a cooperating agency, agree to perform the following actions:

 Provide timely comments on working drafts of the EIS, where the U.S. Pacific Fleet requests comments, in accordance with agreed upon and approved project schedules and commenting protocols;

(2) Respond to requests from the U.S. Pacific Fleet for information, in particular those related to the impacts analysis for which Lander County has special expertise, to include local resources management and its expertise in local land use where managing for multiple use, and sustained yield as well as implementation of the Lander County Master Plan and associated Zoning Code;

(3) Participate as appropriate and as agreed upon in public involvement efforts and public meetings conducted by the U.S. Pacific Fleet for the EIS;

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(4) Adhere to the comprehensive project schedule as developed by the U.S. Pacific Fleet;

(5) Prepare any Lander County final decisions, documentation and necessary impacts analysis;

(6) Maintain an administrative record;

(7) Agree to sign a written non-disclosure agreement governing disclosure of information discussed and shared as part of the development of the FRTC Modernization EIS (signed Certificate on Non-Disclosure submitted by Lander County with signature 28 March 2017); and,

(8) Provide a formal, written response to this request, identifying points of contact.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet views Lander County's participation as an important element to the successful completion of the environmental planning process for the FRTC Modernization EIS. Should you have any questions or need additional information, the primary point of contact for the FRTC Modernization at NAS Fallon is Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon, Command Integrator/N5, (775) 426-2405, Edmund.rybold@navy.mil. The U.S. Pacific Fleet's point of contact for development of this EIS is Mr. Alex Stone, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

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L. M. FOSTER By direction

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#### B.7 Mineral County, Nevada

### Board of MINERAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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March 15, 2017

RE: Cooperating Agency Status for Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization EIS

Dear Mr. Stone,

Mineral County is requesting Cooperating Agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization EIS. County staff has extensive expertise in land use and environmental issues specific to our region, which will be addressed in the EIS. We maintain interest in collaboration with NAS Fallon and recognize the significant economic benefits NAS Fallon provides to our community, and therefore, have developed a strong, mutually beneficial partnership. This partnership, utilizing REPI and County funds, has resulted in the preservation of 5,000 acres of productive agricultural lands and the removal of development rights on properties surrounding the Base.

The County adopted a Master Plan pursuant to NRS 278.150 to establish our vision for the future. This Master Plan provides the framework and foundation for decision making by the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners concerning matters relating to growth and development. Chapter 12 "Policy Plan for Public Lands", addresses federal land use management issues and is intended to be used as a positive guide for federal land management agencies in their development and implementation of federal land plans and management actions. The policy also states that we " ... support the continued multiple use of public lands and open public access to recreation, wildlife and resources should be available to all. If at any time, according to the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), FLPMA or any other legislation, the U.S. Government (under any agency) intends to change uses or availability of resources on public lands in a way that will impact current historical and cultural uses, input from the citizens of the County is required and the Board of County Commissioners will be consulted."

Pursuant to NRS 278.50, a component of the Master Plan is a land use plan with zoning districts and the Board of County Commissioners adopted a Consolidated Development Code to regulate land use and development. Zoning regulations comply with NRS 278.250 2. (o), "To foster the coordination and compatibility of land uses with any military installation in the city, or county or region, taking into account the location, purpose and stated mission of the military installation." In support of these regulations, the County recently completed a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) with NAS Fallon, and we are in the process of implementing recommendations to ensure continued compatible land use and development that protects the mission of NAS Fallon.

The County is aware and prepared to carry out responsibilities associated with Cooperating Agency status (CFR §1501.6). We work closely with and wish to designate as our representative the Nevada Association of Counties ("NACO"), which provides us a continuous point of contact and access

to the expertise and information we need on public land policy and natural resources projects.

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Garth D. Price Chairman, Board of County Commissioners



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96850-3131

> 5090 Ser N465/0443 20 April 2017

Mr. Garth D. Price, Chairman Board of Mineral County Commissioners Mineral County, Nevada P.O. Box 1450 Hawthorne, NV 89415

Dear Mr. Price:

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR MINERAL COUNTY STATE OF NEVADA FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

Thank you for your letter requesting cooperating agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

Specifically, the Department of the Navy's action proponent, Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet, proposes to renew an existing withdrawal of public land, withdraw additional public lands, and modify and expand Special Use Airspace and other airspace areas in the FRTC. The proposal includes renewal of the existing withdrawal of public land for military use of 202,859 acres which is set to expire on November 5, 2021. An additional 604,789 acres of public land is also proposed for withdrawal as well as the acquisition of approximately 65,200 acres. Implementation of this proposal supports military readiness requirements into the future.

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The U.S. Pacific Fleet agrees that Mineral County possesses special expertise with respect to environmental impacts associated with land use and environmental issues, in particular planning for current and future land uses developed in consistency with local land use plans, policy, and controls to include the Mineral County Master Plan, the associated Consolidated Development Code and also the Joint Land Use Study, and providing for multiple use of public lands and open public access to recreation, wildlife and resources, when analyzing impacts that could result from the proposed action. Therefore, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, supports the designation of Mineral County as a cooperating agency, pursuant to NEPA and its implementing regulations, on the FRTC Modernization EIS.

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(4) Circulate the EIS with the public, stakeholders and interested parties and perform public involvement under the NEPA regulations;

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(7) Maintain an administrative record and responding as appropriate to any Freedom of Information Act requests relating to this EIS.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet requests that Mineral County, as a cooperating agency, agree to perform the following actions:

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The U. S. Pacific Fleet views Mineral County's participation as an important element to the successful completion of the environmental planning process for the FRTC Modernization EIS. Should you have any questions or need additional information, the primary point of contact for the FRTC Modernization at NAS Fallon is Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon, Command Integrator/N5, (775) 426-2405, Edmund.rybold@navy.mil. The U.S. Pacific Fleet's point of contact for development of this EIS is Mr. Alex Stone, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.

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May 31, 2015

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY Commander UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96860-3131

Dear Commander,

This letter is in response to the Cooperating agency invitation for Mineral County Sate of Nevada for the Environmental Impact Statement for Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization, Nevada. I have included the list of point of contacts for Mineral County:

Garth Price (Chairman) Mineral County Commissioner garthdprice@gmail.com

Jerrie Tipton (Vice Chairman) Mineral County Commissioner jtipton@gmail.com

Eric Hamrey (Public Works Director) Mineral County mcpublicdir@att.net

Mark Nixon (Planning Commission Chairman) fbdwoodworks@yahoo.com

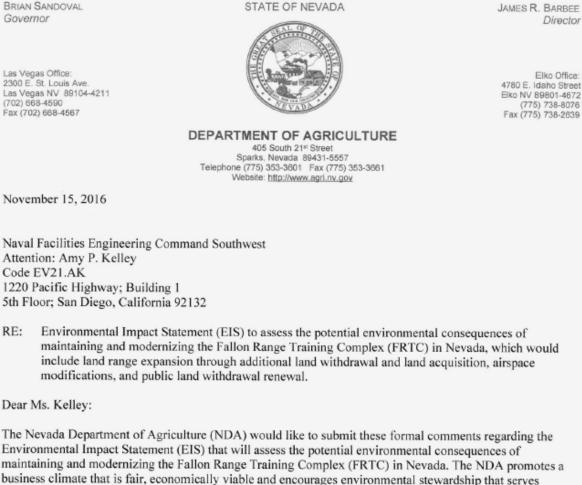
Please let me know if you require any other information.

Best regards,

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Garth Price Mineral County Commissioner Chairman

#### Nevada Department of Agriculture B.8



support the proposed action for the following reasons: The NDA also formally requests to become a cooperating agency during this process so that we can more formally participate in this important process.

to protect food, fiber and human health and safety through effective service and education, and does not

- Water rights held as vested rights in Nevada are ground water or surface water rights that pre-date statutory water law. By virtue of their pre-statutory nature, vested rights enjoy maximum protection against later appropriations and later statutory provisions. Watering of livestock is a beneficial use of water rights that are vested and non-vested. These water rights hold value, which will be lost if livestock operators cannot prove beneficial use of water in the areas are proposed for closure or seasonal restrictions. Chapter 533 of the Nevada Revised Statues clearly outlines the legal definitions and uses of water in Nevada.
- The definitions of "open," "closed," and "seasonally restricted" areas are not clearly defined. The ranching operations that depend on these landscapes are part of year-round management that connect public and private land, and the seasonal needs of producers.
  - More specificity should be analyzed in the EIS regarding how the proposed restrictions would be defined, and if the seasonality of the closures will be consistent or change on a regular basis.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 405 South 21<sup>er</sup> Street Sparks, Nevada 89431-5557 Telephone (775) 353-3601 Fax (775) 353-3661 Website: http://www.agri.nv.gov

- The sustainability of agriculture on private lands is a large concern for the NDA. In a state that is more
  than 80% public lands, any loss of private lands is a direct hit to the sustainability of the livestock
  industry.
- Although there are direct closures contained in polygons, those closures may have broader impacts as
  road closures through those areas may limit access. They also might block access roads to areas that
  will remain open. More specificity is needed in the analysis of the EIS of the direct and indirect impacts
  of closures.
- The NDA would like to see more alternatives besides the no action and proposed action alternative. We
  recognize importance of spending the time and effort of working through the EIS process, but it is
  crucial to analyze a range of options that meet the different needs and values of all the different
  stakeholders.
- The loss of grazing animal unit months and availability of winter grazing is something we would like to see analyzed in the EIS. There are more than eight families who would be negatively affected in the proposed the alternative.

Sincerely Jim R. Barbee

Director Nevada Department of Agriculture

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96860-3131

> N REPLY REPER TO: 5090 Ser N465/1392 20 December 2016

Mr. Jim R. Barbee, Director Nevada Department of Agriculture 405 South 21<sup>st</sup> Street Sparks, Nevada 89431-5557

Dear Mr. Barbee,

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

Thank you for your letter requesting cooperating agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

Specifically, the Department of the Navy's action proponent, Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet, proposes to renew an existing withdrawal of public land, withdraw additional public lands, and modify and expand Special Use Airspace and other airspace areas in the FRTC. The proposal includes renewal of the existing withdrawal of public land for military use of 202,859 acres which is set to expire on November 5, 2021. An additional 604,789 acres of public land is also proposed for withdrawal as well as the acquisition of approximately 65,200 acres. Implementation of this proposal supports military readiness requirements into the future.

The primary mission of the FRTC is to provide a tactical training environment to support the most realistic strike and integrated warfare training for the U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Marine Corps, Naval Special Warfare Command, and other combat elements. As mission requirements have changed over the years and the performance of platforms and weapon system technologies has advanced, there is a need to modernize the airspace, range, maneuver areas, training facilities, and range infrastructure of the FRTC.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet agrees that the Department of Agriculture possesses special expertise with respect to environmental impacts associated with water rights, to include vested water rights, ranching operations and landscapes, sustainability of agriculture on private lands, access to public roads and closures, and grazing rights that could result from the proposed action. Therefore, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, supports the designation of the Department of Agriculture as a cooperating agency, pursuant to NEPA and its implementing regulations, on the FRTC Modernization EIS.

As the Lead Agency, U.S. Pacific Fleet will be responsible for overseeing preparation of the FRTC Modernization EIS, to include, but not be limited to, the following environmental planning actions:

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 Identify and provide the necessary background information, including the most upto-date real estate information, as well as scientific, encroachment and resource management analysis, as best available data, to prepare the EIS and the associated documents;

(2) Work closely with the Department of Agriculture to identify agricultural uses and use by the public to analyze environmental impacts;

(3) Determine the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives to be evaluated;

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(6) Compile, summarize and respond to comments received by the public, stakeholders, and interested parties; and,

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The U.S. Pacific Fleet requests that the Department of Agriculture, as a cooperating agency, agree to perform the following actions:

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(3) Participate as appropriate and as agreed upon in public involvement efforts and public meetings conducted by the U. S. Pacific Fleet for the EIS;

(4) Adhere to the comprehensive project schedule as developed by the U. S. Pacific Fleet;

(5) Prepare any Department of Agriculture final decisions, documentation and necessary impacts analysis;

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(6) Maintain an administrative record;

(7) Agree to sign a written non-disclosure agreement governing disclosure of information discussed and shared as part of the development of the FRTC Modernization EIS; and,

(8) Provide a formal, written response to this request, identifying points of contact.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet views the Department of Agriculture's participation as an important element to the successful completion of the environmental planning process for the FRTC Modernization EIS. Should you have any questions or need additional information, the primary point of contact for the FRTC Modernization at NAS Fallon is Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon, Command Integrator/N5, (775) 426-2405, Edmund.rybold@navy.mil. The U.S. Pacific Fleet's point of contact for development of this EIS is Mr. Alex Stone, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

L. M. FOSTER By direction

Copy to: Chief of Naval Operation (N454) Commander, Navy Region Southwest (N40) Commander, Navy Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest (N45) Commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (N00) Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Fallon (N00)

#### **B.9** Nevada Department of Minerals



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96800-3131

> N REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/1314 November 17, 2016

Mr. Richard M. Perry, Administrator State of Nevada Commission on Mineral Resources Division of Minerals 400 W. King Street, Suite 106 Carson City, Nevada 89703

Dear Mr. Perry:

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR STATE OF NEVADA DIVISION OF MINERALS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION

Thank you for your letter requesting cooperating agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

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The U.S. Pacific Fleet agrees that the Division of Minerals possesses special expertise with respect to environmental impacts associated with land use and management that could result from the proposed action. Therefore, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, supports the designation of the Division of Minerals as a cooperating agency, pursuant to NEPA and its implementing regulations, on the FRTC Modernization EIS.

As the Lead Agency, U.S. Pacific Fleet will be responsible for overseeing preparation of the FRTC Modernization EIS, to include, but not be limited to, the following environmental planning actions:

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(2) Respond to requests from the U.S. Pacific Fleet for information, in particular those related to the impacts analysis, local resources management and its expertise in locatable and leasable mineral law, mining districts and active exploration projects and geothermal development in Nevada;

(3) Participate as appropriate and as agreed upon in public involvement efforts and public meetings conducted by the U.S. Pacific Fleet for the EIS;

(4) Adhere to the comprehensive project schedule as developed by the U. S. Pacific Fleet;

(5) Prepare any Division of Minerals final decisions, documentation and necessary impacts analysis;

(6) Maintain an administrative record;

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(8) Provide a formal, written response to this request, identifying points of contact.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet views the Division of Minerals participation as an important element to the successful completion of the environmental planning process for the FRTC Modernization EIS. Should you have any questions or need additional information, the primary point of contact for the FRTC Modernization at NAS Fallon is Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon, Command Integrator/N5, (775) 426-2405, Edmund.rybold@navy.mil. The U.S. Pacific Fleet's point of contact for development of this EIS is Mr. Alex Stone, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.

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STATE OF NEVADA COMMISSION ON MINERAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF MINERALS 400 W. King Street, Suite 106 Carson City, Nevada 89703 (775) 684-7040 • Fax (775) 684-7052 http://minerals.nv.gov/



RICHARD PERRY Las Vegas Office: 2030 E. Flamingo Rd. #220, Las Vegas, NV 89119 Administrator

November 23, 2016

Phone: (702) 486-4343; Fax: (702) 486-4345

Department of the Navy United States Pacific Fleet 250 Makalapa Drive Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3131

Reply to: 5090, Ser N465/1314, November 17, 2016

This letter is the formal written response accepting cooperating agency status by the Nevada Division of Minerals for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization EIS.

The Division of Minerals agrees to the eight actions listed in your letter of November 17, 2016.

Please forward the non-disclosure statement for consideration and signature.

Contacts at the Nevada Division of Minerals for the EIS will be:

Richard Perry	rmperry@minerals.nv.gov	775-684-7047
Michael Visher	mvisher@minerals.nv.gov	775-684-7044
Sheila Anderson	skanderson@gov.nv.gov	775-684-5669

Mailing address: Nevada Division of Minerals 400 W. King Street, Suite 106 Carson City, NV 89703

We look forward to working with the Navy Department on this important EIS.

Sincerely

Richard Perry

cc: Robert Rule, Edmund Rybold, Alex Stone, Department of the Navy, via email Pam Robinson, Office of Governor Brian Sandoval, by delivery

Dennis Bryan; Small-Scale Mining and Prospecting Fred D. Gibson, Jr., General Public Arthur Henderson; Oil and Gas

**Commission on Mineral Resources** Richard DeLong, Chairman; Large-Scale Mining

John Mudge; Large-Scale Mining David Parker, Exploration and Development John H. Snow; Geothermal Resources

#### **B.10** Nevada Department of Transportation



STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1263 S. Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada 89712

> RUDY MALFADON, P.E., Director In Reply Refer to: High Speed Rail

March 22, 2017

U.S. Pacific Fleet - Environmental Readiness, N465 Attn: Alex Stone, N465 250 Makalapa Drive Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3131

Subject: Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization: Expansion of Land Ranges, Airspace Modifications, and Public Land Withdrawal Renewal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – Request for Cooperating Agency Status

Mr. Stone:

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is writing to request Cooperating Agency Status for the FRTC Modernization Project. We understand the need for the FRTC modernization and will work cooperatively with you to help ensure impacts to the state transportation system and the road network are minimized. We greatly appreciate your consideration in making us a formal cooperating agency.

The NDOT's Mission is to "Provide, operate, and preserve a transportation system that enhances safety, quality of life and economic development through innovation, environmental stewardship and a dedicated workforce." Through serving this mission we agree to make staff available to participate in the NEPA process, providing transportation knowledge and management expertise. Thus far, we have met with NAS Fallon staff to discuss the concerns and offer solutions regarding the impacts of the proposed FRTC modernization on Nevada's transportation system and to maintain compliance with appropriate federal and state regulations.

In drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize NDOT's participation as a cooperating agency, please include the following NDOT authorities:

1. Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 408.285 whereby the NDOT is responsible for state highways to include their construction, reconstruction, improvement and maintenance. (Details of authorities may be found in NRS Chapters 408.106 – 408.579) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 408 "Highways, Roads and Transportation Facilities, Installation and Relocation of Facilities and Encroachments General Provisions."

NDOT possesses the authority to enter into contracts and agreements with the federal government under Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) sections 408.260.

3. US Code: Title 23 - Highways

4. 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) - Highways

#### 5. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Additionally, please have the MOU prepared for the following signature:

Rudy Malfabon, P.E., Director Nevada Department of Transportation 1263 S. Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada 89712

We are hopeful that you provide us the opportunity to participate as a cooperating agency. We are committed to working closely with the Navy to expand training opportunities at the FRTC while eliminating and minimizing impacts to the state transportation system. Let us know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely, in they

Sondra Rosenberg, PTP Assistant Director, Planning

cc: Mark Costa, Multimodal Program Development Steve Cooke, Environmental Services



### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96860-3131

> N REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/0445 20 April 2017

Ms. Sondra Rosenberg Assistant Director, Planning Department of Transportation State of Nevada 1263 S. Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada 89712

Dear Ms. Rosenberg:

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

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The U.S. Pacific Fleet agrees that the Department of Transportation possesses special expertise with respect to environmental impacts associated with the state transportation system and the road network that could result from the proposed action. Therefore, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, supports the designation of the Department of Transportation as a cooperating agency, pursuant to NEPA and its implementing regulations, on the FRTC Modernization EIS.

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Chief of Naval Operation (N454)

Commander, Navy Region Southwest (N40)

Commander, Navy Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest (N45) Commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (N00) Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Fallon (N00)

#### **B.11** Nevada Department of Wildlife



U.S. Pacific Fleet - Environmental Readiness, N465 Attn: Alex Stone, N465 250 Makalapa Drive Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3131

Subject: Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization: Expansion of Land Ranges, Airspace Modifications, and Public Land Withdrawal Renewal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – Request for Cooperating Agency Status

Mr. Stone:

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) is writing to request Cooperating Agency Status for the FRTC Modernization Project. We understand the need for the FRTC modernization and will work cooperatively with you to help insure impacts to wildlife, wildlife management, and wildlife recreationists are minimized. We greatly appreciate your consideration in making us a formal cooperating agency.

The NDOW's Mission is "To protect, preserve, manage and restore wildlife and its habitat for the aesthetic, scientific, educational, recreational, and economic benefits to citizens of Nevada and the United States, and to promote the safety of persons using vessels on the waters of Nevada." Through serving this mission we agree to, make staff available to participate in the NEPA process, providing wildlife resource values and management expertise. Thus far, we have met with NAS Fallon staff to discuss the concerns and offer solutions and plan to submit a formal scoping letter soon.

In drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize NDOW's participation as a cooperating agency, please include the following NDOW authorities:

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- NDOW possesses the authority to enter into cooperative and reciprocal agreements under Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) sections 501.351 and NRS 277.045.
- NRS 503.584 503.589 directs NDOW to cooperate with other states and legal entities to the maximum extent practicable for the conservation, protection,

restoration and propagation of species of native fish, wildlife and other fauna that are threatened with extinction.

- 4. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. 661.
- 5. The Sikes Act, 16 U.S.C. 670a-670o, 74 Stat. 1052.

Additionally, please have the MOU prepared for the following signature:

Tony Wasley, Director Nevada Department of Wildlife 6980 Sierra Center Parkway Reno, Nevada 89511

We are hopeful that you provide us the opportunity to participate as a cooperating agency. We are committed to working closely with the Navy to expand training opportunities as the FRTC while eliminating and minimizing impacts to wildlife, NDOW, and wildlife recreationist. Let us know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Mark Freese Supervisory Habitat Biologist



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 86960-3131

> IN REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/1393 20 December 2016

Mr. Tony Wasley, Director Nevada Department of Wildlife 6980 Sierra Center Parkway Reno, Nevada 89511

Dear Mr. Wasley,

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

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The U.S. Pacific Fleet agrees that the Department of Wildlife possesses special expertise with respect to environmental impacts associated with the preservation, protection, management and restoration of Nevada's resident wildlife species, that could result from the proposed action. Therefore, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, supports the designation of the Department of Wildlife as a cooperating agency, pursuant to NEPA and its implementing regulations, on the FRTC Modernization EIS.

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 Identify and provide the necessary background information, including the most upto-date real estate information, as well as scientific, encroachment and resource management analysis, as best available data, to prepare the EIS and the associated documents;

(2) Work closely with the Department of Wildlife, identify protected resources and analyze environmental impacts;

(3) Determine the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives to be evaluated;

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(3) Participate as appropriate and as agreed upon in public involvement efforts and public meetings conducted by the U.S. Pacific Fleet for the EIS;

(4) Adhere to the comprehensive project schedule as developed by the U. S. Pacific Fleet;

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Mr. Mark Freese Supervisory Habitat Biologist State of Nevada Department of Wildlife 1100 Valley Road Reno, Nevada 89512



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February 14, 2017

TONY WASLEY Director

> JACK ROBB Deputy Director

LIZ O'BRIEN Deputy Director

U.S. Pacific Fleet - Environmental Readiness, N465 Attn: L.M. Foster 250 Makalapa Drive Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3131

Subject: Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization: Expansion of Land Ranges, Airspace Modifications, and Public Land Withdrawal Renewal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – Acceptance of Cooperating Agency Status

Mr. Foster:

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) appreciates the Naval Air Station Fallon's invitation to be a Cooperating Agency on the FRTC Modernization Project. The NDOW accepts this invitation to become a formal cooperating agency. Matt Maples and I will serve as the NDOW primary contacts. Below is our contact information:

Mark Freese Nevada Department of Wildlife 1100 Valley Road Reno, Nevada 89512 (775) 688-1145 markfreese@ndow.org

Matt Maples Nevada Department of Wildlife 6980 Sierra Center Parkway Reno, Nevada 89511 (775) 688-1568 <u>mmaples@ndow.org</u>

In reviewing the draft performance actions for NDOW as described in the invitation letter, we recommend striking actions 5 and 6. We do not prepare or publish any "final decisions" and any "documentation and necessary impact analysis" is fully described in items 1 and 2. As for item 6, we do not maintain an administrative record such as the federal government does; however, we will maintain a record of all written correspondence with the Navy. Lastly, we agree to sign a non-disclosure agreement governing the disclosure of information shared and discussed as part of the FRTC Modernization EIS.

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## **B.12** Nevada Governor's Office of Energy



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96060-3131

> 5090 Ser N465/0446 20 April 2017

Ms. Angela Dykema, Director State of Nevada Governor's Office of Energy 755 North Roop Street, Suite 202 Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Ms. Dykema:

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR STATE OF NEVADA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ENERGY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

Thank you for your letter requesting cooperating agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

Specifically, the Department of the Navy's action proponent, Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet, proposes to renew an existing withdrawal of public land, withdraw additional public lands, and modify and expand Special Use Airspace and other airspace areas in the FRTC. The proposal includes renewal of the existing withdrawal of public land for military use of 202,859 acres which is set to expire on November 5, 2021. An additional 604,789 acres of public land is also proposed for withdrawal as well as the acquisition of approximately 65,200 acres. Implementation of this proposal supports military readiness requirements into the future.

The primary mission of the FRTC is to provide a tactical training environment to support the most realistic strike and integrated warfare training for the U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Marine Corps, Naval Special Warfare Command, and other combat elements. As mission requirements have changed over the years and the performance of platforms and weapon system technologies has advanced, there is a need to modernize the airspace, range, maneuver areas, training facilities, and range infrastructure of the FRTC.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet agrees that the Governor's Office of Energy possesses special expertise with respect to environmental impacts associated with wise development of Nevada's energy resources in harmony with local economic needs that could result from the proposed action. Therefore, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, supports the designation of the Governor's Office of Energy as a cooperating agency, pursuant to NEPA and its implementing regulations, on the FRTC Modernization EIS.

As the Lead Agency, U.S. Pacific Fleet will be responsible for overseeing preparation of the FRTC Modernization EIS, to include, but not be limited to, the following environmental planning actions:

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 Identify and provide the necessary background information, including the most upto-date real estate information, as well as scientific, encroachment and resource management analysis, as best available data, to prepare the EIS and the associated documents;

(2) Work closely with the Governor's Office of Energy to identify the State's technical knowledge and management expertise in renewable energy production, energy conservation and the exportation of energy to analyze environmental impacts;

(3) Determine the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives to be evaluated;

(4) Circulate the EIS with the public, stakeholders and interested parties and perform public involvement under the NEPA regulations;

(5) Schedule and supervise meetings held in support of the NEPA process;

(6) Compile, summarize and respond to comments received by the public, stakeholders, and interested parties; and,

(7) Maintain an administrative record and responding as appropriate to any Freedom of Information Act requests relating to this EIS.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet requests that the Governor's Office of Energy, as a cooperating agency, agree to perform the following actions:

 Provide timely comments on working drafts of the EIS, where the U.S. Pacific Fleet requests comments, in accordance with agreed upon and approved project schedules and commenting protocols;

(2) Respond to requests from the U.S. Pacific Fleet for information, in particular those related to the impacts analysis, as management and its expertise and responsibility for energy related programs, energy policy and sustainable energy systems;

(3) Participate as appropriate and as agreed upon in public involvement efforts and public meetings conducted by the U.S. Pacific Fleet for the EIS;

(4) Adhere to the comprehensive project schedule as developed by the U.S. Pacific Fleet;

(5) Prepare any Governor's Office of Energy final decisions, documentation and necessary impacts analysis;

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(6) Maintain an administrative record;

(7) Agree to sign a written non-disclosure agreement governing disclosure of information discussed and shared as part of the development of the FRTC Modernization EIS; and,

(8) Provide a formal, written response to this request, identifying points of contact.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet views the Governor's Office of Energy participation as an important element to the successful completion of the environmental planning process for the FRTC Modernization EIS. Should you have any questions or need additional information, the primary point of contact for the FRTC Modernization at NAS Fallon is Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon, Command Integrator/N5, (775) 426-2405, Edmund.rybold@navy.mil. The U.S. Pacific Fleet's point of contact for development of this EIS is Mr. Alex Stone, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

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May 1, 2017

Edmund Rybold NAS Fallon Command Integrator/N5

RE: Cooperating Agency Invitation for State of Nevada Governor's Office of Energy for the Environmental Impact Statement for Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization, Nevada

Dear Mr. Rybold:

The Governor's Office of Energy appreciates the opportunity to participate as a cooperating agency in the FRTC Modernization EIS. Agency points of contact are listed below:

Matthew Tuma Deputy Director 775-687-1850, ext. 7302 <u>mtuma@energy.nv.gov</u>

Angela Dykema Director 775-687-1850, ext. 7303 adykema@energy.nv.gov

Sincerely,

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Angela Dykema Director

## **B.13 Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer**



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

Ms. Rebecca Palmer State Historic Preservation Officer Nevada State Historic Preservation Office 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 5004 Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Ms. Palmer,

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is seeking public input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions on the human environment. No decisions about the Proposed Action or any real estate actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

 Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

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 Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409.

The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy would welcome the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Planner, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925. For more information about the project, please visit www.FRTCModernization.com.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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Date:	Tuesday, November 14, 2017 10:47:56

Jessica:

As a follow up to last week's discussion related to the proposed NAS Fallon Range Expansion please review the following points and please add anything I missed :

 The expansion is complex; some cultural inventories associated with the EIS will be completed prior to signature of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)not all will completed due to time and planning constraints;
 The proposed EIS has both high public interest as well as interest from several Native American Tribes

3. The proposed expansion and associated undertakings will involve multiple federal and state agencies and possibly private utilities

4. The Navy will use the NEPA process for Section 106 purposes 36CFR800.8 (2)(C).

5. A Programmatic Agreement (PA) will be developed with consulting parties as an appendices to the NEPA document and will document measures designed to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects to historic properties

6. The Navy hired an Ethnographer to identify known culturally significant that may be effected by proposed undertakings. Known information has been incorporated into cultural documentation associated with inventories. NAS Fallon is continuing in efforts to identify culturally significant properties.

7. Fifteen tribes were invited to participate in the development of the EIS. The Navy has spent a considerable time visiting tribes that stated interest in the EIS and three tribes (Walker Lake, Pyramid Lake, and Fallon) have actively participated in meetings held with cooperating agencies. Navy continues to inform all 15 tribes of its actions.

 The Navy will notify ACHP and consulting partners of its intentions related to use of the NEPA process for 106 purposes and the development of a PA.

9. The NV SHPO has agreed to provide the Navy with examples of relevent PA's with highlighted sections

If I missed anything let me know.

Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NEVADA 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0104 May 23, 2018

Ms. Rebecca Palmer State Historic Preservation Officer Nevada State Historic Preservation Office Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources 901 S. Stewart St. Ste 5004 Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Ms. Palmer:

#### SUBJECT: AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PROJECT

This letter initiates consultation related to the effects associated with Naval Air Station Fallon's (NASF) proposed modernization of its training ranges. This consultation is being conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, 36 CFR 800.3 and the 2014 Nevada Bureau of Land Management Protocol Agreement. This letter seeks your concurrence with the US Navy's Area of Potential Effect (Enclosure 1).

36CFR800.16 defines the Area of Potential Effect (APE) as the "geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist. The area of potential effects is influenced by the scale and nature of an undertaking and may be different for different kinds of effects caused by the undertaking".

The Navy has determined the APE for this undertaking is approximately 10,452,796 acres in size (Enclosure 1). 36CFR800.5 identifies that the introduction of visual, atmospheric or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the properties significance as an adverse effect. Based on the regulatory reference above the Navy has identified the noise and vibration associated with the routine operation of aircraft within its special use air space as a possible indirect affect that could adversely affect a historic properties eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. Information factored into the development of the APE includes: comments received from Native Americans during FRTC Modernization scoping process; locations of Native American sensitive sites and the physical characteristics of historic properties located under NAS Fallon's Special use Airspace.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared in association with the undertaking. In its current draft form it contains a no action alternative and three additional alternatives (Alternatives 1, 2 and 3). Each of the Alternatives contains actions that could potentially have a direct effect on historic properties. Areas that would be directly affected by

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this undertaking are considerably smaller in size than the areas being indirectly affected by this undertaking. All direct effects are located within the APE identified in Enclosure 1.

NAS Fallon respectfully requests concurrence with its determination of the APE for this undertaking. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Baskerville at (775)426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

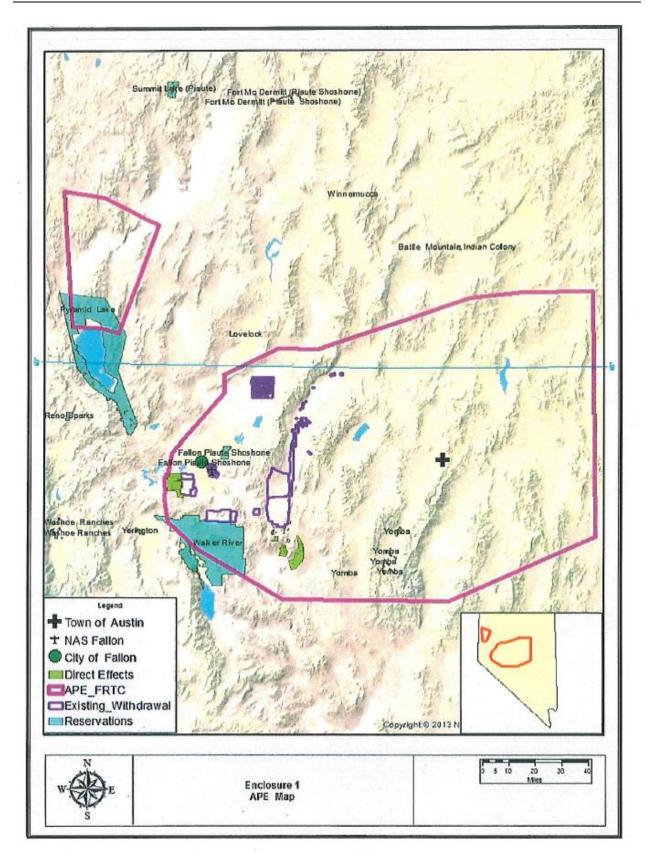
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Michael T. Klapec, P.E. Environmental Program Manager By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosures: APE Map

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June 28, 2018

Mr. Michael T. Klapec, P.E. Environmental Program Manager Department of the Navy Naval Air Station Fallon 4755 Pasture Road Fallon, NV 89496-5000

Re: Area of Potential Effect for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Project Undertaking #2016-4546

Dear Mr. Klapec:

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the subject documents received June 1, 2018 in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended.

The SHPO is unable to concur with the Department of the Navy's (Navy) determination that the area of potential effect (APE) for the proposed modernization of the training ranges at the Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) adequately accounts for all potential affects to historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR §800.4(a)(1) and 36 CFR §800.16(d). This is because no supporting documentation or justification was included in the subject documents; thus, the boundaries of the APE as present in the subject documents seem arbitrary.

Upon receipt of an APE submission for this undertaking that includes the appropriate written justification with the supporting documentation (e.g., comments received from Native American tribes, analysis of potential noise and vibration effects, etc.) the SHPO will resume its review.

Should you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact Jessica Axsom at (775)684-3445 or by e-mail at jaxsom@shpo.nv.gov or SHPO staff architectural historian Kristen Brown at (775) 684-3439 or by e-mail at knbrown@shpo.nv.gov.

Sincerely, Rebecca Lynn Palmer

State Historic Preservation Officer

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NEVADA 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0169 July 30, 2018

Ms. Rebecca Palmer

State Historic Preservation Officer Nevada State Historic Preservation Office Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources 901 S. Stewart St. Suite 5004 Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Ms. Palmer:

# SUBJECT: AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PROJECT

This letter initiates consultation related to the effects associated with Naval Air Station Fallon's (NASF) proposed modernization of its training ranges. This consultation is being conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, 36 CFR 800.3 and the 2014 Nevada Bureau of Land Management Protocol Agreement. This letter seeks your concurrence with the US Navy's Area of Potential Effect (See Enclosure).

36CFR800.16 defines the Area of Potential Effect (APE) as the "geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause alterations in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist. The area of potential effect is influenced by the scale and nature of an undertaking and may be different for different kinds of effects caused by the undertaking".

36CFR800.5 identifies that the introduction of visual, atmospheric or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the properties significance as a potential adverse effect. The Navy recognizes that the noise and vibration associated with the routine operation of its aircraft within its special use air space (See Enclosure) could have a possible indirect affect that may adversely affect a historic properties eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Navy has had multiple discussions with various tribes related to the potential effects of Navy operations and has received comments from members of the public and Federal Agencies related to the potential effects associated with Navy operations. Based on those discussions and comments the Navy has determined the APE for this undertaking is approximately 10,452,796 acres in size; the approximate size of the special use air space assigned to NAS Fallon by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The discontinuous chunk of air space shown on the APE map is connected to the remainder of the airspace by a transit corridor used by the military and civilian aircraft operating in the area. The APE as defined will cover all known actions including those that are reasonably foreseeable or cumulative.

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An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared in association with the undertaking. In its current draft form, it contains a no action alternative and three additional alternatives (Alternatives 1, 2 and 3). Each of the Alternatives contains actions that could potentially have a direct effect on historic properties. Areas that would be directly affected by this undertaking are considerably smaller in size than the areas being indirectly affected by this undertaking. All direct effects are located within the APE identified in Enclosure.

The Navy has determination that the area of potential effect (APE) for the proposed modernization of the training ranges at the Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) adequately accounts for all potential affects to historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR §800.4(a)(1) and 36 CFR §800.16(d) and respectfully requests concurrence with this determination.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

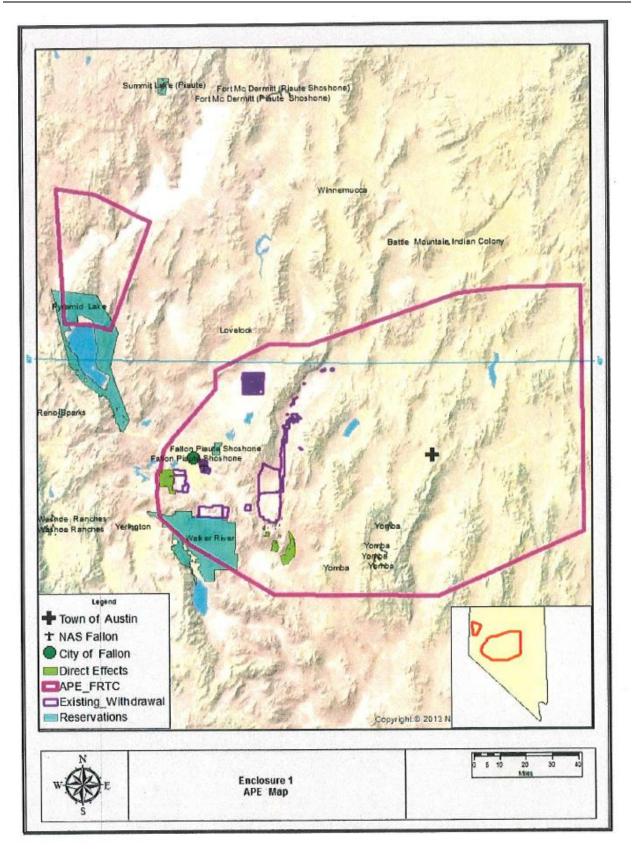
Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. KLAPEC, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Director By direction of the Commanding Officer

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Enclosure: APE Map

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NEVADA 89496-5000

5090 Ser N000CF/0174 July 31, 2018

Ms. Rebecca Palmer State Historic Preservation Officer Nevada State Historic Preservation Office Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources 901 S. Stewart Street Suite 5004 Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Ms. Palmer:

#### SUBJECT: NAS FALLON RANGE EXPANSION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT, CHURCHILL COUNTY, NYE, AND PERSHING COUNTIES, NEVADA.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that NAS Fallon is seeking to develop a Programmatic Agreement in conjunction with its proposed range training modernization project. As you may be aware NAS Fallon is in the process of evaluating the environmental impacts associated with the proposed expansion of its existing ranges. To date three alternatives have been developed in coordination and consultation with local, state, federal and tribal governments. Actions under each of the proposed alternatives vary as do the potential effects to historic properties.

The Navy has begun the historic properties identification process associated with projects identified in Alternatives 2 and 3. Alternative 1 would in large part would close the ranges and curtail operations at the installation. The inventories associated with Alternatives 2 and 3 are focusing on locations that have been identified as target or maneuver areas.

The locations of target and training areas are predictable given terrain and safety constraints; whereas, as the potential re-route of State Highways 839 and 361, and the Paiute Pipeline will require substantial coordination and design and may not be ready for inventory until well after the deadline for the EIS has passed (Fiscal Year 2021).

In response to the situation NAS Fallon is proposing a phased identification and evaluation process as defined in 36 CFR 800.4(b)(2). The method by which the phased identification processes will be carried out will be defined by a Programmatic Agreement (36 CFR 800.14(b)) developed in consultation with your office, affected federal agencies, and tribal governments.

NAS Fallon will be sending letters out informing Federal Agencies and Tribal Governments involved in the development of the EIS informing them of this proposal

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NAS Fallon seeks your concurrence with this approach. If you have additional questions please contact Mike Baskerville by phone at (775) 426-3027 or via e-mail at michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

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MICHAEL T. KLAPEC, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Director By direction of the Commanding Officer

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Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

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August 30, 2018

Mr. Michael T. Klapec, P.E. Environmental Program Manager Department of the Navy Naval Air Station Fallon 4755 Pasture Road Fallon, NV 89496-5000

Re: Area of Potential Effect for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Project Undertaking #2016-4546

Dear Mr. Klapec:

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the subject documents received June 1, 2018 and August 2, 2018 in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended.

The Department of the Navy (Navy) has determined that all effects as a result of this undertaking will be contained within a discontiguous 10,452,796-acre area.

The SHPO concurs with the Navy's determination that this area of potential effect (APE) accounts for all potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that may result from this undertaking in keeping with 36 CFR §800.4(a)(1) and 36 CFR §800.16(d).

The SHPO concurs with the Navy determination that compliance with NHPA will require the development of a project-specific programmatic agreement (PA) for this undertaking.

Should you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact Jessica Axsom at (775)684-3445 or by e-mail at <u>jaxsom@shpo.nv.gov</u> or SHPO staff architectural historian Kristen Brown at (775) 684-3439 or by e-mail at <u>knbrown@shpo.nv.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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IN REPLY REFER TO

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Rebecca Palmer State Historic Preservation Office 901 S. Stewart St. Suite 5004 Carson City, NV 89701

#### SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NAS FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT TO MEET FRTC MODERNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Dear SHPO Palmer,

The Navy is proposing to modernize the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) located in northern Nevada in order to meet the aviation and ground training requirements assigned to the FRTC, as described in the FRTC Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The proposed modernization includes undertakings with the potential to affect historic properties. Presently, the extent of the potential effects cannot be fully determined, thereby requiring a programmatic approach to govern the implementation of the FRTC program.

The Navy proposes to amend the 2011 Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon to accommodate proposed changes in the FRTC. The Navy's proposed amendments include: expanding the PA's applicability to NAS Fallon undertakings related to FRTC operations and modernization within the operational area of NAS Fallon; removing requirements to adhere to the policies and procedures of other Federal agencies; and extending the PA's sunset date by 5 years to allow time to develop a new agreement with your office and interested parties.

Consistent with previous communications, the Navy requests your assistance to amend the 2011 PA consistent with Stipulation X. This letter initiates consultation with the Signatories and Concurring Party on the proposed amendment. A draft Amendment is attached for consideration and comment. The Navy respectfully requests comments within 30 days of receipt. If you have questions, my point of contact for this project is Mr. Alex Bethke at 619-532-4186 or alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

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Sincerely,

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MICHAEL T. KLAPEC, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Director By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Proposed Amendments to the 2011 Programmatic Agreement

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December 20, 2016

Department of Defense Department of the Navy Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest; Attention: Amy P. Kelley, Code EV21.AK; 1220 Pacific Highway; Building 1, 5th Floor; San Diego, California 92132.

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Colleen Sievers Project Manager, BLM Carson City District Office U.S. Department of the Interior 5665 Morgan Mill Rd. Carson City, NV 89701 E-mail: Blm\_nv\_ccdowebmail@blm.gov

Subject: Request to become Cooperating Agency for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization: Expansion of Land Ranges, Airspace Modifications, and Public Land Withdrawal Renewal. 81 Fed. Reg. 58919; 81 Fed. Reg. 60736.

To Whom It May Concern:

Nye County formally requests participation as a Cooperating Agency in the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Expansion process. Nye County is a local government that may serve as a Cooperating Agency either under jurisdiction by law or special expertise. 40 CFR 1508.5 (CEQ); 40 CFR 1501.6 and 1508.5; 40 CFR 1508.26.

A County has jurisdiction by law over any land within the County's borders. 40 CFR 1508.15. Counties also have "special expertise" with respect to the several environmental impacts that will result from a land withdrawal. 40 CFR 1508.26. Special expertise means

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statutory responsibility, agency mission, or related program experience, which emphasizes the "relevant capabilities or knowledge" that a local government entity has with respect to reasonable alternatives or any significant environmental, social, or economic impacts associated with a proposed action. 40 CFR 1501.6.

Counties possess special expertise for policies or programs affecting the condition and use of public lands, or on the environmental, social, or economic impacts of a proposal and specialized local data and information. 43 CFR 1610.3-1, 3-2; BLM Desk Guide at 9.

Nye County qualifies as government possessing expertise (1) relevant to Withdrawing from Mineral Entry areas designated as SFAs; and (2) contains program focus and staff capabilities to help raise concerns, collaborate, and provide relevant analyses.

Nye County understands the importance of our potential role to: Arrange for the collection and/or assembly of necessary resource, environmental, social, economic, and institutional data; Analyze data; Develop alternatives; or carry out other tasks necessary for the development of the environmental analysis and documentation. 40 CFR 1501.6; 43 CFR 46.230.

Should you decide to grant this request, Nye County is happy to help assist entering into a Memorandum of Understanding to establish Cooperating Agency status in the planning and NEPA processes so that we may work together under the terms of the agreement, 43 CFR 46.225(d),(e). As part of its MOU, Nye County requests to designate the Nevada Association of Counties ("NACO") as its representative. Other Agencies, such as the Bureau of Land Management, have recognized that as an intergovernmental organization, the Nevada Association of Counties may be offered as a representative of a County in the Cooperating Agency MOU. BLM Desk Guide at 23-24; BLM Desk Guide at 9; 40 CFR 1508.2. The BLM's opinion is "An intergovernmental organization may represent one or more CAs, provided that all agencies to be represented are members of that organization and all have formally authorized it to act on their behalf. Such authorizations should be identified in the MOU."

If you find it is inappropriate to extend an invitation, we look forward to hearing your response and reasons in the EIS. 40 CFR 1501.6(c).

Sincerely,

Frank Carbone, Chairman

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96860-3131

> IN REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/1394 20 December 2016

Mr. Frank Carbone Chairman, Board of County Commissioners Nye County, Nevada 2100 E. Walt Williams Drive Suite 100 Pahrump, Nevada 89048

Dear Mr. Carbone,

## SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR NYE COUNTY NEVADA FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

Thank you for your letter requesting cooperating agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

Specifically, the Department of the Navy's action proponent, Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet, proposes to renew an existing withdrawal of public land, withdraw additional public lands, and modify and expand Special Use Airspace and other airspace areas in the FRTC. The proposal includes renewal of the existing withdrawal of public land for military use of 202,859 acres which is set to expire on November 5, 2021. An additional 604,789 acres of public land is also proposed for withdrawal as well as the acquisition of approximately 65,200 acres. Implementation of this proposal supports military readiness requirements into the future.

The primary mission of the FRTC is to provide a tactical training environment to support the most realistic strike and integrated warfare training for the U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Marine Corps, Naval Special Warfare Command, and other combat elements. As mission requirements have changed over the years and the performance of platforms and weapon system technologies has advanced, there is a need to modernize the airspace, range, maneuver areas, training facilities, and range infrastructure of the FRTC.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet agrees that Nye County possesses special expertise with respect to environmental impacts associated with the current land use as it effects Nye County, in particular private lands and tax revenue from current land uses, public access to include mining, recreation, oil and gas exploration and access to water resources, and use of public roads, that could result from the proposed action. Therefore, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, supports the designation of Nye County as a cooperating agency, pursuant to NEPA and its implementing regulations, on the FRTC Modernization EIS.

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR NYE COUNTY STATE OF NEVADA FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

As the Lead Agency, U.S. Pacific Fleet will be responsible for overseeing preparation of the FRTC Modernization EIS, to include, but not be limited to, the following environmental planning actions:

 Identify and provide the necessary background information, including the most upto-date real estate information, as well as scientific, encroachment and resource management analysis, as best available data, to prepare the EIS and the associated documents;

(2) Work closely with Nye County to identify land uses and use by the public to analyze environmental impacts;

(3) Determine the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives to be evaluated;

(4) Circulate the EIS with the public, stakeholders and interested parties and perform public involvement under the NEPA regulations;

(5) Schedule and supervise meetings held in support of the NEPA process;

(6) Compile, summarize and respond to comments received by the public, stakeholders, and interested parties; and,

(7) Maintain an administrative record and responding as appropriate to any Freedom of Information Act requests relating to this EIS.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet requests that Nye County, as a cooperating agency, agree to perform the following actions:

 Provide timely comments on working drafts of the EIS, where the U.S. Pacific Fleet requests comments, in accordance with agreed upon and approved project schedules and commenting protocols;

(2) Respond to requests from the U.S. Pacific Fleet for information, in particular those related to the impacts analysis, local resources management and its expertise in local land use, in particular public access and transportation on public roads, generation of tax revenue, mining, recreation, oil and gas exploration, and access to water resources;

(3) Participate as appropriate and as agreed upon in public involvement efforts and public meetings conducted by the U. S. Pacific Fleet for the EIS;

(4) Adhere to the comprehensive project schedule as developed by the U. S. Pacific Fleet;

 Prepare any Nye County final decisions, documentation and necessary impacts analysis;

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(6) Maintain an administrative record;

(7) Agree to sign a written non-disclosure agreement governing disclosure of information discussed and shared as part of the development of the FRTC Modernization EIS; and,

(8) Provide a formal, written response to this request, identifying points of contact.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet views Nye County's participation as an important element to the successful completion of the environmental planning process for the FRTC Modernization EIS. Should you have any questions or need additional information, the primary point of contact for the FRTC Modernization at NAS Fallon is Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon, Command Integrator/N5, (775) 426-2405, Edmund.rybold@navy.mil. The U.S. Pacific Fleet's point of contact for development of this EIS is Mr. Alex Stone, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

L. M. FOSTER By direction

Copy to:

Chief of Naval Operation (N454) Commander, Navy Region Southwest (N40) Commander, Navy Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest (N45) Commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (N00) Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Fallon (N00)

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96950-3131

> N REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/0057 20 January 2017

Mr. Frank Carbone Chairman, Board of County Commissioners Nye County, Nevada 2100 E. Walt Williams Drive Suite 100 Pahrump, Nevada 89048

Dear Mr. Carbone:

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR NYE COUNTY NEVADA FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

Thank you for your second letter of December 20, 2016 requesting cooperating agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), by the Department of the Navy (DON).

In a letter to your office, dated December 20, 2016, the DON's action proponent, Commander, United States Pacific Fleet (PACFLT), agreed that Nye County possesses special expertise with respect to environmental impacts associated with the current land use as it effects Nye County, in particular private lands and tax revenue from current land uses, public access to include mining, recreation, oil and gas exploration and access to water resources, and use of public roads, that could result from the proposed action. Therefore, within that letter, PACFLT invited Nye County to become a cooperating agency, pursuant to NEPA and its implementing regulations, on the FRTC Modernization EIS. The Navy reiterates its invitation to the County at this time.

PACFLT views Nye County's participation as an important element to the successful completion of the environmental planning process for the FRTC Modernization EIS. Nye County has asked that the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) be designated to act as a representative for the County. However, because NACO is not a state or local agency or governmental entity, the U.S. Pacific Fleet respectfully declines your request for NACO to serve as the County's representative as cooperating agency for the FRTC Modernization EIS.

However, understanding that NACO has an important role to fulfill with the county governments within the State of Nevada, in particular pertaining to socio-economic and land use impact analysis, PACFLT is supportive of NACO assistance to Nye County as the NEPA process moves forward. PACFLT understands the important role that entities, such as NACO, fulfill with County governments, but we prefer to have the direct communication and NEPA cooperating agency agreement with the County.

## SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR NYE COUNTY NEVADA FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

Should you have any questions or need additional information, the primary point of contact for the FRTC Modernization at NAS Fallon is Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon, Command Integrator/N5, (775) 426-2405, Edmund.rybold@navy.mil. PACFLT's point of contact for development of this EIS is Mr. Alex Stone, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.

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#### B.15 Pershing County, Nevada

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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March 15, 2017

U. S. Pacific Fleet – Environmental Readiness, N465 Attn: L. M. Foster 250 Makalapa Drive Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3131

RE: Cooperating Agency Status for Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization EIS

Dear Mr. Foster,

Pershing County is requesting Cooperating Agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization EIS. County staff has extensive expertise in land use and environmental issues specific to our region, which will be addressed in the EIS. We maintain interest in collaboration with NAS Fallon and recognize the significant benefits NAS Fallon provides to our community and nation, and therefore, have developed a strong, mutually beneficial partnership.

The County adopted a Master Plan pursuant to NRS 278.150 to establish our vision for the future. This Master Plan provides the framework and foundation for decision making by the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners concerning matters relating to local growth and development. Master Plan also addresses federal land use management issues and is intended to be used as a positive guide for federal land management agencies in their development and implementation of federal land plans and management actions. Because of our commitment to multi-use policies and open access to recreation, wildlife, and resources available on public lands, our Master Plan requires that the citizens of Pershing County and the Board of County Commissioners are allowed input and afforded consultation with the United States Government prior to any change in use or availability of resources on public lands in a manner that will impact current, historical, or cultural uses.

Given the requirement of local input and consultation, the County is prepared to carry out responsibilities associated with Cooperating Agency status (CFR §1501.6). We work closely with and wish to designate as our representative the Nevada Association of Counties ("NACO"), which provides us a continuous point of contact and access to the expertise and information we need on public land policy and natural resources projects.

Page Two Mr. Larry Foster March 15, 2017

Should we be granted Cooperating Agency status, the County is fully prepared to meet our obligations. Pershing County is seeking Cooperating Agency status because of our expertise in environmental issues specific to this region and our duty to guide and regulate land development to promote general welfare and manage use of our resources to maintain our quality of life for future generations. The proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex has the potential to change uses of public lands and significantly reduce the availability of resources, therefore we respectfully request that Pershing County be designated as a Cooperating Agency in the EIS. We look forward to your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

PERSHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Carol Shank, Chair



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96860-3131

> IN REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/0538 11 May 2017

Ms. Carol Shank, Chair Board of County Commissioners Pershing County P. O. Drawer E Lovelock, Nevada 89419

Dear Ms. Shank:

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR PERSHING COUNTY NEVADA FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

Thank you for your letter requesting cooperating agency status for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

Specifically, the Department of the Navy's (DON's) action proponent, Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet, proposes to renew an existing withdrawal of public land, withdraw additional public lands, and modify and expand Special Use Airspace and other airspace areas in the FRTC. The proposal includes renewal of the existing withdrawal of public land for military use of 202,859 acres which is set to expire on November 5, 2021. An additional 604,789 acres of public land is also proposed for withdrawal as well as the acquisition of approximately 65,200 acres. Implementation of this proposal supports military readiness requirements into the future.

The primary mission of the FRTC is to provide a tactical training environment to support the most realistic strike and integrated warfare training for the U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Marine Corps, Naval Special Warfare Command, and other combat elements. As mission requirements have changed over the years and the performance of platforms and weapon system technologies has advanced, there is a need to modernize the airspace, range, maneuver areas, training facilities, and range infrastructure of the FRTC.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet agrees that Pershing County possesses special expertise with respect to environmental impacts associated with land use and environmental issues, in particular planning for current and future land uses developed in consistency with local land use plans, policy, and controls to include the Pershing County Master Plan developed under NRS 278.150, providing for multiple use of public lands and open public access to recreation, wildlife and resources available on public lands, when analyzing impacts that could result from the proposed action. Therefore, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, supports the designation of Pershing County as a cooperating agency, pursuant to NEPA and its implementing regulations, on the FRTC Modernization EIS.

## SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR PERSHING COUNTY NEVADA FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

The Navy has no objection to Pershing County working cooperatively with Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) within any associated technical or planning framework; however, the Navy does not recognize NACO as formally authorized to act within this NEPA intergovernmental relationship on behalf of a County.

As the Lead Agency, U.S. Pacific Fleet will be responsible for overseeing preparation of the FRTC Modernization EIS, to include, but not be limited to, the following environmental planning actions:

 Identify and provide the necessary background information, including the most upto-date real estate information, as well as scientific, encroachment and resource management analysis, as best available data, to prepare the EIS and the associated documents;

(2) Work closely with Pershing County to identify land uses and use by the public to analyze environmental impacts;

(3) Determine the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives to be evaluated;

(4) Circulate the EIS with the public, stakeholders and interested parties and perform public involvement under the NEPA regulations;

(5) Schedule and supervise meetings held in support of the NEPA process;

(6) Compile, summarize and respond to comments received by the public, stakeholders, and interested parties; and,

(7) Maintain an administrative record and responding as appropriate to any Freedom of Information Act requests relating to this EIS.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet requests that Pershing County, as a cooperating agency, agree to perform the following actions:

 Provide timely comments on working drafts of the EIS, where the U.S. Pacific Fleet requests comments, in accordance with agreed upon and approved project schedules and commenting protocols;

(2) Respond to requests from the U.S. Pacific Fleet for information, in particular those related to the impacts analysis for which Pershing County has special expertise, to include local resources management and its expertise in local land use where managing for multiple use and open public access to recreation, wildlife and resources, as well as implementation of the Pershing County Master Plan for the sustainment of the county's quality of life;

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(3) Participate as appropriate and as agreed upon in public involvement efforts and public meetings conducted by the U.S. Pacific Fleet for the EIS;

(4) Adhere to the comprehensive project schedule as developed by the U.S. Pacific Fleet;

(5) Prepare any Pershing County final decisions, documentation and necessary impacts analysis;

(6) Maintain an administrative record;

(7) Agree to sign a written non-disclosure agreement governing disclosure of information discussed and shared as part of the development of the FRTC Modernization EIS; and,

(8) Provide a formal, written response to this request, identifying points of contact.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet views Pershing County's participation as an important element to the successful completion of the environmental planning process for the FRTC Modernization EIS. Should you have any questions or need additional information, the primary point of contact for the FRTC Modernization at NAS Fallon is Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon, Command Integrator/N5, (775) 426-2405, edmund.rybold@navy.mil. The U.S. Pacific Fleet's point of contact for development of this EIS is Mr. Alex Stone, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

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L. M. FOSTER By direction

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Chief of Naval Operation (N45)

Commander, Navy Region Southwest (N40) Commander, Navy Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest (N45) Commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (N00) Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Fallon (N00)

#### B.16 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96860-3131

> N REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/0785 July 18, 2016

Ms. Polly Wheeler, Assistant Regional Director for Refuges United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Southwest Region 2800 Cottage Way, Ste W2606 Sacramento, California 95825

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Department of the Navy (Navy) is initiating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with a comprehensive modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), State of Nevada. The Federal proposal includes renewal of the existing public land withdrawal, the withdrawal of additional public lands, and the modification and expansion of Special Use Airspace and other airspace areas in the FRTC. Implementation of this proposal supports military readiness requirements into the future.

The primary mission of the FRTC is to provide a tactical training environment to support the most realistic strike and integrated warfare training for the United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Marine Corps, Naval Special Warfare Command, and other combat elements. As mission requirements have changed over the years and the performance of platforms and weapon system technologies have advanced, there is a need to modernize the airspace, range, maneuver areas, training facilities, and range infrastructure of the FRTC.

Specifically, in addition to renewing the current withdrawal of 221,363 acres, the Navy is proposing to withdraw and reserve an additional 612,270 acres, for a total of 833,633 acres of public land. The public land currently withdrawn was made available for military use by the Department of Defense under Public Law 106-65, which will expire on November 5, 2021. The proposed expansion of the FRTC B-20 land range includes a portion of the Fallon National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), managed by your office as Federal land.

As the Federal Agency responsible for National Wildlife Refuges, defined by the National Wildlife Refuges System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) and also the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-57), the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has jurisdiction by law for the Fallon NWR. As a result, the Navy requests the USFWS to serve as a cooperating agency for the development of its EIS pursuant to NEPA and associated regulations.

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

As the Lead Agency, the Navy will be responsible for overseeing preparation of the FRTC Modernization EIS, to include, but not be limited to the following environmental planning actions:

 Identifying and providing the necessary background information, including the most up-to-date real estate information, as well as scientific, encroachment and resource management analysis, as best available data, to prepare the EIS and the associated documents;

(2) Working closely with the USFWS, identify protected resources and analyze environmental impacts on the Fallon NWR, specifically the proposed FRTC expansion that overlaps the Fallon NWR;

(3) Determining the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives to be evaluated;

(4) Circulating the EIS with the public, stakeholders and interested parties and perform public involvement under the NEPA regulations;

(5) Scheduling and supervising meetings held in support of the NEPA process;

(6) Compiling, summarizing and responding to comments received by the public, stakeholders, and interested parties; and,

(7) Maintaining an administrative record and responding as appropriate to any Freedom of Information Act requests relating to this EIS.

The Navy requests that the USFWS, in its role as cooperating agency, provide support as follows:

 Providing timely comments on working drafts of the EIS, where the Navy requests comments, in accordance with agreed upon and approved project schedules and commenting protocols;

(2) Responding to Navy requests for information, in particular those related to the impacts analysis, management and protection of resources and the management of the Fallon NWR;

(3) Participating as appropriate and as agreed upon in public involvement efforts and public meetings conducted by the Navy for the EIS;

(4) Adhering to the comprehensive project schedule as developed by the Navy;

(5) Preparing USFWS final decisions, documentation and necessary impacts analysis;

(6) Maintaining an administrative record and responding as appropriate to any Freedom of Information Act requests relating to this EIS; and,

(7) Providing a formal, written response to this request.

#### SUBJECT: COOPERATING AGENCY INVITATION FOR UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, NEVADA

The Navy views USFWS's participation as an important element to the successful completion of the environmental planning process for the FRTC Modernization EIS. The Navy's primary point of contact for the FRTC Modernization should you have any questions or need additional information is Mr. Edmund Rybold, NAS Fallon, Command Integrator/N5, (775) 426-2405, Edmund.rybold@navy.mil. The U.S. Pacific Fleet's point of contact for development of this EIS is Mr. Alex Stone, (619) 545-8128, alexander.stone@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

L. M. FOSTER By direction

Copy to: CNO (N454) Commander, Navy Region Southwest (N40) Commander, Navy Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest (N45) Commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (N00) Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Fallon (N00)

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# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Pacific Southwest Region 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-2606 Sacramento, California 95825

Department of the Navy Commander United States Pacific Fleet 250 Makalapa Drive Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-3131



AUG 1 8 2016

Dear Commander:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) agrees to formally participate as a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as prescribed in the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) National Environmental policy Act (NEPA) regulations, 40 CFR Part 1501.6.

As described in your letter requesting our participation as a formal cooperating agency, the intent of the EIS is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with a comprehensive modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), State of Nevada. We understand that the scope of the Federal proposal includes renewal of the existing public land withdrawal, the possible withdrawal of additional public lands, and the modification and expansion of Special Use Airspace and other airspace areas in the FRTC.

We understand that the Navy is the lead agency in the development of the EIS, and that the USFWS, as a cooperating agency, will participate as follows:

- 1. Participate in the EIS scoping, data gathering, analysis, and consultation processes;
- Respond to Navy requests for information, especially those related to impacts analysis, management and protection of resources and management of the Fallon National Wildlife Refuge (NWR);
- Participate as appropriate and as agreed upon, as time and personnel allows, in public involvement efforts and public meetings conducted by the Navy for the EIS;
- Adhering to the project schedule as developed by the Navy with input from USFWS as a cooperating agency;
- 5. Preparing USFWS final decisions, documentation and impact analysis.

The USFWS names Nancy Hoffman, Project Leader for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex, and Richard Grimes, Realty Specialist, as the representatives for the EIS process described above.

Sincerely,

Assistant Regional Director, Refuges USFWS, Pacific Southwest Region

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# Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization

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## C.1 Summary

The United States Department of the Navy (Navy) has corresponded with the Battle Mountain Shoshone, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, Elko Band Council, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Lovelock Paiute, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, South Fork Band Council, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada (as well as the Battle Mountain Band, Elko Band, South Fork Band, and Wells Band), Walker River Paiute Tribe, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Wells Band Council, Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada, Yerington Paiute Tribe, and the Yomba Shoshone Tribe.

Each Tribe was sent a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and to Announce Scoping Meetings for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization: Expansion of Land Ranges, Airspace Modifications, and Public Land Withdrawal Renewal; the scoping comment period extension notice; invitations to meetings with cooperating agencies to discuss the Proposed Action and alternatives; a request for assistance of regional Tribal Governments in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS; thank you letters for attending the meetings if applicable; an invitation to review the Draft EIS prior to the public release of the document; the Notice of Availability of the FRTC Modernization Draft EIS and meeting announcement; the comment period extension notice for the FRTC Modernization Draft EIS; a letter informing the Tribes that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement in association with the proposed FRTC Modernization Undertaking; an invitation to review the Final EIS prior to the public release of the document; and in invitation to participate in a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes. If requested, the Navy also consulted with Indian Tribes on sensitive properties; those consultation letters requesting meetings with the tribal government, cultural committee, elders, and any interested individual tribal members are contained in this Appendix. The Navy provided cultural inventory results in the proposed FRTC expansion to Tribes if requested. The Navy will continue to consult with Tribes and ensure an amended 2011 Programmatic Agreement is updated as applicable for the Tribes.

### C.2 Group Emails

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Cc:	Klapec, Michael T CIV NAVFAC SW; Goodwin, Sara R CIV NAVFAC SW; Waters, Michael R CIV NAVFAC SW,
	SW09C (michael.r.waters@navy.mil)
Subject:	NAS Fallon FRTC Sensitive Sites Meeting
Date:	Thursday, January 10, 2019 9:42:00

All: The Navy proposes to have a meeting to discuss sensitive sites and mitigation measures related to the proposed modernization of NAS Fallon Training Ranges and proposes to have the meeting on NAS Fallon. The Navy proposes that this be a group meeting, however; you may choose to have this discussion with the Navy individually. The Navy proposes to have the group meeting on one of the following dates:

February 7

February 14

February 21

February 28

Please select the dates that you would available. If you chose to meet with the Navy individually, please contact Mike Baskerville by the e-mail or phone number provided below.

Mike Baskerville

Cultural Resource Program Manager

NAS Fallon

michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

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Subject:	Sensitive Discussion
Date:	Thursday, February 14, 2019 16:36:00

All: Several weeks ago I sent an e-mail requesting a meeting to discuss sensitive sites and suggested several dates in which to discuss this subject. The discussion is related to the identification of cultural properties within the proposed NAS Fallon Range Modernization area of potential effect. The types of sites would be those sites which remain important to a tribe but are not be identifiable to archaeologist conducting inventories or may have been missed by ethnographers conducting research.

I have heard back from the Fallon Paiute/Shoshone about holding the meeting on the 28th but not from the rest. If you are interested in attending the meeting on the 28th of February here at NAS Fallon, please let me know by the 20th of February. If you're interested in an individual meeting, please let me know that as well.

Additionally, if you would like representatives from the Navy to come to your reservation or colony and give the latest presentation on the EIS to the Tribal Council please let me know that as well.

Mike Baskerville

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#### C.3 Battle Mountain Shoshone



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Lydia Johnson Chairperson Battle Mountain Shoshone 37 Mountain View Dr Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Dear Chairperson Johnson,

### SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

January 2020

#### August 23, 2010

- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foresceable future actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

#### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

2. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

5. Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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 Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409.

The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Lydia Johnson Chairperson Battle Mountain Shoshone 37 Mountain View Dr Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Dear Chairperson Johnson,

#### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 4755 PASTURE ROAD BL 307 FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser PWD/009 30 Nov 16

Mr. Emerson Winap Council Member, Battle Mountain Band Council 37 Mountain View Dr. Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Dear Mr. Winap:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

Sincerely,

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Lydia Johnson Chairman Battle Mountain Shoshone 37 Mountain View Dr Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Dear Chairman Johnson,

#### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- · Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via c-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Lydia Johnson Chairman Battle Mountain Shoshone 37 Mountain View Dr Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Dear Chairman Johnson,

### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

RECORD OWNER: <u>Ev Admis</u> RECORD DATE: <u>7/5/17</u> DISPOSE OF DATE: <u>N/R</u> TIER LEVEL: IV

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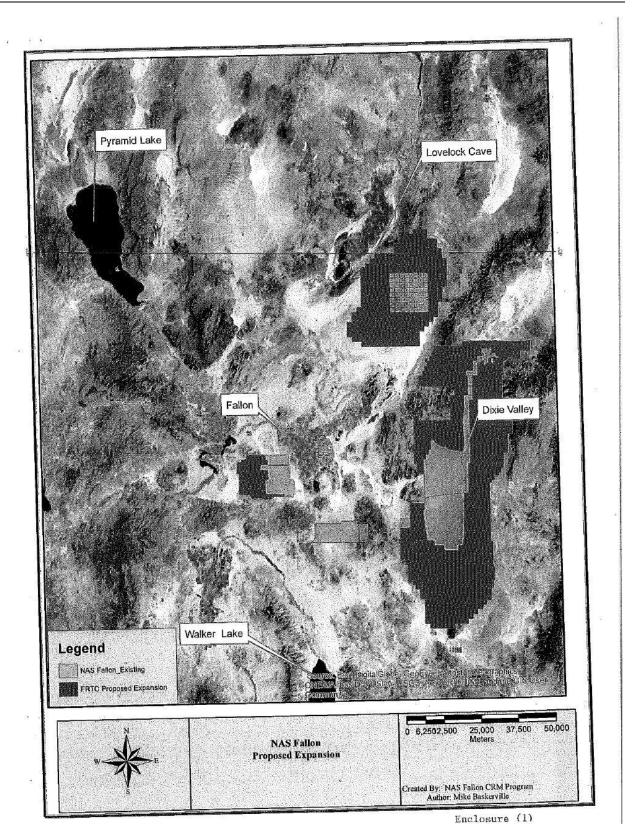
Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

Sincerely,

David

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1





> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Lydia Johnson Chairperson Battle Mountain Shoshone 37 Mountain View Dr. Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820

Dear Chairperson Johnson:

### Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

#### Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Tribal Correspondence



> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Lydia Johnson Battle Mountain Shoshone 37 Mountain View Dr. Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Dear Chairperson Johnson:

#### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316 Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Lydia Johnson Battle Mountain Shoshone 37 Mountain View Drive Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Dear Chairperson Johnson:

#### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until **February 14, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries: Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

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Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

David Carrera Battle Mountain Shoshone Tribe 37 Mountain View Dr. Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Dear Chairman George:

#### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Battle Mountain Shoshone Tribe both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable David Carrera Battle Mountain Shoshone 37 Mountain View Dr. Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Dear Chairperson Carrera:

Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Ms. Wanda Green at 619-532-1035 or Mr. Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0208 September 30, 2019

Chairman David Carrera Battle Mountain Shoshone 37 Mountain View Dr. Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Dear Chairman Carrera:

#### SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable David Carrera Battle Mountain Shoshone 37 Mountain View Dr. Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Dear Chairperson Carrera:

#### Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- · A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- The proposed support for tribal access
- Protection of tribal burials
- · A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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### Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:04 PM
To:	'tribalchairman.carrera@yahoo.com'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2019
Attachments:	Battle Mountain Shoshone_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

#### Chairperson Carrera

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email robert.rule@navy.mil.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

### C.4 Duckwater Shoshone Tribe



### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Perline Thompson Chairperson Duckwater Shoshone Tribe P.O. Box 140068 Duckwater, NV 89314

Dear Chairperson Thompson,

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- · Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- · Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

#### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

2. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

 Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409. The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

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Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Perline Thompson Chairperson Duckwater Shoshone Tribe P.O. Box 140068 Duckwater, NV 89314

Dear Chairperson Thompson,

#### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



## DUCKWATER SHOSHONE TRIBE

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511 Duckwater Falls Road, P.O. Box 140068 Duckwater, Nevada 89314 (775) 863-0227 Phone (775) 863-0301 Fax

November 15, 2016

Commanding Officer Naval Air Station 4755 Pasture Road Fallon, Nevada 89496

Subject: Tribai concerns

Sir:

First, thank you for setting up a EIS presentation that is for the affected Tribes. This is the response of the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe. Again we emphasize the importance of tribal monitors. The tribal monitors not look out for the cultural but also the biological aspects.

This is the most important undertaking of the Navy in the last withdrawal and the Commanding officer should take this into consideration.

Sincerely,

Fulling Shempson refline Thompson, Tribal Chairwoman

Cc: Gonnie Mendez, Tribal Manager Annette George, Natural Resources Director Maurice Frank-Churchill, Assistant to Division Managers

The Duckwater Shoshone Tribe is an equal opportunity provider.



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 4755 PASTURE ROAD BL 307 FALLON, NV 89496-5000

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Mr. Maurice Frank-Churchill Duckwater Shoshone Tribe P. O. Box 140068 Duckwater, NV 89314

Dear Mr. Frank-Churchill:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

Sincerely,

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Perline Thompson Chairman Duckwater Shoshone Tribe P.O. Box 140068 Duckwater, NV 89314

Dear Chairman Thompson,

#### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- · Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Perline Thompson Chairman Duckwater Shoshone Tribe P.O. Box 140068 Duckwater, NV 89314

Dear Chairman Thompson,

### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

Sincerely,

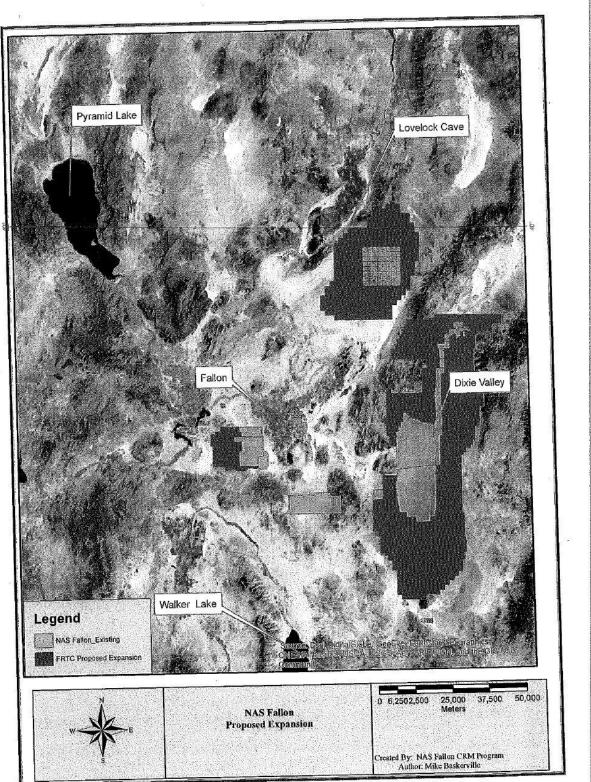
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Enclosure (1)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Perline Thompson Chairperson Duckwater Shoshone Tribe P.O. Box 140068 Duckwater, Nevada 89314

Dear Chairperson Thompson:

# Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

### Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN



> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Perline Thompson Duckwater Shoshone Tribe P.O. Box 140068 Duckwater, NV 89314

Dear Chairperson Thompson:

### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316 Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Perline Thompson Duckwater Shoshone Tribe P.O. Box 140068 Duckwater, NV 89314

Dear Chairperson Thompson:

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until February 14, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

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Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Perline Thompson Duckwater Shoshone Tribe P.O. Box 140068 Duckwater, NV 89314

Dear Chairperson Thompson:

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy, Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Perline Thompson Duckwater Shoshone Tribe P.O. Box 140068 Duckwater, NV 89314

Dear Chairperson Thompson:

### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Ms. Wanda Green at 619-532-1035 or Mr. Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0209 September 30, 2019

Rodney Mike Duckwater Shoshone Tribe P. O. Box 140068 Duckewater, NV 89314

Dear Chairman Mike:

### SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Rodney Mike Duckwater Shoshone Tribe P.O. Box 140068 Duckwater, NV 89314

Dear Chairperson Mike:

# Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- · An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- · A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- · Protection of tribal burials
- · A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

### Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:06 PM
To:	'chairman@duckwatertribe.org'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2019
Attachments:	Duckwater Shoshone Tribe_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

### Chairperson Mike

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

# C.5 Elko Band Council



### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable David Decker Chairman Elko Band Council 1745 Silver Eagle Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairman Decker,

# SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions on the human environment. No decisions about the Proposed Action or any real estate actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

5. Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409. meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building I, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable David Decker Chairperson Elko Band Council 1745 Silver Eagle Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairperson Decker,

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

David Decker Chairman Elko Band Council 1745 Silver Eagle Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairman Decker,

### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- · Quickly review purpose and need.
- Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- · Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

David Decker Chairman Elko Band Council 1745 Silver Eagle Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairman Decker,

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

RECORD OWNER: RECORD DATE: DISPOSE OF DATE: TIER LEVEL:

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

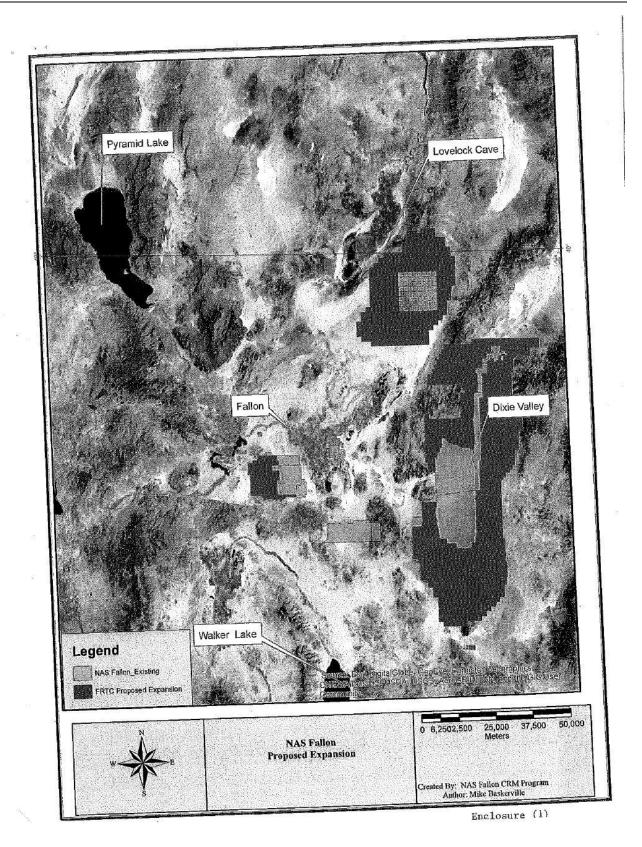
Sincerely,

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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1

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> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable David Decker Chairperson Elko Band Council 1745 Silver Eagle Elko, Nevada 89801

Dear Chairperson Decker:

# Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

### Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN



> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable David Decker Elko Band Council 1750 Silver Eagle Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairperson Decker:

# Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- · Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316 Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable David Decker Elko Band Council 1750 Silver Eagle Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairperson Decker:

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until **February 14, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or by mail to:

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All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

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Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

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Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

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Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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David Decker Elko Band Council 1745 Silver Eagle Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairman Decker:

### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Elko Band Council both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable David Decker Elko Band Council 1745 Silver Eagle Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairperson Decker:

Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Ms. Wanda Green at 619-532-1035 or Mr. Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0210 September 30, 2019

Davis Gonzalas Elko Band Council 1745 Silver Eagle Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairman Gonzalas:

### SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Davis Gonzales Elko Band Council 1745 Silver Eagle Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairperson Gonzales:

### Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- · An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- · Protection of tribal burials
- A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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### Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:04 PM
To:	'chairman@elkoband.org'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2018
Attachments:	Elko Band Council_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL LEADERS,pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

### Chairperson Gonzales

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

# C.6 Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe



### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Len George Chairman Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Rd. Fallon, NV 89406-9159

Dear Chairman George,

# SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training-range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions on the human environment. No decisions about the Proposed Action or any real estate actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

#### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

2. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

 Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409. The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



# FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE

October 24, 2016

Captain David Halloran, Base Commander Fallon Naval Air Station 4755 Pasture Road Fallon, NV 89406

Re: Request for Cooperating Agency Status

Dear Captain Halloran:

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 1506.2(b), the purpose of this letter is to request that the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe be granted cooperating agency status in the project Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization, for the completion of the environmental assessment and environmental impact statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Pursuant to the regulations implementing NEPA, to which all federal agencies must comply (40 C.F.R. § 1507.1) state and local governments may be granted cooperating agency status (see 40 C.F.R. §§ 1508.16 and 1508.12) or cooperating agency status when the state or local government has "special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposal (or a reasonable alternative) for legislation or other major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment." 40 D.F.R. §1508.5. In this case, The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe has special expertise relating to the analysis of the federal agency's proposed decision on the physical environment, custom, culture and local tax base. For example land requested have direct cultural significance and are used by Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribal members for religious and healing purposes. The Stillwater mountain range and surround areas are used by our tribe and surrounding tribes for social gatherings and are used in maintaining our way of life as our ancestors have for centuries clear up to our present day. Restricting access of specific areas for healings lands, plants, roots and animals significantly affect the way of life for the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe Reservation and Colony.

Additionally, according to the regulations, federal agencies shall cooperate to the fullest extent possible with State and local agencies. The regulations specifically state:

(b) Agencies shall cooperate with State and local agencies to the fullest extent possible to reduce duplication between NEPA and state and local requirements, unless the agencies are specifically barred from doing so by some other law... such cooperation shall to be the fullest extent possible include:

- Joint planning processes.
- Joint environmental research studies.
- (3) Joint public hearings (except where otherwise provided by statute).
- Joint environmental assessments.

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(c) Agencies shall cooperate with State and local agencies to the fullest extent possible to reduce duplication between NEPA and comparable State and local requirements, unless the agencies are specifically barred from doing so by some other law. Except for cases covered by paragraph (a) of this sections, such cooperation shall to the fullest extent possible include join environmental impact statements. In such cases one or more Federal agencies and one or more State or local agencies shall joint lead agencies. Where State laws or local ordinances have environmental impact statement requirements in addition to but not in conflict with those in NEPA, Federal agencies shall cooperate in fulfilling these requirements as well as those of Federal laws so that one document will comply with all applicable laws.

(d) To better integrate environmental impact statements into State or local planning processes, statements shall discuss any inconsistency of a proposed action with any approved State or local plan and laws (whether or not federally sanctioned). Where an inconsistency exists, the statement should describe the extent to which the agency would reconcile its proposed action with the plan or law.

40 C.F.R. § 1506.2(b)(c)(d).

Thus, to ensure that the federal agency fully and adequately considers the effect of its proposed decision on the physical environment, customs, culture and tax base of the citizens of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe of the Fallon Reservation and Colony, County, Churchill requests to be named as a cooperating agency, point of contact for all information and correspondence to be sent to Chairman Len George, 565 Rio Vista Drive, Fallon, NV 89406. Phone number (775) 423-6075. E-mail address is <u>chairman@FPST.ORG</u>.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Len George, Chairman Fallon Business Council



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Len George Chairperson Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Dr Fallon, NV 89406-9159

Dear Chairperson George,

#### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 4755 PASTURE ROAD BL 307 FALLON, NV 89496-5000

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Ms. Donna Cossette Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Dr. Fallon, NV 89406

Dear Ms. Cossette:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

Sincerely,

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 4755 PASTURE ROAD BL 307 FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser PWD/011 30 Nov 16

Ms. Laurie Williams Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Dr. Fallon, NV 89406

Dear Ms. Williams:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

Sincerely,

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 4755 PASTURE ROAD BL 307 FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser PWD/015 30 Nov 16

Ms. Sonia Carleto Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Dr. Fallon, NV 89406

Dear Ms. Carleto:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

Sincerely,

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



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COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96850-3131

> IN REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/0326 23 March 2017

Mr. Len George, Chairman Fallon Business Council Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Drive Fallon, NV 89406

Dear Mr. George:

#### SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR COOPERATING AGENCY STATUS AND INVITATION TO GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, FALLON, NEVADA

Thank you for your letter of October 24, 2016, requesting that the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe serve as a Cooperating Agency for the Department of the Navy's (Navy's) Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). While the Navy appreciates the Tribe's interest in serving as a Cooperating Agency, we respectfully decline your request. We propose that the Tribe's participation in the development of the FRTC EIS will be appropriately and successfully realized through a government-to-government (G2G) consultation process. The Navy expects the G2G consultation for the FRTC EIS to be both continuing and comprehensive, occurring for the duration of the National Environmental Policy Act environmental planning process.

Through the Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon Commanding Officer and his staff, the Navy looks forward to conducting this consultation with the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe. The NAS Fallon staff point of contact for this consultation is Mr. Mike Baskerville, Cultural Resources Program Manager, michael.c.baskerville@navy.mil, (775) 426-3027. Mr. Baskerville may be reached directly by email or phone to discuss the consultation. The U.S. Pacific Fleet EIS Program Manager is Mr. Alex Stone, alexander.stone@navy.mil, (619) 545-8128.

Sincerely,

L. M. FOSTER By direction

Copy to: Chief of Naval Operations (N454) Commander, Navy Region Southwest (N40) Commander, Navy Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest (N45) Commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (N00) Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Fallon (N00)



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Len George Chairman Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Rd. Fallon, NV 89406-9159

Dear Chairman George,

#### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format. •
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints. •
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps •

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Len George Chairman Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Rd. Fallon, NV 89406-9159

Dear Chairman George,

## SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

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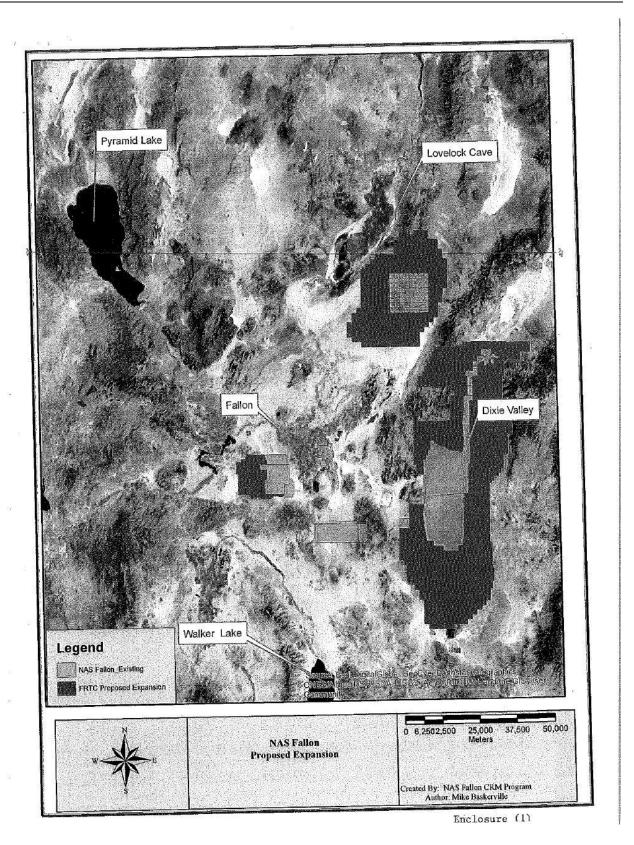
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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

Sincerely, Wava

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NEVADA 89496 5000

> 5090 Ser N000CF/0195 November 28, 2017

Mr. Len George Fallon Paiute- Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Rd Fallon, NV 89406-9159

Dear Chairman George:

## SUBJECT: CULTURAL INVENTORY RESULTS PROPOSED FRTC EXPANSION

Enclosed for your information and comment is a report entitled A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of 14,062 Acres for the Proposed Land Withdrawal for Naval Air (NAS) Fallon, Churchill, Mineral, and Nye Counties, Nevada.

The inventory was conducted on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District- Stillwater Field Office (12,643.5 acres), Bureau of Reclamation-Mid-Pacific Region (1,231.8 acres), Department of Defense-NAS Fallon (45.7 acres), and private lands (141.0 acres). The inventories were conducted to identify cultural resources located within proposed target and maneuver areas associated with Alternative 1 of the proposed NAS Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

A total of 202 archaeological sites were newly recorded or updated as part of the current project (146 prehistoric, 38 historic, and 18 multicomponent).

The information contained within the report will be used to assess the impact of the actions associated with Alternative 1 (the "Proposed Action" as announced in August 2016). Please note that we are currently conducting further surveys to supplement this report with respect to Alternative 1, and that additional survey work may be required in the event that a different or modified alternative is ultimately identified in the EIS as the Navy's preferred alternative. Thus we may subsequently be providing additional information for your review; however, since this report provides the cultural resource information we have collected thus far, we would greatly appreciate your review of the report at this time. Accordingly, we ask that you please complete your review and provide any comments by January 6, 2018.

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775)426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely, 12-2

MICHAEL T. KLAPEC, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Manager By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Cultural Resource Inventory



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Len George Chairperson Fallon-Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Dr. Fallon, NV 89406-9159

Dear Chairperson George:

## Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## Encl: (1) PDEIS Comment Matrix Instructions

This letter is to formally invite you to review the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, the information is protected until such time it is released to the public. As stated in the Non-Disclosure Certificate, information directly or indirectly reviewed or discussed during the FRTC EIS process will not be divulged to unauthorized persons or entities.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Instructions for submitting PDEIS comments are attached and will be provided on the website. **The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018.** Comments received after June 15<sup>th</sup> may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

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Click on the Comment Matrix to download it onto your computer. Instructions for completing the Comment Matrix are attached, and are available in the PDEIS folder in the E-Repository.

Please email the completed comment matrix to Amy Kelley at amy.p.kelley@navy.mil by June 15, 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the

proposed project.

Sincerely,

ID HALLORAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD

FALLON, NEVADA 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0143 July 10, 2018

The Honorable Len George Chairman Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Dr. Fallon, NV 89406

Dear Chairman George:

## SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION SENSITIVE PROPERTIES CONSULTATION

The Department of the Navy (Navy) would like to thank you for your Tribe's participation in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Cooperating Agency/Tribal Participant meetings. The Navy realizes that these meetings may not have been the optimal place to discuss information related to potential impacts to culturally sensitive sites.

In order to account for impacts to culturally sensitive sites within preparation of National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act analysis and documentation, the Navy proposes to have a meeting with the tribal government, cultural committee, elders, and any interested individual tribal members who may have information related to the location of sensitive sites within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) associated with this undertaking (See Enclosure). At the meeting the Navy would also present information it has previously collected through background research and ask those present to offer any comments they might have on such information, with respect to accuracy, relevance, completeness.

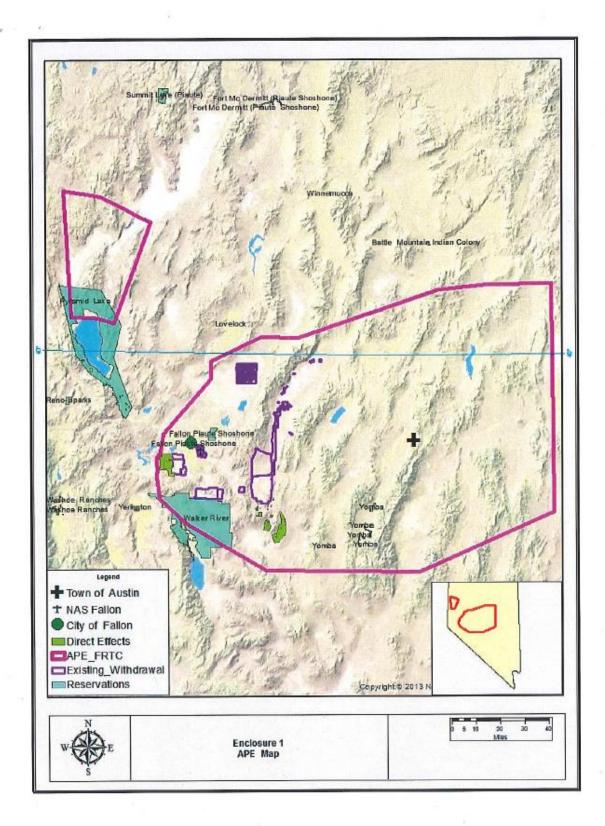
The Navy is proposing to have the meeting on July 25, 2018. Please coordinate directly with Mike Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> as to whether the proposed date would be convenient for the Tribe, and in terms of arranging a time and location.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Klapec, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Director By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosure: Map of FRTC APE

Copy to: Mike Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon



From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW	
To:	chairmanassist@fpst.org	
Cc:	Kelley, Amy P CIV NAVFAC SW. FISD; Green, Wanda S CIV NAVFAC SW. ESWD	
Subject:	Sensitive Sites Discussion	
Date:	Wednesday, July 25, 2018 13:49:00	

Dear Chairman George: on July 10, 2018 a letter requesting a meeting to discuss the location of sensitive or important cultural sites was sent to the Tribes from NAS Fallon. Having this discussion is important to analyzing the impacts to cultural properties that may be directly or indirectly effected by the proposed Fallon Range Modernization Project. I realize that this is just one of many concerns for the tribe; however, the Navy would like the opportunity to present what information it has and to gather any additional information required to make and accurate affects assessment.

The letter that was sent suggested a meeting date of July 25, 2018; however, as that is today that is not going to be possible. Is there a date in that would work for the tribe to meet with the Navy discuss this issue?

Mike Baskerville

Cultural Resource Program Manager

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michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

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From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	ssmanager@fpst.org
Subject:	Fallon Cultural Resource Inventory
Date:	Tuesday, August 14, 2018 16:23:00

Vice Chairman Mori: The electronic file transfer system used by the military is currently down. I will drop off a DVD containing the FRTC Class III Cultural Inventory at the Tribal Headquarters tomorrow. Is there anybody you would like me to specifically give it to?

Sincerely

Mike Baskerville

Cultural Resource Program Manager

NAS Fallon

michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

(775) 426-3027

From: To: Subject: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW Yvonne Mori RE: Fallon Cultural Resource Inventory Wednesday, August 15, 2018 13:26:00

Will do.

Date:

Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil (775) 426-3027

-----Original Message-----From: Yvonne Mori <ssmanager@fpst.org> Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 11:56 AM To: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW <michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Fallon Cultural Resource Inventory

Just give it to Vanessa at the front desk and tell her it's for me and to put it in my council box.

Thank You

Yvonne Mori

Vice Chairman/Stepping Stones Director

Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe

775-423-1132 (ph)

775-423-3503 (fx)

From: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW [mailto:michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil] Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 4:25 PM To: Yvonne Mori <ssmanager@fpst.org> Subject: Fallon Cultural Resource Inventory

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From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	Yvonne Mori
Subject:	Report
Date:	Thursday, August 30, 2018 15:20:00

Vice Chairman Mori: at our last meeting you requested a copy of the report that was completed late last year related to the proposed expansion of the Fallon Range Training Complex. NAS Fallon had some internal security software issues that delayed delivery of that report. However, the Navy was successful in downloading the files to the AMERDEC file sharing service on the 27th of this month. The files are waiting for the tribe to download them. They will remain in the service until the 6th of September.

Back when we met on the 14th I provided a map and asked the Tribal Representatives to draw in sensitive sites not shown on the map. I was wondering if the map was ready to be picked up?

Sincerely

Mike Baskerville

Cultural Resource Program Manager

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Len George Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Dr. Fallon, NV 89406

Dear Chairperson George:

### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- · Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316 Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Len George Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Drive Fallon, NV 89406

Dear Chairperson George:

## SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until February 14, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

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All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Len George Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Rd. Fallon, NV 89406-9159

Dear Chairman George:

#### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



# FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE

April 29, 2019

Captain E.L. Morrison Mr. Mike Baskerville Department of the Navy Naval Air Station Fallon 4755 Pasture Road Fallon, NV 89496

RE: NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement

Dear Captain Morrison and Mr. Baskerville,

Thank you for your March 28, 2019 letter notifying the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe that the Navy plans to prepare a programmatic agreement (PA) in coordination with the proposed expansion of the Naval Air Station Fallon. While the Tribe remains opposed to the proposed massive withdrawal of public lands and desecration of ancestral Tribal lands and cultural sites through military training, the Tribe will consider the draft PA you put forward.

To ensure a fruitful discussion on the PA, the Tribe encourages you to review the written comments we have previously submitted on this project, and to obtain and review written notes from inperson meetings with Tribal representatives (the Tribe is also awaiting production of these written notes, as repeatedly promised by NAS Fallon representatives, and would appreciate copies). In these written and oral comments, the Tribe explained that the lands in question are of paramount importance to the Tribe's history, culture, and religion, and that the Navy's proposed action would permanently and irreparably harm the Tribe and its past, present, and future members. Given the devastating significance of the proposed expansion to the Tribe, the Tribe requests to be an invited signatory to any proposed agreement intending to resolve adverse effects under the National Historic Preservation Act. *See* 36 CFR § 800.6(c)(2)(ii).

The Tribe has also repeatedly and clearly stated that meaningful consultation in compliance with the Navy's trust obligations to the Tribe, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act requires careful field survey of all the proposed expansion areas by members of the affected Tribes. As explained in 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(2)(ii), the agency must "consult with any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that attaches religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by an undertaking," and such consultation must be carried out in "a sensitive manner respectful of tribal sovereignty" and "the concerns and needs of the Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization." The size of the proposal does not in any way diminish the Navy's obligation to make all reasonable efforts necessary to identify and evaluate traditional cultural properties.

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Following the survey(s), the Tribe proposes exclusion of significant cultural sites from the expansion and guaranteed, regular access to any remaining expansion areas such that Tribal members may carry out traditional cultural, spiritual, and medicinal practices.

Your letter identifies a phased approach to identification and evaluation of cultural properties. referencing 36 C.F.R. § 800.4(b)(2). The cited regulation does not allow the Navy to delay identification and evaluation of traditional cultural properties until after Congressional review of expansion. Under that regulation, any delay of evaluation of identified sites is only appropriate to the extent that the agency cannot know the specific activities proposed in the area of potential effect or the agency is presently excluded from the area of potential effect. Neither of these circumstances are present in this instance. The DEIS specifies which training activities would occur and where under each alternative, and identification and evaluation of traditional cultural properties must occur before the project moves forward. Moreover, even under a phased approach, as a first step the agency must "establish the presence of historic properties within the area of potential effects for each alternative...through background research, consultation and an appropriate level of field investigation." Id. (emphasis added). This evaluation must take into account the "views of the SHPO/THPO and any other consulting parties," which includes the Tribe and other affected Tribes. Thus, full identification, evaluation, and protection of traditional cultural properties must occur for all alternatives proposed, before selection of a final alternative and presentation of that alternative to Congress.

Finally, the PA should include the Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies that presently manage the areas planned for expansion. BLM has extensive mapping of traditional cultural properties and experience consulting with the affected Tribes. Review of BLM's and other agency's materials is required as part of the research, identification, and evaluation of sites.

We look forward to further discussions on these important matters.

Sincerely,

Len George, Chairman Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe

cc: Rochanne Downs, Acting Cultural Resource Director



# FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE

August 21, 2019

Sent Via Email Only

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Michael Baskerville michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

Re: Request for Consultation and Supplemental Comments on the Draft EIS for Fallon Training Range Complex Modernization EIS

Captain Morrison, Ms. Kelley, Mr. Baskerville, and Mr. Bethke:

I write to you on behalf of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe (the Tribe). This letter responds to recent developments in the Navy's analysis of impacts of the proposed expansion of Naval Air Station Fallon, and supplements previous comments and materials submitted by the Tribe regarding the proposed expansion.

The Tribe requests that the Navy consider these comments in preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and evaluation of alternatives, based on the ongoing duty to consult with the Tribe on a government-to-government basis. The Tribe also requests that these supplemental comments be considered as part of ongoing analysis under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. §300101 *et seq.* (NHPA).

The Tribe has previously explained its deep concern that the proposed expansion would renew and greatly expand the impact of NAS Fallon. The withdrawal includes the heart of our aboriginal territory that includes many of our traditional hunting, gathering and sacred places that the Tribe as expressed to the Navy representatives continually at every meeting. In addition to the adverse impacts to our traditional lifeways, the renewal will harm Tribal members living on and near the Reservation, through the health impacts of frequent flyovers. Expansion will further harm Tribal members by eliminating access to more than 660,000 acres of our homelands and forever damaging sacred sites and traditional cultural properties.

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The areas the Navy proposes for expansion and training with live munitions include but not limited to the Stillwater Range, Dixie Valley, Rawhide Hot Springs, Sand Mountain, Clan Alpines and areas surrounding Fox Peak and the Stillwater Marsh. The Tribe has lived in and continually used these areas for thousands of years, and the area affected includes "Our Mother" and "Our Father," where the Tribe was created. Since World War II the Navy has used our sacred sites as military targets which included our Mother and Father Stone at the base of Fox Peak as well as Medicine Rock in the middle of BRAVO 20. These sacred sites are the equivalent of the Vatican to Catholics, or Mecca to Muslims. The expanded withdrawal also includes many sacred and confidential burial sites, which are now at risk of bombing. The proposal to use munitions on and near the sites is akin to proposing military training at Arlington National Cemetery. The Navy's attempt to restrict access to the Tribe's homelands and destroy them through military training is a shameful perpetuation of the Navy's long legacy of damaging sacred Tribal resources.

Despite its opposition to expansion, the Tribe has provided concrete and workable mitigation proposals to the Navy, including suggested terms for an MOU which guarantees regular access to cultural sites for Tribal members, and funding and implementation of a cultural resources study prior to withdrawal. The Navy has <u>ignored</u> those suggestions.

As explained further below, the Tribe again requests formal government-to-government consultation with NAS Fallon leadership and development of a programmatic agreement in close cooperation with the Tribe as required by the National Historic Preservation Act and Navy policy. Resolution of adverse effects to traditional cultural properties requires a thorough cultural resources inventory, identification and protection of all sites, and guaranteed regular access for Tribal members. Finally, the Tribe requests that the Navy consider the best available evidence about noise impacts and risks of fire associated with Navy training, and to implement appropriate mitigation to reduce or eliminate those impacts.

### Government to government consultation

The Navy is in violation of its consultation obligations including its own protocols. As a federal agency, the Navy has a solemn fiduciary obligation to Indian tribes, which includes the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone. To fulfill its trust duties to the Tribe, the Navy must *inter alia* follow the "American Indian and Alaska Native Policy and Department of Defense Instruction Number 4710.02: DoD Interactions with Federally-Recognized Tribes." In addition, the Navy must follow "SECNAV INSTRUCTION 11010.14B," which pertains to the Navy's trust obligations to federally-recognized Indian tribes, including the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone. Navy policy includes guidance for government-to-government consultation.

The DoD instruction requires government-to-government consultation including "meaningful communication addressing tribal concerns between tribes and military installations at both the tribal leadership-to-installation commander and the tribal staff-to-installation staff levels." Consultation requires that "DoD must provide affected tribes an opportunity to participate in the decision-making process that will ensure these tribal interests are given due consideration in a manner consistent with tribal sovereign authority," and timely, good faith communication throughout proposal development.

Navy guidance recognizes that consultation is a recurring requirement, and further specifies that

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"[c]onsultations regarding proposed DON actions may include, but are not limited to grounddisturbing activities, construction, training, low level overflights, management of sites with religious or cultural significance, protection of sacred sites, access to sacred sites, access to subsistence and medicinal natural resources, disposition of cultural items ... and land use decisions." While "formal agreement is not necessary to satisfy consultation requirements," the Navy "is committed to developing and maintaining long-term working relationships of respect, trust, and cooperation with Indian tribes."

Unfortunately, the Navy has failed to uphold its trust duties to the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe and is not following DoD or Navy instruction. The new Commander for Naval Air Station Fallon has yet to meet with Fallon Tribal leadership. After a year of diligently commenting and seeking to partner with the Navy in development of cultural resources inventories and an access memorandum of understanding, the Tribe recently learned through a public disclosure request that the Navy has abandoned development of a programmatic agreement with the affected tribes in favor of an agreement with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Places that excludes affected tribes. This discovery severely undermines any remaining confidence in the sincerity of the Navy's consultation efforts.

It is shameful that the Navy has failed to respond to the Tribe's repeated requests to facilitate a cultural resources inventory of the area proposed for renewal and withdrawal, has failed to present a draft memorandum of agreement for access to cultural sites, and appears to have failed to make use of existing cultural resources inventories held by the Bureau of Land Management and the SHPO. The Navy has asked the Tribe to identify all cultural sites on the more than 660,000 acres affected, with little notice on a desktop-sized map and with no resources made available to assist. In the meetings that have occurred, staff persons have not prepared agendas in advance, have not followed up on any requests, and have not provided meeting notes or minutes as requested. In short, consultation has not been "meaningful" but rather appears to be a cursory effort to fulfill what the Navy appears to view as a bureaucratic checklist.

Given the Navy's rapid timeline, and instead of further staff-level meetings which have proven to be fruitless, the Tribe requests consultation between the NAS Fallon Commanding Officer and Tribal leadership, explanation of how cultural resources will be adequately identified and protected, and prompt preparation and sharing of a draft programmatic agreement and memorandum of agreement for access to cultural sites.

## Consultation under the NHPA

The Navy is currently in violation of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, which requires it to consult with the Tribe prior to any undertaking that "is a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties." 36 CFR § 800.3(a). "Effect means alteration to the characteristics of a historic property qualifying it for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register." 36 C.F.R. § 800.16(i). The criteria for inclusion on the National Register are listed at 36 C.F.R. § 60.4. "An adverse effect is found when an undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association...Adverse effects may include reasonably foreseeable effects caused by the undertaking that may occur

later in time, be farther removed in distance or be cumulative." 36 C.F.R. § 800.5(a)(1).

The "integrity" of the site includes the ability of a resource to convey its significance through its setting and location. Access to the resource is key to the conveyance of significance. Indeed, the National Park Service, which administers the National Register of Historic Places, states a mission to "protect and provide access to our Nation's natural and cultural heritage and honor our trust responsibilities to tribes."<sup>1</sup>

Up until very recently, the Navy has taken the correct position that the proposed withdrawal of public lands and associated transfer to the Navy, with associated loss of access and consequence of intensive military training on sacred sites, constitutes an undertaking that triggers Section 106 consultation. The Navy proposed development of a Programmatic Agreement with the Tribe and other parties to fulfill the Navy's Section 106 duties, and went so far as to promise in writing to provide a draft of such a document by June 2, 2019.

The Navy abruptly reversed course, abandoned the development of a programmatic agreement, and now apparently proposes to amend an existing Programmatic Agreement that does not involve any tribe as a concurring or signatory party. This new approach is unlawful and unacceptable to the Tribe. The withdrawal of public lands removes access for Tribal members to their traditional cultural properties. The lands would change from management by the Bureau of Land Management, with broad public access, to use for military training with associated destructive impacts and limited access. Because access is a key component of the integrity of historic properties, the loss of access is an impact that triggers Section 106 consultation. The Navy may achieve lawful consultation through development of a programmatic agreement with the Tribe or consultation on the undertaking; the Navy may not simply defer its obligations to some unknown later date after withdrawal has occurred.

The Navy should follow its initial plan and negotiate a programmatic agreement in good faith with the Tribe. The agreement should include careful inventory of cultural resources in the Area of Potential Effect, as required by the NHPA. Because the withdrawal involves impacts to sites of cultural, religious, and sacred significance, the Tribe should be consulted and invited to be a signatory to the agreement. 36 C.F.R. § 800.3(c)(2)(ii); 36 CFR § 800.6(c)(2)(ii).

The Tribe notes that even if the 2011 Programmatic Agreement applies, the Navy is not complying with its terms. The agreement requires the Navy to identify the APE, and then perform an inventory of the cultural resources within the APE. The Navy has not conducted such an inventory, nor has it made "reasonable and good faith efforts to timely obtain funds necessary" for an inventory as required by the PA. Where the Navy determines there are impacted cultural resources, it must consult with the SHPO and determine if all impacted resources are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If the Navy seeks to amend the 2011 PA, Section X requires that any amendment comply with 36 C.F.R. 800.14(b). 36 CFR 800.14(f) mandates that "[w]henever an agency official proposes a program alternative pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section, the agency official shall ensure that development of the program alternative includes appropriate government-to-government consultation with affected Indian tribes and consultation with affected Native Hawaiian

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> National Register Bulletin, "How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation," available at https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/upload/NRB-15\_web508.pdf, (emphasis added).

organizations." The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe is an "affected Indian tribe" under this regulation, and must be consulted in the amendment or development of a programmatic agreement. Such consultation has not occurred.

In sum, as the Tribe has repeatedly conveyed to the Navy in meetings, letters, and comments, the area proposed for withdrawal and training is extremely rich in traditional cultural resources and preservation of those resources is of utmost importance to the Tribe. <u>Compliance with the NHPA requires the Navy to perform a careful and thorough cultural resources inventory of the entire area proposed for renewal and expansion, and to involve the Tribe in any programmatic agreement or memorandum of understanding. Resolution of adverse effects will require identification and protection of traditional cultural properties and guaranteed regular access for Tribal members.</u>

## Supplemental NEPA comments

The Tribe requests that the Navy consider supplemental comments regarding likely impacts of the proposed renewal, withdrawal, and training.

Fire is a major concern for the Tribe given the generally hot and dry conditions in the region and the Navy's insistence on training with live munitions. As an example of the risk presented by the Navy's proposal, the Navy accidentally started the 1999 Sand Springs Fire, which spread to nearby BLM land and eventually burned all of Fairview Mountain. The mountain is a culturally significant area where Tribal members have gathered pine nuts from native pinyon pine trees for generations. The trees were burned in the fire and the Navy made no remediation efforts. The mountain is now covered in invasive plants and a significant cultural resource has been lost. With expanded training and no adequate fire prevention, fighting, or remediation plan in place, the Tribe has grave concern that fire will adversely impact both the training area and adjacent areas. The Tribe requests that the Navy create a detailed fire management plan that includes remediation, and secure funding for its implementation for the entirety of the withdrawal period.

These supplemental comments also incorporate a comment letter submitted by the Washington State Department of Health to the Navy regarding expansion of Growler training on Whidbey Island, Washington. The comments are notable in that they provide expert opinion on the impacts of noise to nearby residents, including both auditory and non-auditory impacts. The comments also recommend that the Navy carry out a health impact assessment which takes into account residents' actual experiences, rather than simply relying on generalized (and often outdated) research.

While the Growler expansion would take place in a different region and involves somewhat different technology, the deficiencies and concerns noted by the Washington State Department of Health are also issues with the NAS Fallon DEIS. The Tribe requests that the Navy consider the enclosed Washington State Department of Health comments and references as part of the Tribe's comments on this project, and apply the Washington State Department of Health recommendations to the National Environmental Policy Act and NHPA analysis of NAS Fallon expansion. A health impact assessment is particularly appropriate and necessary given the environmental justice impacts of imposing noise on the Tribal community.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at the address provided or the Tribe's attorney for this matter, Wyatt Golding, at wgolding@ziontzchestnut.com or 206-448-1230, with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Len

Len George, Chairman Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe

Encl.

CC: Honorable Fallon Business Council Honorable Nevada Senator Catherine Cortez Masto Honorable Nevada Senator Jacky Rosen Honorable Nevada Congressman Mark Amodei Wyatt Golding, FPST Tribal Attorney Michael Toombs, FPST Tribal Administrator Rochanne L. Downs, FPST Cultural Resources

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I <u>Mike Baskewine</u> received the letters about the Request for Consultation and Supplemental Comments on the Draft EIS for Fallon Training Range Complex Modernization EIS from the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe on 8/30/19.

Print Signature: sper Signature:



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Len George Fallon-Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Dr. Fallon, NV 89406-9159

Dear Chairperson George:

Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Ms. Wanda Green at 619-532-1035 or Mr. Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0211 September 30, 2019

Len George Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Road Fallon, NV 89406-9159

Dear Chairman George:

## SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



5090 Ser N0000CF/0213 September 30, 2019

Rochanne Downs Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe Community Liaison Director 565 Rio Vista Road Fallon, NV 89406-9159

Dear Ms. Downs:

## SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

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Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Len George Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Dr. Fallon, NV 89406-9159

Dear Chairperson George:

## Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- · An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- · A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- · Protection of tribal burials
- A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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## Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:10 PM
To:	chairman@fpst.org
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2018
Attachments:	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

## Chairperson George

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

# C.7 Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Bradley Crutcher Chairman Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes P.O. Box 457 McDermitt, NV 89421

Dear Chairman Crutcher,

# SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions on the human environment. No decisions about the Proposed Action or any real estate actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

#### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

 Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

 Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely.

Havid Hallora DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Bradley Crutcher Chairperson Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes P.O. Box 457 McDermitt, NV 89421

Dear Chairperson Crutcher,

## SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

## Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Bradley Crutcher Chairman Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes P.O. Box 457 McDermitt, NV 89421

Dear Chairman Crutcher,

## SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- · Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- · Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Bradley Crutcher Chairman Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes P.O. Box 457 McDermitt, NV 89421

Dear Chairman Crutcher,

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

RECORD OWNER: EVI RECORD DATE: 7/5/17 DISPOSE OF DATE: NIA TIER LEVEL:

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

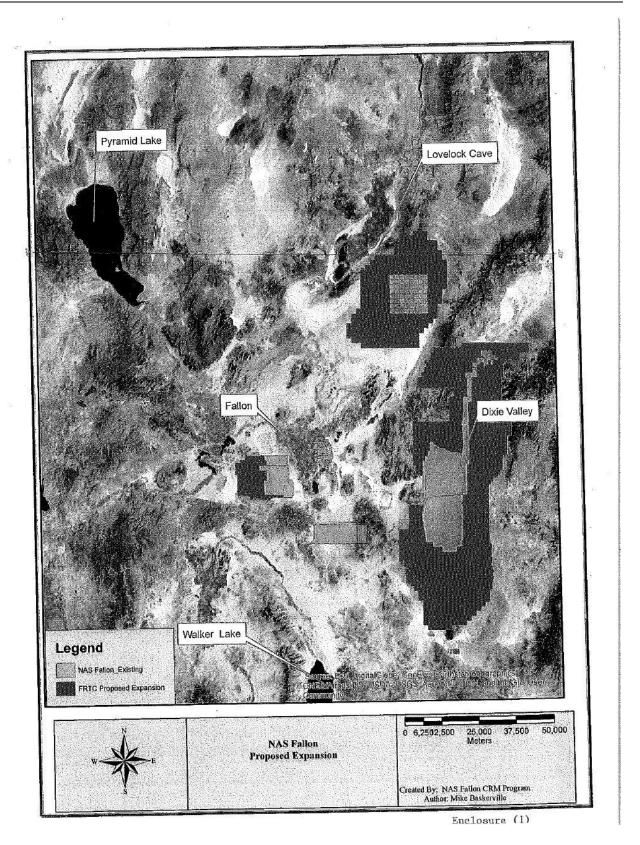
Sincerely,

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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1

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> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Tilden Smart Chairperson Fort McDermitt and Shoshone Tribes P.O. Box 457 McDermitt, Nevada 89421

Dear Chairperson Smart:

# Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

# Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN



> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Tildon Smart Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes P.O. Box 457 McDermitt, NV 89421

Dear Chairperson Smart:

## Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316 Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Tildon Smart Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes P.O. Box 457 McDermitt, NV 89421

Dear Chairperson Smart:

# SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until February 14, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries: Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

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Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerel y,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Tilden Smart Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes P.O. Box 457 McDermitt, NV 89421

Dear Chairman Smart:

## SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Tilden Smart Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes P.O. Box 457 Mc Dermitt, NV 89421

Dear Chairperson Smart:

### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Ms. Wanda Green at 619-532-1035 or Mr. Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0212 September 30, 2019

Tilden Smart Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes P.O. Box 457 McDermitt, NV 89421

Dear Chairman Smart:

## SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Tilden Smart Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes P.O. Box 457 Mc Dermitt, NV 89421

Dear Chairperson Smart:

## Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). 1 appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- · An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- · A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- Protection of tribal burials
- · A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
To:	tildon.smart@fmpst.org
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2019
Date:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:05:08 PM
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### Chairperson Smart

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701. The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>. Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

## C.8 Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Wanda Batchelor Chairwoman Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Executive Board 919 Hwy. 395 S. Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Chairwoman Batchelor,

## SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and recource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions on the human environment. No decisions about the Proposed Action or any real estate actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

#### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

5. Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

 Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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 The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

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Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Vinton Hawley President Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Executive Board 680 Greenbrae Dr, Suite 280 Sparks, NV 89431

Dear President Hawley,

## SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

## Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Daryl Crawford Chairman Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Executive Board 919 Hwy. 395 S. Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Chairman Crawford,

## SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- · Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Daryl Crawford Executive Director Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Executive Board 680 Greenbrac Drive, Suite 280 Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Mr. Crawford,

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

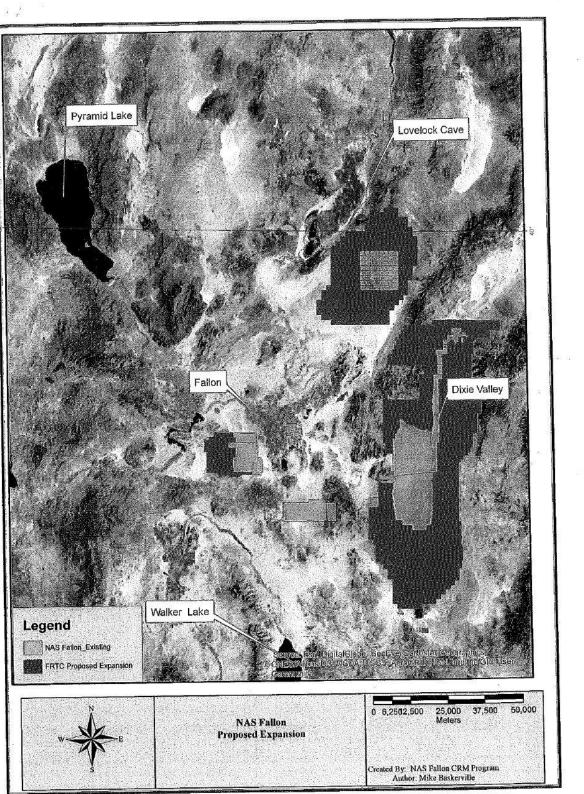
Sincerely,

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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1

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Enclosure (1)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Daryl Crawford Chairperson Inter-Tribal council of Nevada 680 Greenbrae Dr., Suite 280 Sparks, Nevada 89431

Dear Chairperson Crawford:

# Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

VID HALLORAN



> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

Mr. Daryl Crawford Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada 680 Greenbrae Dr., Suite 265 Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Mr. Crawford:

# Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316 Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

Mr. Daryl Crawford Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada 680 Greenbrae Drive, Suite 265 Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Mr. Crawford:

# SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until **February 14, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

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Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

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Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Daryl Crawford Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Executive Board 680 Greenbrae Dr., Suite 280 Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Director Crawford:

#### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Executive Board both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

Mr. Daryl Crawford Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada 680 Greenbrae Dr., Suite 280 Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Mr. Crawford:

Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Ms. Wanda Green at 619-532-1035 or Mr. Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0214 September 30, 2019

Daryl Crawford Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Executive Board 680 Greenbrae Dr. Suite 280 Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Director Crawford:

### SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

Daryl Crawford Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Executive Board 680 Greenbrae Dr., Suite 280 Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Mr. Crawford:

#### Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- · A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- · Protection of tribal burials
- · A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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### Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:04 PM
To:	'dcrawford@itcn.org'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December, 18, 2019
Attachments:	Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Executi ve Board_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL
	LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

#### Mr. Crawford

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Victor Mann Chairman Lovelock Paiute P.O. Box 878 Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Chairman Mann,

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

2. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

5. Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409.

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The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building I, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely.

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Victor Mann Chairperson Lovelock Paiute P.O. Box 878 Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Chairperson Mann,

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 4755 PASTURE ROAD BL 307 FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser PWD/010 30 Nov 16

Ms. Julie Hughes Lovelock Paiute Tribe 201 Bowean St. Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Ms. Hughes:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

Sincerely,

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 4755 PASTURE ROAD BL 307 FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser PWD/014 30 Nov 16

Ms. Patty Basye Vice Chairperson, Lovelock Paiute Tribe P. O. Box 878 Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Vice Chairperson Basye:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

Sincerely,

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 4755 PASTURE ROAD BL 307 FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser PWD/017 30 Nov 16

The Honorable Victor Mann Chairperson, Lovelock Paiute Tribe P. O. Box 878 Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Chairperson Mann:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Victor Mann Chairman Lovelock Paiute P.O. Box 878 Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Chairman Mann,

#### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Victor Mann Chairman Lovelock Paiute 201 Bowean Street Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Chairman Mann,

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

RECORD OWNER: EU admie RECORD DATE: 7/5/17 DISPOSE OF DATE: 7/8 TIER LEVEL:

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

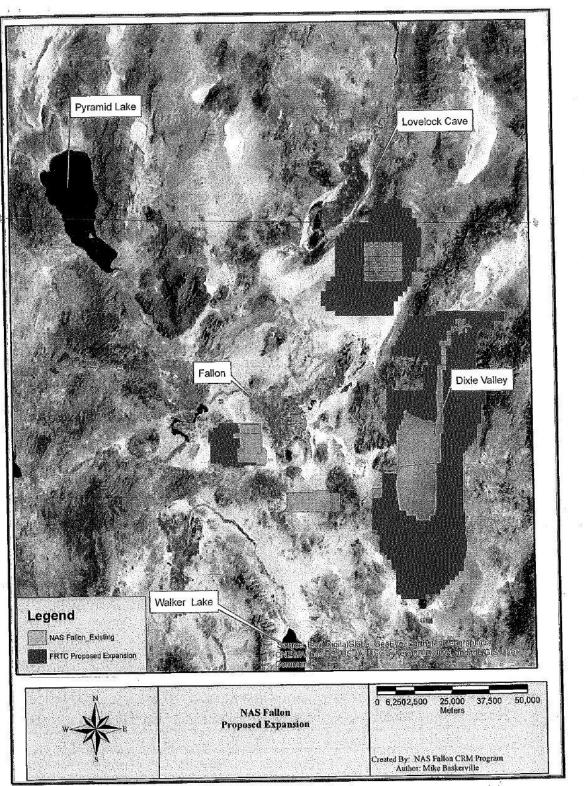
Sincerely,

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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1

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Enclosure (1)



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Ms. Stephanie Rhodes Lovelock Paiute Tribe 201 Bowean Street Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Chairman Rhodes:

# SUBJECT: CULTURAL INVENTORY RESULTS PROPOSED FRTC EXPANSION

Enclosed for your information and comment is a report entitled A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of 14,062 Acres for the Proposed Land Withdrawal for Naval Air (NAS) Fallon, Churchill, Mineral, and Nye Counties, Nevada.

The inventory was conducted on lands managed by the Burcau of Land Management, Carson City District- Stillwater Field Office (12,643.5 acres), Bureau of Reclamation-Mid-Pacific Region (1,231.8 acres), Department of Defense-NAS Fallon (45.7 acres), and private lands (141.0 acres). The inventories were conducted to identify cultural resources located within proposed target and maneuver areas associated with Alternative 1 of the proposed NAS Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

A total of 202 archaeological sites were newly recorded or updated as part of the current project (146 prehistoric, 38 historic, and 18 multicomponent).

The information contained within the report will be used to assess the impact of the actions associated with Alternative 1 (the "Proposed Action" as announced in August 2016). Please note that we are currently conducting further surveys to supplement this report with respect to Alternative 1, and that additional survey work may be required in the event that a different or modified alternative is ultimately identified in the EIS as the Navy's preferred alternative. Thus we may subsequently be providing additional information for your review; however, since this report provides the cultural resource information we have collected thus far, we would greatly appreciate your review of the report at this time. Accordingly, we ask that you please complete your review and provide any comments by January 6, 2018.

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775)426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely, N

MICHAEL T. KLAPEC, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Manager By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Cultural Resource Inventory



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Victor Mann Chairperson Lovelock Paiute 201 Bowean St. Lovelock, Nevada 89419

Dear Chairperson Mann:

# Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

# Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

DAVID HALLORAN



> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Victor Mann Lovelock Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 878 Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Chairperson Mann:

### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316 Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Victor Mann Lovelock Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 878 Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Chairperson Mann:

# SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until **February 14, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries: Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

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Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

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Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert, rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Stephanie Rhodes Lovelock Paiute Tribe 201 Bowean St. Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Chairperson Rhodes:

#### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Lovelock Paiute Tribe both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Stephanie Rhodes Lovelock Paiute P.O. Box 801 Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Chairperson Rhodes:

#### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Ms. Wanda Green at 619-532-1035 or Mr. Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0215 September 30, 2019

Stephanie Rhodes Lovelock Paiute P.O. Box 801 Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Chairperson Rhodes:

#### SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Stephanie Rhodes Lovelock Paiute P.O. Box 801 Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Chairperson Rhodes:

Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- · An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- The proposed support for tribal access
- Protection of tribal burials
- · A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

### Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:06 PM
To:	'chair@lovelocktribe.com'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2019
Attachments:	Lovelock Paiute_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

Chairperson Rhodes

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

### C.10 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe



### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Vinton Hawley Chairman Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

#### Dear Chairman Hawley,

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

August 25, 2016

- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foresceable future actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

#### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

2. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

5. Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409. August 25, 2016

The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest
Code EV21.AK
1220 Pacific Highway
Building 1, 5th Floor
San Diego, CA 92132
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Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

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Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Vinton Hawley Chairperson Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Chairperson Hawley,

#### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 4755 PASTURE ROAD BL 307 FALLON, NV 89496-5000

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Ms. Donna Marie Noel Environmental Director, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P. O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Ms. Noel:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

Sincerely,

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Vinton Hawley Chairman Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Chairman Hawley,

#### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- · Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Vinton Hawley Chairman Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Chairman Hawley,

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

RECORD OWNER RECORD DATE: 2/5/17 DISPOSE OF DATE: NIR TIER LEVEL 11/

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

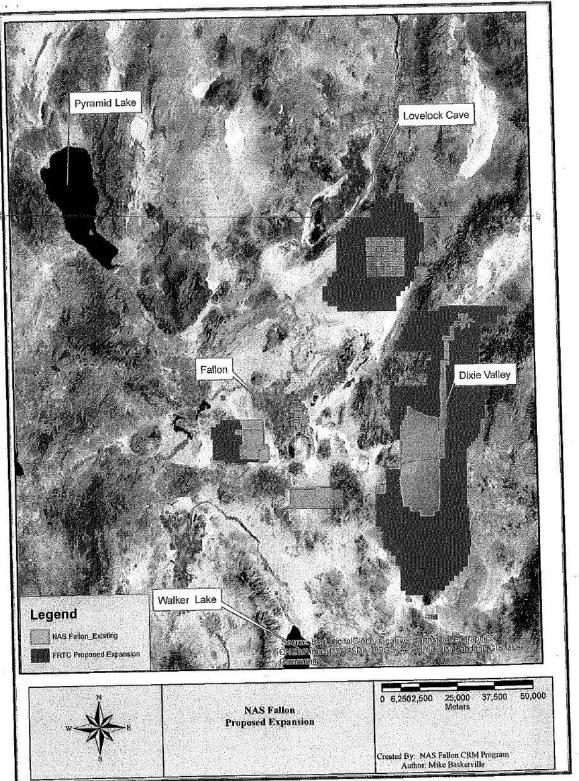
Sincerely,

David

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1

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Enclosure (1)



> 5090 Ser N000CF/0196 November 28, 2017

Mr. Vinton Hawley Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Chairman Hawley:

# SUBJECT: CULTURAL INVENTORY RESULTS PROPOSED FRTC EXPANSION

Enclosed for your information and comment is a report entitled A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of 14,062 Acres for the Proposed Land Withdrawal for Naval Air (NAS) Fallon, Churchill, Mineral, and Nye Counties, Nevada.

The inventory was conducted on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District-Stillwater Field Office (12,643.5 acres), Bureau of Reclamation-Mid-Pacific Region (1,231.8 acres), Department of Defense-NAS Fallon (45.7 acres), and private lands (141.0 acres). The inventories were conducted to identify cultural resources located within proposed target and maneuver areas associated with Alternative 1 of the proposed NAS Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

A total of 202 archaeological sites were newly recorded or updated as part of the current project (146 prehistoric, 38 historic, and 18 multicomponent).

The information contained within the report will be used to assess the impact of the actions associated with Alternative 1 (the "Proposed Action" as announced in August 2016). Please note that we are currently conducting further surveys to supplement this report with respect to Alternative 1, and that additional survey work may be required in the event that a different or modified alternative is ultimately identified in the EIS as the Navy's preferred alternative. Thus we may subsequently be providing additional information for your review; however, since this report provides the cultural resource information we have collected thus far, we would greatly appreciate your review of the report at this time. Accordingly, we ask that you please complete your review and provide any comments by January 6, 2018.

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775)426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely, and

MICHAEL T. KLAPEC, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Manager By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Cultural Resource Inventory

 From:
 Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVEAC SW

 To:
 Olivia A. John

 Subject:
 RE: FRTC Meeting

 Date:
 Friday, April 13, 2018 7:32:00

Olivia: Yes, meet me in the child care parking lot at 0730. The parking lot is located in the base housing area, directly across from the main entrance to the base. The lot is located on your left as you enter the housing area. If you have a problem my cell number is 775 482-4397.

Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil (775) 426-3027

-----Original Message-----From: Olivia A. John [mailto:oajohn@plpt.nsn.us] Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 7:24 AM To: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW Subject: [Non-DoD Source] FRTC Meeting

Good Morning,

I will be attending the meeting on the 17th. Should I meet you outside the gates to be escorted in?

Olivia John

Water Quality Standards Specialist

Natural Resources Department

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

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P: (775) 574-0101 Ext. 13

oajohn@plpt.nsn.us <mailto:oajohn@plpt.nsn.us>

 From:
 Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW

 To:
 Olivia A. John

 Subject:
 RE: FRTC Meeting

 Date:
 Monday, April 16, 2018 11:46:00

Good Morning Olivia: I don't have a formal agenda with times. I do however a list of topics that will be discussed.

--Recapitulation of last meeting and where we are in the schedule

-- Update "Managed Access" criteria - hunting, grazing, and minerals

--Transportation update (including I-11)

--Cultural Resources Overview and Inventory update

--Socioeconomic Study - discussion of methodology

--Process for Commenting on Preliminary Draft EIS Version 2

Hope this helps.

Mike

-----Original Message-----From: Olivia A. John [mailto:oajohn@plpt.nsn.us] Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 7:47 AM To: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: FRTC Meeting

Good Morning,

Can you send me the updated agenda please? Thanks so much.

Olivia John

Water Quality Standards Specialist

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------ Original message ------From: "Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW" <michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil> Date: 4/13/18 7:33 AM (GMT-08:00) To: "Olivia A. John" <oajohn@plpt.nsn.us> Subject: RE: FRTC Meeting

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> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Vinton Hawley Chairperson Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 256 Nixon, Nevada 89424

Dear Chairperson Hawley:

## Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

### Encl: (1) PDEIS Comment Matrix Instructions

This letter is to formally invite you to review the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, the information is protected until such time it is released to the public. As stated in the Non-Disclosure Certificate, information directly or indirectly reviewed or discussed during the FRTC EIS process will not be divulged to unauthorized persons or entities.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Instructions for submitting PDEIS comments are attached and will be provided on the website. The PDEIS comments are **due June 15**, **2018**. Comments received after June 15<sup>th</sup> may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

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Click on the Comment Matrix to download it onto your computer. Instructions for completing the Comment Matrix are attached, and are available in the PDEIS folder in the E-Repository.

Please email the completed comment matrix to Amy Kelley at amy.p.kelley@navy.mil by June 15, 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NEVADA 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0144 July 10, 2018

The Honorable Vinton Hawley Chairman Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe PO Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Chairman Hawley:

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION SENSITIVE PROPERTIES CONSULTATION

The Department of the Navy (Navy) would like to thank you for your Tribe's participation in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Cooperating Agency/Tribal Participant meetings. The Navy realizes that these meetings may not have been the optimal place to discuss information related to potential impacts to culturally sensitive sites.

In order to account for impacts to culturally sensitive sites within preparation of National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act analysis and documentation, the Navy proposes to have a meeting with the tribal government, cultural committee, elders, and any interested individual tribal members who may have information related to the location of sensitive sites within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) associated with this undertaking (See Enclosure). At the meeting the Navy would also present information it has previously collected through background research and ask those present to offer any comments they might have on such information, with respect to accuracy, relevance, completeness.

The Navy is proposing to have the meeting on July 31, 2018. Please coordinate directly with Mike Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> as to whether the proposed date would be convenient for the Tribe, and in terms of arranging a time and location.

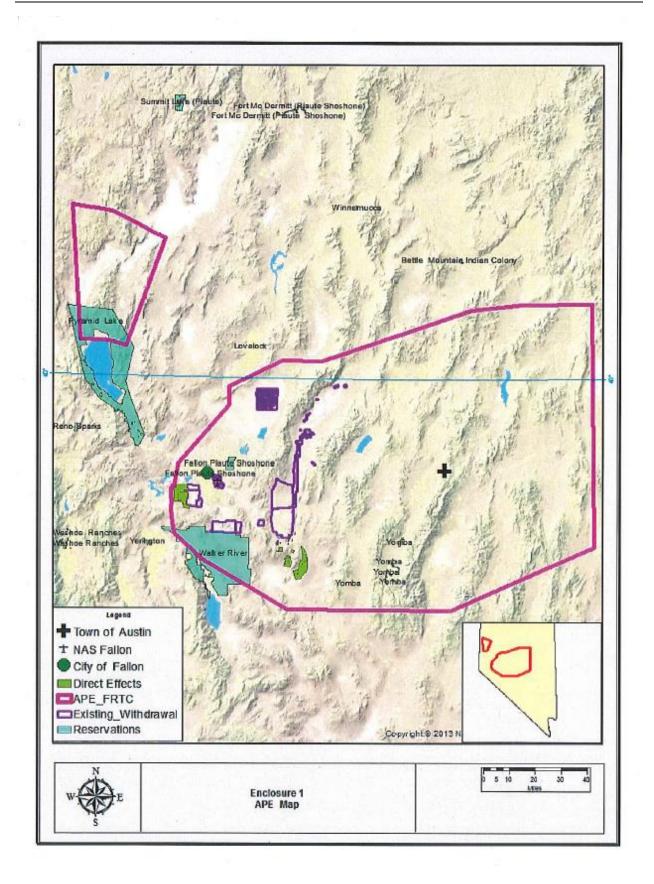
Sincerely,

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Michael T. Klapec, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Director By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosure: Map of FRTC APE

Copy to: Mike Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon



From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	vhawley@plpt.nsn.us
Subject:	Sensitive Sites Meeting NAS Fallon Range Modernization Project
Date:	Wednesday, July 25, 2018 14:03:00

Dear Chairman Hawley: on July 10, 2018 a letter requesting a meeting to discuss the location of sensitive or important cultural sites was sent to the Tribes from NAS Fallon. Having this discussion is important to analyzing the impacts to cultural properties that may be directly or indirectly effected by the proposed Fallon Range Modernization Project. I realize that this is just one of many concerns for the tribe; however, the Navy would like the opportunity to present what information it has and to gather any additional information required to make and accurate affects assessment.

The letter that was sent suggested a meeting date of July 31, 2018; however, that will not be possible because of a conflicting meeting with another tribe to discuss this issue. Is there a date in that would work for the tribe to meet with the Navy discuss this subject?

Mike Baskerville

Cultural Resource Program Manager

NAS Fallon

michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

(775) 426-3027

 From:
 Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW

 To:
 Donna Noel

 Subject:
 RE: Tribal Sensitive Sites

 Date:
 Tuesday, August 28, 2018 14:00:00

Thanks Donna, see you then.

Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil (775) 426-3027

-----Original Message-----From: Donna Noel <DNoel@plpt.nsn.us> Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 1:41 PM To: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW <michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil> Cc: Environmental Assistant <envassistant@plpt.nsn.us> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Tribal Sensitive Sites

Hi Mike,

Yes the IDT team will be meeting on September 11, 2018 at 9:00. The location is the Natural Resources building conference room in Nixon Nevada. I have you on the agenda.

Thanks

Donna

From: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW [mailto:michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil] Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 1:38 PM To: Donna Noel Cc: Kelley, Amy P CIV NAVFAC SW, FISD; Green, Wanda S CIV NAVFAC SW, ESWD Subject: Tribal Sensitive Sites

Donna: It was good to speak with you earlier this afternoon. As I stated earlier this afternoon over the phone the Navy would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with tribe locations of sites of tribal concern (sensitive sites).

The Navy has determined that the Area of Potential Effect for the proposed NAS Fallon Range Modernization Project includes the entirety of the FAA designated Air Space for NAS Fallon. This determination is based on multiple verbal comments received from tribes.

As you may be aware a portion of this Airspace is located over the northern part of the Pyramid Lake; through background research the Navy has identified two sensitive sites located on the reservation and would like to discuss with the Tribe the potential for additional sites. This information along with any additional discussions related to this matter will be used to assess impacts.

If the 11th of September is still acceptable to discuss this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely

Mike Baskerville

Cultural Resource Program Manager

NAS Fallon

michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil <mailto:michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil>

(775) 426-3027

From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	Donna Noel (DNoel@plpt.nsn.us)
Subject:	Sensitive Sites
Date:	Tuesday, September 11, 2018 11:56:00
Attachments:	PCRI Poly Geographic Locations.pdf
	PCRI Point Specific Locations.pdf

Donna: Thank you for permitting speak with your group this morning. Attached to this e-mail are pdf files containing additional information related to the areas shown on the Map that left this morning.

Sincerely

Mike Baskerville

Cultural Resource Program Manager

NAS Fallon

michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

(775) 426-3027



> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Vinton Hawley Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Chairperson Hawley:

#### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- · Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316 Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na low DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Vinton Hawley Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Chairperson Hawley:

#### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until **February 14, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

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Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	Tribal Secretary
Cc:	Rule, Robert M CIV NAVFAC SW; Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Burns, Patrick J G513 NAWDC, N38;
	Green, Wanda S CIV NAVFAC SW, ESWD
Subject:	RE: FRTC Presentation
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2019 15:42:00

Thank you.

Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil (775) 426-3027

-----Original Message-----From: Tribal Secretary <tribalsecretary@plpt.nsn.us> Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 2:30 PM To: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW <michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil> Cc: Rule, Robert M CIV NAVFAC SW <robert.rule@navy.mil>; Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN <scott.n.beyer@navy.mil>; Burns, Patrick J GS13 NAWDC, N38 <patrick.j.burns2@navy.mil>; Green, Wanda S CIV NAVFAC SW, ESWD <wanda.s.green@navy.mil> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: FRTC Presentation

Good Afternoon Michael,

Yes, you will be on the agenda. My error, I totally forgot to add you but there will be no issue adding you at the meeting. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. but we have an interview scheduled so your presentation will probably start around 6:30 p.m.

Attached is a copy of the edited agenda For Friday.

Brenda A. Henry

Tribal Secretary

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

775.574.1000 ext 1101

775.574.1054 (Fax)

From: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW [mailto:michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil] Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 2:21 PM To: Tribal Secretary <tribalsecretary@plpt.nsn.us> Cc: Rule, Robert M CIV NAVFAC SW <robert.rule@navy.mil>; Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN <scott.n.beyer@navy.mil>; Burns, Patrick J GS13 NAWDC, N38 <patrick.j.burns2@navy.mil>; Green, Wanda S CIV NAVFAC SW, ESWD <wanda.s.green@navy.mil> Subject: FRTC Presentation

Ms. Henry: A short note to confirm that NAS Fallon will be attending the March 1 Tribal Council Meeting to provide a brief on the FRTC Expansion. Is it possible, to have a projector that plugs into a computer present at the meeting. The presentation should take approximately 30 min.

Mike Baskerville

Cultural Resource Program Manager

NAS Fallon

michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil <<u>mailto:michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u>>

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	Green, Wanda S CIV NAVFAC SW, ESWD
Subject:	RE: FRTC Presentation
Date:	Tuesday, February 26, 2019 15:41:00

Yes we will.

Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil (775) 426-3027

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Sorry yes, I can have a projector setup for you, will you be bringing your laptop?

Brenda A. Henry

Tribal Secretary

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

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From: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW [mailto:michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil] Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 2:21 PM To: Tribal Secretary <tribalsecretary@plpt.nsn.us> Cc: Rule, Robert M CIV NAVFAC SW <robert.rule@navy.mil>; Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN <scott.n.beyer@navy.mil>; Burns, Patrick J GS13 NAWDC, N38 <patrick.j.burns2@navy.mil>; Green, Wanda S CIV NAVFAC SW, ESWD <wanda.s.green@navy.mil> Subject: FRTC Presentation

Ms. Henry: A short note to confirm that NAS Fallon will be attending the March 1 Tribal Council Meeting to provide a brief on the FRTC Expansion. Is it possible, to have a projector that plugs into a computer present at the meeting. The presentation should take approximately 30 min. Mike Baskerville

Cultural Resource Program Manager

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(775) 426-3027



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Anthony Sampson Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Chairman Sampson:

### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Sampson Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Chairperson Sampson:

#### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Ms. Wanda Green at 619-532-1035 or Mr. Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0216 September 30, 2019

Anthony Sampson Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Chairman Sampson:

#### SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Sampson Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Chairperson Sampson:

#### Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- · An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- · A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- The proposed support for tribal access
- · Protection of tribal burials
- · A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

#### Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:07 PM
To:	'ASampson@plpt.nsn.us'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2019
Attachments:	Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

#### Chairperson Sampson

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

## C.11 Reno-Sparks Indian Colony



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Arlan D. Melendez Chairman Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 34 Reservation Rd. Reno, NV 89502

Dear Chairman Melendez,

## SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;

- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement, and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions on the human environment. No decisions about the Proposed Action or any real estate actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

#### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

 Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135. Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

 Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409. meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate in opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your stat vis. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the neantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if ou have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Arlan D. Melendez Chairperson Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 34 Reservation Rd Reno, NV 89502

Dear Chairperson Melendez,

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Arlan D. Melendez Chairman Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 34 Reservation Rd. Reno, NV 89502

Dear Chairman Melendez,

### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- · Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Arlan D. Melendez Chairman Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 34 Reservation Rd. Reno, NV 89502

Dear Chairman Melendez,

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

RECORD OWNER: <u>Ev Admus</u> RECORD DATE: <u>7/5/17</u> DISPOSE OF DATE: <u>N/A</u> TIER LEVEL:

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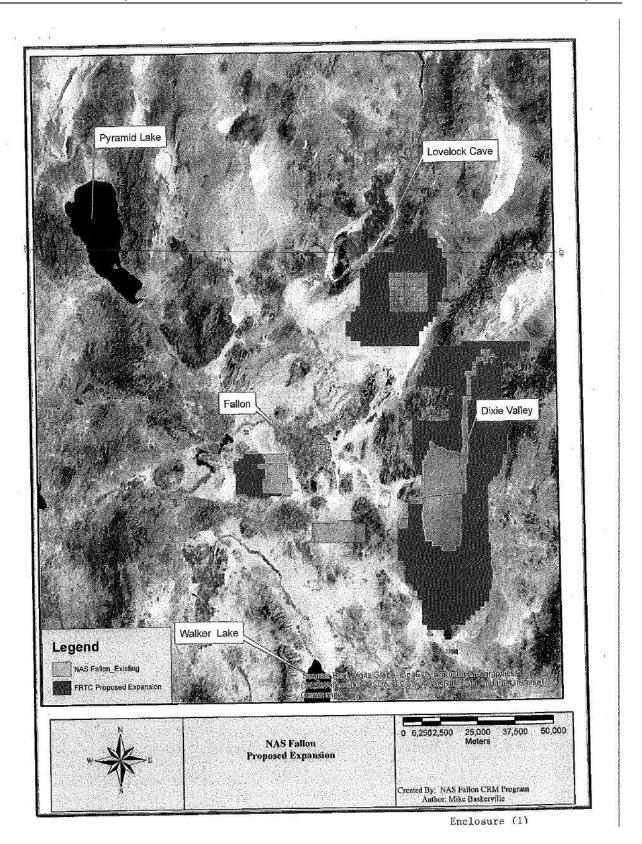
Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1

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> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Arlan Melendez Chairperson Reno Sparks Indian Colony 34 Reservation Road Reno, Nevada 89502

Dear Chairperson Melendez:

## Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

### Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

VID HALLORAN



> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Arlan D. Melendez Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 34 Reservation Rd. Reno, NV 89502

Dear Chairperson Melendez:

## Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316 Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na low DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Arlan D. Melendez Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 34 Reservation Road Reno, NV 89502

Dear Chairperson Melendez:

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until February 14, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

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To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries: Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

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Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Arlan Melendez Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 34 Reservation Road Nixon, NV 89424

Dear Chairperson Melendez:

### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Arlan D. Melendez Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 34 Reservation Rd. Reno, NV 89502

Dear Chairperson Melendez:

### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Enel: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedes.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Ms. Wanda Green at 619-532-1035 or Mr. Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0217 September 30, 2019

Arlan D. Melendez Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 34 Reservation Road Reno, NV 89502

Dear Chairperson Melendez:

### SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Arlan D. Melendez Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 34 Reservation Rd. Reno, NV 89502

Dear Chairperson Melendez:

### Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- · An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- · A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- · Protection of tribal burials
- A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

### Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:09 PM
To:	'amelendez@rsic.org'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2019
Attachments:	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

### Chairperson Melendez

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

## C.12 South Fork Band Council



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Edith Smartt Chairperson South Fork Band Council HC 30, Box B-13 - Lee Spring Creek, NV 89815

Dear Chairperson Smartt,

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions on the human environment. No decisions about the Proposed Action or any real estate actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

#### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

5. Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

 Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409. The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Edith Smartt Chairperson South Fork Band Council HC 30, Box B-13 - Lee Spring Creek, NV 89815

Dear Chairperson Smartt,

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 4755 PASTURE ROAD BL 307 FALLON, NV 89406-5000

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Ms. Courtney Harney Environmental Department, South Fork Band Council HC 30 Box B-13 - Lee Spring Creek, NV 89815

Dear Ms. Harney:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

Sincerely,

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Tyler Reynolds Chaiman South Fork Band Council HC 30, Box B-13 - Lee Spring Creek, NV 89815

Dear Chairman Reynolds,

### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Tyler Reynolds Chairman South Fork Band Council HC 30, Box B-13 - Lee Spring Creek, NV 89815

Dear Chairman Reynolds,

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential cligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

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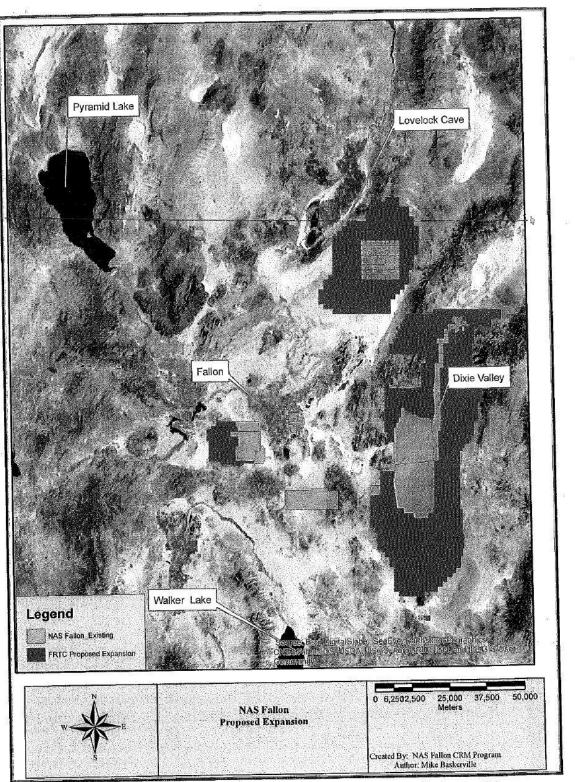
Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

Sincerely,

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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1





> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Tyler Reynolds Chairperson South Fork Band Council HC 30, Box-13-Lee Spring Creek, Nevada 89815

Dear Chairperson Reynolds:

## Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

### Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

ID HALLORAN



> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Tyler Reynolds South Fork Band Council 21 Lee Unit-13 Spring Creek, NV 89815

Dear Chairperson Reynolds:

## Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- · Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

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Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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The Honorable Tyler Reynolds South Fork Band Council 21 Lee Unit-13 Spring Creek, NV 89815

Dear Chairperson Reynolds:

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until **February 14, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Tyler Reynolds South Fork Band Council HC 30, Box B-13 - Lee Spring Creek, NV 89815

Dear Chairman Reynolds:

### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the South Fork Band Council both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Tyler Reynolds South Fork Band Council HC 30, Box B-13 – Lee Spring Creek, NV 89815

Dear Chairperson Reynolds:

### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0218 September 30, 2019

Cheryl Mose-Temoke South Fork Band Council HC 30 Box B-13 - Lee Spring Creek, NV 89815

Dear Chairperson Mose-Temoke:

## SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Cheryrl Mose-Temode South Fork Band Council HC 30, Box B-13 – Lee Spring Creek, NV 89815

Dear Chairperson Mose-Temode:

### Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- · An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- · A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- · Protection of tribal burials
- · A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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# Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:05 PM
To:	'Sforkcouncil.adm@gmail.com'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2019
Attachments:	South Fork Band Council_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

#### Chairperson Mose-Temode

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email robert\_rule@navy.mil.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

# C.13 Summit Lake Paiute Tribe



# DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Page Linton Chairwoman Summit Lake Paiute Tribe 1001 Rock Blvd. Sparks, NV 89431-4337

Dear Chairwoman Linton,

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- · Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- · Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions on the human environment. No decisions about the Proposed Action or any real estate actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

 Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

 Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

 Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409. The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staf Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Page Linton Chairperson Summit Lake Paiute Tribe 1001 Rock Blvd Sparks, NV 89431-4337

Dear Chairperson Linton,

# SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

# Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Page Linton Chairman Summit Lake Paiute Tribe 1001 Rock Blvd. Sparks, NV 89431-4337

Dear Chairman Linton,

# SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- · Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Page Linton Chairman Summit Lake Paiute Tribe 1001 Rock Blvd. Sparks, NV 89431-4337

Dear Chairman Linton,

## SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

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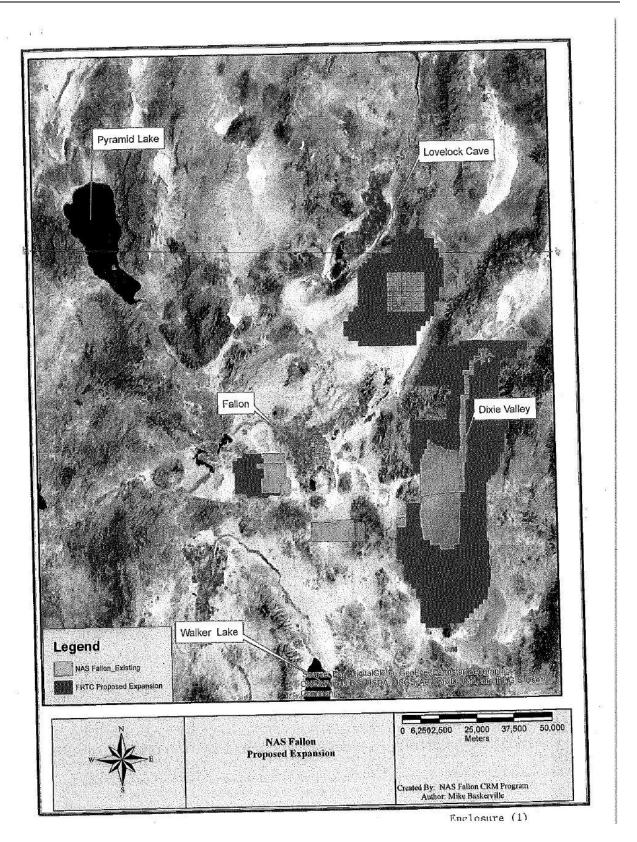
Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

Sincerely,

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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1





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The Honorable Linton Page Chairperson Summit Lake Paiute Tribe 1001 Rock Blvd. Sparks, Nevada 89431-4337

Dear Chairperson Page:

# Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

# Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

ID HALLORAN



> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Randi DeSoto Summit Lake Paiute Tribe 1001 N. Rock Blvd. Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Chairperson DeSoto:

# Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

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The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Randi DeSoto Summit Lake Paiute Tribe 1001 N. Rock Blvd. Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Chairperson DeSoto:

# SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until **February 14, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

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Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447 Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Randi Desoto Summit Lake Paiute Tribe 1001 Rock Blvd. Sparks, NV 89431-4337

Dear Chairperson Desoto:

### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Randi Desoto Summit Lake Paiute Tribe 1001 Rock Blvd Sparks, NV 89431-4337

Dear Chairperson Desoto:

#### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0219 September 30, 2019

Randi Desoto Summit Lake Paiute Tribe 1001 Rock Blvd. Sparks, NV 89431-4337

Dear Chairman Desoto:

### SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Randi Desoto Summit Lake Paiute Tribe 1001 Rock Blvd. Sparks, NV 89431-4337

Dear Chairperson Desoto:

# Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- · A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- · Protection of tribal burials
- · A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:09 PM
To:	'randi.desoto@summitlaketribe.org'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2018
Attachments:	Summit Lake Paiute Tribe_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

#### Chairperson Desoto

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

# C.14 Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Lydia Johnson Chairperson Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada 525 Sunset St. Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairperson Johnson,

# SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions on the human environment. No decisions about the Proposed Action or any real estate actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

#### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

2. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

5. Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

 Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409. • The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Havid Halloran DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Lydia Johnson Chairperson Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada 525 Sunset St Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairperson Johnson,

# SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Lydia Johnson Chairman Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada 525 Sunset St. Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairman Johnson,

### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- · Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Lydia Johnson Chairman Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada 525 Sunset St. Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairman Johnson,

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

RECORD OWNER: RECORD DATE: DISPOSE OF DATE: 16 TIER LEVEL:

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

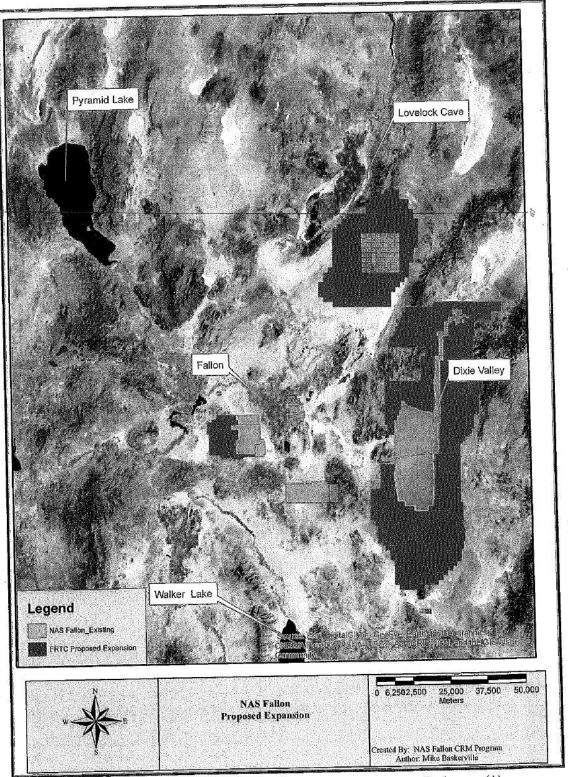
Sincerely,

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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1

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> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Lydia Johnson Chairperson Te Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians 525 Sunset St. Elko, Nevada 89801

Dear Chairperson Johnson:

# Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

# Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

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> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Lydia Johnson Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada 525 Sunset St. Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairperson Johnson:

# Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

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Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Lydia Johnson Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada 525 Sunset St. Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairperson Johnson:

#### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until **February 14, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

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Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Joseph Holly Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada 525 Sunset St. Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairman Holly:

#### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Joseph Holly Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada 525 Sunset St. Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairperson Holly:

#### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0220 September 30, 2019

Joseph Holly Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada 525 Sunset St. Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairman Holly:

#### SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Joseph Holly Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada 525 Sunset St. Elko, NV 89801

Dear Chairperson Holly:

### Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- · An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- · A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- · Protection of tribal burials
- · A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)	
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:03 PM	
To:	'temoakchair1@gmail.com'	
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW	
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2019	
Attachments:	Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada_CO INVITATION LETTER TO	
	TRIBAL LEADERS.pdf	
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil	

#### Chairperson Holly

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

#### C.15 Walker River Paiute Tribe



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Bobby Sanchez Chairman Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Chairman Sanchez,

### SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

#### August 25, 2016

- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

2. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

5. Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409. 7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409.

The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 300.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate in opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your stad As. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting 'our staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the neantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if ou have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer





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TIER LEVIL: 11

Mr. Bobby Sanchez Chairman, Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

SUBJECT: OFF-RANGE ORDNANCE SOUTH OF B19

Dear Chairman Sanchez:

At approximately 9:32 on March 30, 2016 a F/A-18 dropped two 25 lb MK 76 practice bombs while performing a training mission in the vicinity of B19. The MK 76s impacted the ground at approximately 39° 04' 06.11" N 118° 40' 33.92" W. These coordinates are south of B-19 and on the Walker River Tribe Reservation Land. The Navy Explosive Ordnance Detachment (EOD) was contacted and was requested to search the suspected impact area.

On March 31, EOD conducted a one square kilometer sweep centered at 39° 04' 06.11" N 118° 40' 33.92" W. The search consisted of concentric circles getting progressively larger until the largest circle was 600m in radius. EOD found neither the MK 76s nor any evidence of impact. Due to the small size of the MK 76s and the speed at which it was released, it is probable that the became buried upon impact. Following the search, EOD advised a Walker River Paiute Tribe member of the outcome of its search and requested the Tribe member contact EOD in the event that they come across any off-range ordnance in the future.

A MK 76 practice bomb is roughly 2 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter. The only hazardous component within the MK 76 is the spotting charge of approximately 0.007 lbs of Net Explosive Weight which is equivalent to a round of small arms ammunition.

Upon impact, the air crew spotted the charges detonating, so we believe no hazards associated with the MK 76s exist. The determination that the MK 76s are likely buried under the surface is based on the speed and trajectory of the MK 76s upon release. This is further supported by the fact that EOD was unable to locate them on the surface.

There is no likely appreciable human or environmental health risk associated with the MK 76s due to the likelihood of the MK 76s having buried themselves and the detonation of the spotting charges upon impact. We believe further attempts at recovery would be more detrimental to the environment due to the amount of equipment, excavation and ground disturbance such efforts would likely involve.

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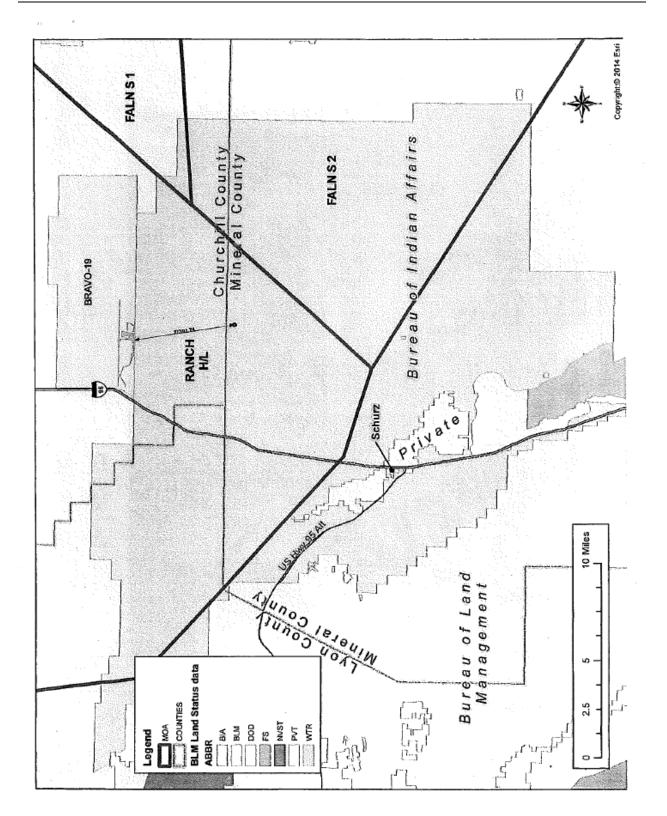
We have performed a root cause analysis and determined that the off-range ordnance was due to human error in entering coordinates. We have reviewed our processes and implemented additional safeguards in an attempt to prevent further errors of this kind.

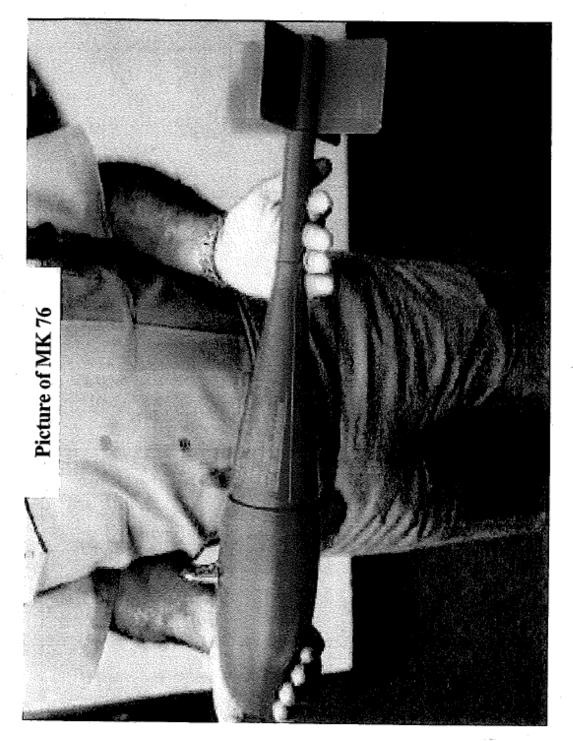
Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: (1) Map of impact point (2) Picture of MK 76





Enclosure (2)



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Bobby Sanchez Chairperson Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Chairperson Sanchez,

#### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



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## Walker River Paiute Tribe

1022 Hospital Road • P.O. Box 220 • Schurz, Nevada 89427 Telephone: (775) 773-2306 Fax: (775) 773-2585

November 17, 2016

Captain David Halloran Commanding Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Attn: Environmental Division, Building 350 4755 Pasture Road Fallon, NV 89406

Dear Captain Halloran:

The Walker River Paiute Tribe is requesting to be a Cooperating Agency on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). This proposed modernization would include expansion of land ranges, airspace modifications, and renewing public land withdrawals.

The Walker River Paiute Tribe feels that our participation as a Cooperating Agency would be important to the development of the EIS with the Tribe's historical knowledge and expertise with respect to the environmental impacts applicable to the land, air quality, water resources, plants, cultural resources and traditional resources located within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The Tribe has a responsibility to protect its natural and cultural resources.

We would also be able to provide input on impacts of the direct effects of past and present actions on the environment. The Walker River Paiute Reservation is adjacent to the Bravo-19 (B-19) Range. The southern boundary shares a common 9-mile border. With the expansion of Bravo-17, the reservation will be in close proximity on the eastern boundary as well. The Tribe has a responsibility to protect its lands to ensure the suitability for current uses and benefit for future generations.

This letter will in no way replace formal government to government consultation with the Tribe on the proposed modernization of the FRTC in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800. All Tribal consultation will take

place here on the Walker River Paiute Reservation at a Special Council Meeting yet to be scheduled between your office and the Tribe.

We look forward to the opportunity to participate in the EIS and recognize the need to work together to achieve maximum efficiency for our respective agencies.

Sincerely,

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Amber Torres Tribal Chairman WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

cc: File – Navy FRTC Modernization EIS Amy Kelly, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest WRPT Cultural Specialist WRPT Environmental Department WRPT Water Resources Department

# LAW OFFICES OF WES WILLIAMS JR.

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November 18, 2016

Captain David Halloran Naval Air Station Fallon 4755 Pasture Road Fallon Fallon, NV 89496

Re: MOA with Walker River PaiuteTribe

Dear Captain Halloran:

As you may recall, I am general counsel to the Walker River Paiute Tribe ("Tribe"). During a recent meeting, you provided a proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the Tribe and the Navy to address reporting protocols and other matters related to Navy off-range ordnance. The Tribe had entered into prior MOAs with the Navy on these subjects. Your proposed MOA deleted a number of provisions from the prior MOAs that the Tribe believes need to be included. Also as we discussed at a recent meeting, the Tribe believes that other provisions need to be added.

Enclosed is a proposed new MOA with the Tribe's revisions. Please look it over and let us know what we need to do to finalize this MOA.

Sincerely yours,

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Wes Williams Jr.

Cc: Walker River Paiute Tribal Chairperson

#### MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMANDER, NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST AND WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

### NOTIFICATION AND ASSISTANCE PROTOCOL FOR ADDRESSING OFF-RANGE ORDNANCE, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INCIDENTS AND AIRCRAFT MISHAPS THAT HAVE IMPACT ON WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBAL LANDS

### N00242-20150930-F18-MOA

### I. PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

(a) This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is made and entered into by the Walker River Paiute Tribe (Tribe), and Commander, Navy Region Southwest (CNRSW), by and through the Commanding Officer Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada (NAS Fallon).

### II. REFERENCES

(a) DoD 4710.02 (b) SECNAVINST 11010.14A

### III. PURPOSE

(a) The purpose of this MOA is to establish a reporting and assistance process for NAS Fallon to follow in the event that:

- (1). Off-range ordnance, flares, other military munitions or debris lands on Tribal land;
- (2). A hazardous material incident occurs that poses a health or safety risk to the Tribe;
- (3). An aircraft mishap occurs on or adjacent to Tribal lands;

(4). A military training activity poses a potential danger to the health, safety, or economic wellbeing of the Tribe.

(b) This agreement shall delineate certain reporting requirements and establish emergency entry and assistance procedures that will allow NAS Fallon personnel to enter onto Tribal sovereign lands in certain circumstances to assess and address impacts or hazards resulting from military training. It will also serve to establish a more formal and regular schedule of meetings and exchanges of information between NAS Fallon and the Tribe.

### IV. AUTHORITY FOR ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT

(a) Whereas, the Walker River Paiute Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, with sovereign lands located under NAS Fallon's Special Use Airspace;

(b) Whereas, the governing body of the Tribe is organized under the provisions of the *Indian Reorganization Act* of June 18, 1934, as amended, to exercise certain rights of home rule;

(c) Whereas, the Tribe has the responsibility to serve the Tribal Members and residents of the Walker River Paiute Reservation, protect its natural and cultural resources, ensure the safety of its members, and promote the economic and social welfare of its members;

(d) Whereas, the Tribe has the responsibility to protect and manage its sovereign lands in a manner that ensures the land's suitability for current uses and its benefit for future generations;

(e) Whereas, NAS Fallon is a shore activity of the Department of the Navy, which includes airto-ground training ranges and public lands that have been withdrawn for those training ranges, and those withdrawn public lands are used to provide critical training in support of the Department of Defense's national security mission;

(f) Whereas, NAS Fallon's mission is to provide integrated air strike and air warfare training in a realistic threat environment for military aircrews - primarily to improve power projection/interdiction capabilities of the U.S. Navy Carrier Air Wings - and the readiness of the U.S. Navy fleet is vital to national defense and security;

(g) Whereas, over time, military ordnance, both live and inert, flares and other debris has fallen or been carried by winds outside the boundaries of NAS Fallon's B-19 training range and onto significant amounts of Tribal lands with impacts that were identified by a Navy funded survey as "contaminated";

(h) Whereas, the Tribe and NAS Fallon desire to enter into this government-to-government relationship through an MOA to address the process by which NAS Fallon shall notify and consult the Tribe about:

Ordnance or flares that have fallen or been carried by winds onto Tribal lands;
 Hazardous material accidents which may be reasonably anticipated to affect Tribal lands or the Tribe;

(3). Aircraft mishaps;

(4). Any other activity conducted by NAS Fallon *(e.g.,* scheduled training exercises) that may be reasonably anticipated to have an impact on Tribal lands or the health, safety or livelihood of Tribal members or residents of the Reservation.

(i) Whereas, the Tribe and NAS Fallon further desire that this MOA establish a process whereby NAS Fallon may enter upon Tribal lands to retrieve munitions and/or remediate any resulting damage to Tribal lands that may have been caused by military training. Finally, the Tribe and NAS Fallon further desire to establish a formal and regular schedule of meetings with one another to develop enhanced awareness of each other's missions, activities, and culture, and as a means to share information regarding common areas of concern, safety issues and potential business opportunities.

## V. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

Now, therefore, the Tribe and NAS Fallon agree as follows:

(a) Appropriate points of contact shall be named for the purpose of reporting mishaps that damage or impact Tribal land, or the health, safety or livelihood of the Members of the Tribe.

(1). NAS Fallon agrees to provide a single point of contact ("POC") that will be responsible for notifying the Tribe and coordinating all remedial actions related to military mishaps that impact the Tribe. The POC shall be the Operations Duty Officer for Naval Air Station Fallon, telephone (775) 426-2419. In the event the primary POC is not available, the alternate POC is Commanding Officer (CO), NAS Fallon, telephone (775) 426-2700;

(2). The Tribe agrees that for incident reporting and coordination purposes, the single POC from the Tribe shall be the Walker River Paiute Tribal Chairperson, telephone (775) 773-2306. In the event that the primary POC is unavailable, the alternate POC is the Tribe's Police Department, telephone (775) 773-2544. Phone numbers may be updated without changing this agreement.

(b) Reporting incidents, discovery of off-range ordnance, and entry onto Tribal lands for the purpose of inspection, removal, or rendering safe (blown in place) of off-range ordnance, flares or other debris that has fallen or been carried by winds onto Tribal lands, shall be as follows:

(1). Notification procedure: One party shall notify the other as soon as possible, but not later than 24 hours after occurrence or discovery of an incident in which ordnance, flares or any other type of material or debris used in military training exercises or otherwise under the control of the United States military have landed or been carried by winds onto Tribal lands, and will provide information on the location, ordnance or debris involved, extent of any damage or destruction to the land or its fixtures, and the recommended plan of action to retrieve or render safe such ordnance. Within one week following the initial notification, the identifying party will forward written notification of the incident, to include the above information, to the other party.

(2). Entry procedure: In consultation with the Tribe's POC or alternate POC, NAS Fallon will arrange an appropriate time and place to meet with the Tribe's Designee. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit will ensure the area is safe and determine the best access and egress routes for both parties. Following the determination of hazards, a safety brief will be given to all parties present. If and to the extent circumstances allow, the Tribe's POC will accompany EOD to the site for the purpose of inspection and damage assessment, as well as possible ordnance removal or action rendering such ordnance safe. Unless the Tribe's POC specifically agrees in writing, except where otherwise provide in (3) in this Section, NAS Fallon personnel shall not enter onto Tribal land for the purpose of viewing, retrieving, or rendering safe ordnance without notifying the Tribe prior to entering.

(3). Where NAS Fallon has knowledge that ordnance poses an *imminent* threat to the Tribe and/or property on Tribal land, the Tribe hereby gives NAS Fallon personnel authorization to come onto Tribal land to remove or render such ordnance safe. NAS

Fallon agrees to provide Tribe's POC notice and emergency response information as soon as reasonably practical, and shall follow all other requirements stated in this MOA.

(4). Clean-up and removal of ordnance, flares or other debris shall include the removal of all pieces of such ordnance, flares or debris from the site. The impact area will be backfilled to the original grade. All debris must be removed from the site by the Navy and may not be buried on the Reservation. NAS Fallon, in coordination with the Tribe, will develop a plan to restore the impacted area within one month from completion of the cleanup, seasons and weather permitting. Site restoration (reseeding) will take place during the time of year in which germination is likely to occur (i.e., spring or fall). Within three weeks from the notice of the mishap, NAS Fallon shall provide a written revegetation plan to the Tribe, which must be agreed upon by the parties. NAS Fallon will be responsible for funding and executing any necessary re-vegetation plan.

- (5). Investigation and clean up of ordnance, flares or debris upon Tribe lands shall be handled as described above and include the following (if necessary):
  - Location of command post/staging area will be coordinated with the Tribe.
  - (2) No road construction, earthwork or vegetative (including trees) removal is authorized to gain access to the site. Vehicle use is restricted to well established roads and trails and no off road vehicle travel is allowed without written approval from the Tribe's POC.
  - (3) All debris will be removed from the Tribe's lands and affected area(s) will be restored to their natural state.

(c) Reporting and material removal associated with Navy aircraft mishaps on Tribal lands shall be as follows:

(1). In the event of an aircraft mishap on or adjacent to Tribal lands, NAS Fallon will immediately locate and dispatch search and rescue helicopter(s), if available, to the mishap site.

(2). NAS Fallon will notify the Tribe immediately of the mishap and provide the location, size of affected area, and any information on soil contamination (fuel), ordnance and size of burn area. Appropriate Navy or other uniformed service personnel will provide 24-hour security at the mishap site until the wreckage is removed. A command post/staging area will be established adjacent to the site.

(3). In order to ensure the safety of all Tribal members and ensure an unimpeded federal emergency response and investigation of military aviation aircraft mishaps sites, NAS Fallon personnel shall have certain exclusive emergency response authorities to manage aircraft mishap crash sites; This may include but are not limited to:

(1) Establishing perimeters and restricted access points

- (2) Controlling access to the site, including restricting Tribal access
- (3) Fire fighting
- (4) Field investigation
- (5) Clean up and removal of debris and other materials

(4). Upon establishment of such perimeters or access points, NAS Fallon shall coordinate with the appropriate Tribal POC to provide escorted site access and visits. Tribal law enforcement entities shall provide assistance to NAS Fallon personnel in establishing a perimeter or restricting access as may be necessary to ensure the safety and security of Tribal lands or Tribe members.

(5). Fires associated with the mishap will be extinguished by the Navy at the impact area (500 feet around the mishap site) with hand tools, water and chemical extinguishers, if possible.

(6). Navy field investigation of any mishap will be on foot. If there is a requirement to retrieve large objects, helicopter transport may be used. If that is not possible, due either to safety concerns or the inability to secure the object for air transport, motor vehicles will be used to relocate the objects to the staging area. Vehicle access to the mishap site and command post/staging area shall be restricted to the overland travel route for both ingress and egress. This route will not be graded and/or bladed unless necessary.

(7). Clean-up and removal of mishap debris shall include the removal of all pieces of debris from the site. The impact area will be backfilled to the original grade. All debris must be removed from the site by the Navy and may not be buried on the Reservation. NAS Fallon, in coordination with the Tribe, will develop a plan to restore the impacted area within one month from completion of the cleanup, seasons and weather permitting. Site restoration (reseeding) will take place during the time of year in which germination is likely to occur (i.e., spring or fall). Within three weeks from the notice of the mishap, NAS Fallon shall provide a written re-vegetation plan to the Tribe, which must be agreed upon by the parties. NAS Fallon will be responsible for funding and executing any necessary re-vegetation plan.

(8). Navy investigation and cleanup of aircraft mishaps upon Tribal lands shall be handled as described above and include the following:

(1) Location of command post/staging area will be coordinated with the Tribe.

(2) No road construction, earthwork or vegetative (to include trees) removal is authorized to gain access to the mishap site. Vehicle use is restricted to well established roads and trails and no off road vehicle travel is allowed without written approval from the Tribe's POC.

(3) All visible and hazardous mishap debris will be removed from the Tribe's lands and affected area(s) will be restored to their natural state.

(d) Reporting and coordinating corrective action associated with hazardous material incidents on Tribal lands shall be as follows:

(1) NAS Fallon will notify the Tribe immediately of any hazardous material incident that NAS Fallon has reason to believe has impacted Tribal lands, and provide information on the location, material(s) spilled and quantity, size of contaminated area, and the corrective action that NAS Fallon proposes to take to contain the spill. Within one week of the incident, NAS Fallon will forward written notification of the incident, to include the above information, to the Tribe.

(2) NAS Fallon, in consultation with the Tribe and with the Tribe's concurrence, will implement long-range corrective action, as required, in connection with any hazardous materials incident.

(3) If corrective action requires personnel from NAS Fallon to enter onto Tribal lands, the NAS Fallon POC shall obtain permission from the Tribe's POC before doing so. Moreover, unless the Tribe's POC specifically waives this requirement in writing on a case-by-case basis, whenever NAS Fallon personnel are on Tribal land, they shall be accompanied by a designee of the Tribe.

(4) Within one week after the completion of any necessary corrective action, NAS Fallon shall forward a letter report of corrective action taken to the Tribal Chairperson. The letter shall include all pertinent data, including the corrective action taken, correspondence with the Tribe, and photos (before and after) associated with the spill or incident site.

(5) NAS Fallon shall conduct all clean up activities in compliance with all federal laws regarding hazardous materials.

(e) NAS Fallon will notify the Tribe, in advance, of any upcoming training exercise that is expected to negatively impact or disrupt the Tribe's daily activities or that poses a safety risk to any member of the Tribe. Examples of the kind of training exercise that should be the subject of prior notification include: sustained low-level flights over or adjacent to Tribal lands or scheduled demolitions that are expected to produce sufficient force and sound to shake buildings and windows on the Reservation. Such notification should be made enough in advance of the training exercise to reasonably allow the Tribe to give advance warning to its members.

(f) The Navy has over many years contaminated Tribal lands with ordnance and other debris that has not been removed from the Reservation. The Navy identified as potentially contaminated approximately 6173 acres of Reservation land. The Tribe has not been compensated for the Navy's contamination, for the Navy's continuing trespass on the Reservation and for the Tribe losing the use of the land. The parties agree that they will enter into discussions that seek to resolve this long-standing issue within sixty (60) days of execution of this MOA.

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(g) The parties acknowledge that this Agreement, and no other agreements or documents from the Tribe, give NAS Fallon or any other U.S. military personnel any right to trespass on, contaminate, destroy or harm in any way Tribal lands or resources. While NAS Fallon has a long history of such conduct, the Tribe in no way condones such behavior or activity and demands that NAS Fallon compensate the Tribe for such activities. Based on the foregoing, the parties agree that as soon as possible after any action by NAS Fallon that constitutes a trespass, contamination, destruction or harm to the Tribe or its resources, the parties will meet to determine fair and reasonable monetary or other compensation that NAS Fallon will provide to the Tribe for the activities. The fair and reasonable monetary or other compensation will be determined based on the damage caused, threat to Tribal members and others on the Reservation, trespass fees and all other factors. While military personnel often refer to the Reservation as simply a barren desert, the parties acknowledge that the Reservation is the Tribe' homeland and is sacred, so that any unauthorized actions by military personnel constitute significant harm and damage to the Tribe. At a minimum, NAS shall pay the Tribe the following amounts for the following types of contamination incidents: \$50,000 for hazardous or other debris; \$250,000 for hazardous or other debris that cannot be located or cannot be removed; \$1,000,000 for jet, helicopter, drone or aerial vehicle crash; and \$10,000 per week (\$10,000 minimum) for failing to report an incident within the time frames stated herein.

(h) NAS Fallon's failure to comply with the terms of this MOA shall constitute harm to the Tribe that NAS Fallon agrees must be addressed through paying monetary or other compensation. Similar to the process stated in Subsection (g) above, the parties agree that as soon as possible after any action by NAS Fallon that constitutes a failure to comply with the terms of this MOA, the parties will meet to determine fair and reasonable monetary or other compensation that NAS Fallon will provide to the Tribe for the action.

## VI. ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

(a) In order to foster better and more frequent communication between the parties, and in the spirit of intergovernmental cooperation, the parties agree to meet, face to-face, at least twice a year. One of these formal meetings will be hosted by the Tribal Chairperson at the Reservation and the other hosted by the CO NAS Fallon at the Installation. At the beginning of each calendar year, the Tribal Chairperson will arrange an acceptable date for the parties to meet at the Reservation and the CO, NAS Fallon will arrange an acceptable date for the parties to meet at the base. Meeting agendas will be approved by both parties prior to the meeting, and draft meeting minutes will be published by the Navy and allow comments from the Tribe for 30 days following the meeting before publishing final meeting minutes.

(b) To demonstrate its commitment to the health, safety and well-being of the Tribe, NAS Fallon agrees to distribute educational materials and conduct safety demonstrations, upon request once per year, for the Tribe, regarding the identification and procedures to take when Tribal members come in contact with military or non-military ordnance.

(c) This MOA shall not be construed as a waiver or release of liability for any claims the Walker River Paiute Tribe has against the United States, Department of the Navy or any other United States military service on the basis of contamination, trespass, or any other causes of action, that existed prior to this MOA or that arises during the term of this MOA.

(d) This MOA shall remain in force and effect for a three year term beginning when the last party signs this MOA, or until a party withdraws or it is superseded by another document.

(e) The MOA may be amended by mutual written agreement of the parties.

(f) Any party may withdraw from the MOA upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

This MOA is effective upon the last signature date.

# VII. COMMITMENT OF FEDERAL AND TRIBAL AUTHORITY BY SIGNATORIES

(a) For the Department of the Navy

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Ms. Cynthia Oceguera Environmental Director, Walker River Paiute Tribe P. O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Ms. Oceguera:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

Sincerely,

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



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Ms. Elveda Martinez Walker River Paiute Tribe P. O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Ms. Martinez:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

Sincerely,

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



> 5090 Ser PWD/012 30 Nov 16

Ms. Marlene Begay Walker River Paiute Tribe P. O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Ms. Begay:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

Sincerely,

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



> 5090 Ser PWD/018 30 Nov 16

Ms. Victoria Guzman Walker River Paiute Tribe P. O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Ms. Guzman:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

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RE: Comments on the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Dear Sir,

The Walker River Paiute Tribe of Schurz, Nevada wishes to submit the following comments regarding the FRTC Modernization EIS.

The Tribe initially received a letter from David Halloran, Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer of the Fallon Naval Air Station dated August 25, 2016. The letter was a "NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATION, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL". This letter noted its proposals of renewing an existing public land withdrawal, withdrawing an additional 604,789 acres of additional public lands and to expand existing land ranges, etc. The letter further noted the Environmental Analysis that would be done as well as the scoping meetings dates and places to be held. Comments were welcomed by the November 25, 2016 deadline. The most important paragraph in this letter was the following statement: "The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800." Naval staff was to be contacting our staff "in the coming days" to discuss the possibility of scheduling a meeting.

In reviewing the draft EIS, under Government-to-Government Consultation it states:

The Navy has solicited comments from Native American tribes potentially affected by the project by letter, phone, and e-mail and has received both written and oral responses. As is required by 36 CF.R. 800 and as is appropriate, the Navy will continue to actively engage the tribes in Government-to-Government consultations until the end of the project.

Printed in the Appendices of the Draft EIS there are some letters that have been sent to the Tribe. A letter dated May 16, 2013 notifies the Tribe of the EIS for Military Readiness Activities at U.S. Navy Fallon Range Training Complex. The next letter dated January 20, 2015 has a subject of Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS for Military Readiness Activities at U.S. Navy Fallon Range Training Complex. The first line of the letter states: "This letter initiates consultation with the Walker River Paiute Tribe of the Walker River Reservation in regard to the subject ..... " It further goes on to note when a public meeting will be held (Fallon - February 19, 2015). Government-to-Government Consultation issues and discussion will be with the Tribal Council and not at a public meeting in order to meet the consultation requirements. The next letter dated April 23, 2015 has the subject line Draft EIS on Military Readiness Activities at U.S. Navy Fallon Range Training Center. The first line in this letter states "This letter continues consultation with the Walker River Paiute Tribe in regard to the subject undertaking in accordance with 36 CFR 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended." It further states that the Navy initiated Section 106 consultation with the Tribe in its letter dated January 20, 2015. In addition, it states information from the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer. Again, this letter does not constitute "consultation" with the Tribe. The final letter, dated June 11, 2015, "thanks" the Tribe for having two individuals for participate and attend a meeting regarding the FRTC EIS.

The Tribe is interested in entering into formal Government-to-Government Consultation on this EIS. Such will require an initial meeting with the Tribal Council that will be held here on the Walker River Paiute Reservation.

On October 14, 2016 Tribes were invited to a meeting that was held at the Youth Activity Center at the NAS in Fallon. There were representatives from five (5) tribes in attendance; attending from our Tribe was Victoria Guzman, Cynthia Oceguera, Marlene Begay and Elveda Martinez. A PowerPoint presentation titled "Required Training Capabilities of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) – The Carrier in the Desert" was shown. Information included: the FRTC training information, mission training, design for combat success, combat training realism, training infrastructure, weapons analysis, Naval Special Warfare Analysis, land summaries, information on the different Bravo's, airspace summary, environmental resource areas to be analyzed and the NEPA process and timeline. Most of the information wasn't understandable to the average person and tribal staff expressed their lack of understanding on this presentation. The FRTC Modernization pamphlet was also provided to those in attendance; this information is also included on the EIS website.

Tribal representatives were given the opportunity to express their concerns, provide information and ask questions, such as:

\*This presentation/meeting should not be considered "official" Government-to-Government consultation. That needs to be with each individual Tribe and be between decision making individuals.

\*Is the Navy asking for the increased land withdrawals with the intention of getting what they can or do they really need all of this land?

\*Will there be new targets on the ranges?

\*There are traditional gathering areas in some of the withdrawal areas; will we still be able to visit those locations and gather plants, pinenuts, etc.

\*What will be the economic benefits of the proposal? How will the Tribe's benefit? The information provided shows that in 2015 there was a \$517.4 million economic benefit for Churchill, Lyon and Washoe Counties; this was for jobs, industry output, direct payroll of personnel, in state and local tax revenues, visitor spending, funds paid to landowners for agricultural easements and Federal Impact Aid to support local schools. There is NO economic benefit to the Walker River Paiute Tribe, even though we are located within 20 miles of the main base and have Tribal lands that are adjacent to Bravo 19.

\*We have concerns for the already existing Wilderness Areas that are identified within the proposed land withdrawal areas. What will be the effect to the wildlife and lands in those areas?

\*How will the increased flyovers affect the wildlife, air quality, etc.?

\*How will water resources, wells, guzzlers, etc. be affected and monitored? \*With the increased flyovers, should we be concerned about exhaust emission or fuel dumping; to

humans or wildlife? \*Will there be a lot of night time flights? We are concerned about the noise.

\*The maps provided were small and didn't' have identifying markers, boundary lines to get a good understanding of the land areas proposed for expansion. Our Tribe is concerned about how our Eastern boundary will be impacted by the increased "training" and "bombing". Historically, Naval and other pilots have continuously missed their targets.

In reviewing certain parts of the draft EIS, the Tribe would like to further comment after discussions with the BLM, USFWS and State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). The Cultural Resource sections need to be reviewed by our cultural resource people; discussion needs to be held with the people that made the statements in this section. We need to discuss the many land issues with the BLM, ie. Wilderness Areas, land withdrawals, sage grouse habitat and treatment, etc. The sage grouse issue and the negative affects also need to be discussed with the USFWS as we have a great concern on how the animals and birds will be affected. The land in question has many cultural resource areas that we and other tribes are concerned about.

We are requesting that Tribal Cultural Resource Monitors from our Tribe be present and involved in any and all discussions regarding Tribal concerns. They should be paid by the Navy for their time in the field, for attending meetings and writing reports and all associated costs. It's important that all federal laws are following and all Tribal concerns are addressed.

Major concerns of our Tribe:

\*The Navy has a long history of ignoring the Tribe's concerns.

\*The Navy destroyed facilities on our reservation since the early 1940's.

\*Access to areas on our reservation have been restricted due to "dangerous" conditions. Nearly 6,000 acres has been contaminated with live and inert ordnance.

\*The Navy currently flies over our Reservation; we are concerned about the increased jet traffic, the increased use of Tribal airspace and the increased air pollution.

We are requesting that we begin meeting with Naval officials with decision making capabilities to discuss the EIS and the many historical and current concerns of our Tribe. The Fallon NAS has historical records and information on how they have negatively impacted our reservation for years.

In the early 1990's, the Tribe negotiated with Naval officials to attempt to come to resolution on the trespass (and damages) and contamination of Tribal lands. There were many decisions that were made during that time, but still no final decision was made. It's important to resolve those issues during this process so that the Navy can move forward with their needed training needs and the Tribe can be compensated accordingly for the many years of trespass, etc.

On March 30, 2016 a F/A 18 jet dropped two 25 pound bombs while performing a training mission in the vicinity of Bravo 19. Neither of these bombs were found and it is likely that they never will be. We were greatly disappointed that it took the Navy (David Halloran, Captain, US Navy Commanding Officer) until October 11, 2016 to send a report to our Tribe to explain the incident. As usual the Navy reports that: "There is no likely appreciable human or environmental health risk associated with the MK 76s due to the likelihood of the MK76s having buried themselves and the detonation of the spotting charges upon impact...." The letter further goes on to state: "We have performed a root cause analysis and determined that the off-range ordnance was due to human error in entering coordinates. We have reviewed our processes and implemented additional safeguards in an attempt to prevent further errors of this kind." These types of errors have been happening since the early 1940's.

The EIS should provide information on the history of munition issues on our Reservation. We assume that data is available on the frequency and extent of aircraft mishaps and of off-range ordnance, flares, or other military munitions landing on Tribal lands. This information should be included since it is central to the impact assessment. The Navy needs to disclose whether and, if so, how off-range UXO and munitions on the Reservation are being managed in compliance with the Military Munitions Rule. The EIS should explain how the Navy is complying, and would comply under the proposed action, with the Military Munitions Rule for munitions that land off-range on our Reservation. The Navy should also discuss whether the beneficial procedure outlined in the Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP) Implementation Manuel is applicable and whether any components of it are being implemented. Additional mitigation measures that could eliminate or minimize future ordnance and munitions expenditures on the Reservation with the Tribe.

The Tribe and Navy are currently revising and reviewing a MOA that is titled "Notification and Assistance Protocol for Addressing Off-Range Ordnance, Hazardous Material Incidents and Aircraft Mishaps that have Impact on Walker River Paiute Tribal Lands". This MOA has been utilized for years. It is necessary, because the Navy has been dropping bombs on our reservation for over 70 years.

A letter dated November 17, 2016 to Captain David Halloran was sent requesting that our Tribe be a Cooperating Agency on the EIS. We feel that our participation would be important to the development of the EIS, as the Tribe has historical knowledge with respect to the environmental impacts, including those to the land, air quality, water resources, plants, cultural resources and traditional resources located with the EIS study area. We are looking forward for the opportunity to participate in the EIS process with other cooperating agencies. In closing, the Walker River Paiute Tribe is looking forward to begin Government-to-Government consultation with decision making Naval officials so that we can discuss the many issues noted in the draft EIS as well as the issues that have impacted our Reservation over the many years.

Sincerely,

Amber Torres, Tribal Chairman WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

cc:

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> N REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/0325 23 March 2017

Amber Torres, Tribal Chairman Walker River Paiute Tribe 1022 Hospital Road P.O. Box 220 Schurz, Nevada 89427

Dear Ms. Torres:

## SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR COOPERATING AGENCY STATUS AND INVITATION TO GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION, FALLON, NEVADA

Thank you for your letter of November 17, 2016, requesting that the Walker River Paiute Tribe serve as a Cooperating Agency for the Department of the Navy's (Navy's) Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). While the Navy appreciates the Tribe's interest in serving as a Cooperating Agency, we respectfully decline your request. We propose that the Tribe's participation in the development of the FRTC EIS will be appropriately and successfully realized through a government-to-government (G2G) consultation process. The Navy expects the G2G consultation for the FRTC EIS to be both continuing and comprehensive, occurring for the duration of the National Environmental Policy Act environmental planning process.

Through the Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon Commanding Officer and his staff, the Navy looks forward to conducting this consultation with the Walker River Paiute Tribe. The NAS Fallon staff point of contact for this consultation is Mr. Mike Baskerville, Cultural Resources Program Manager, michael.c.baskerville@navy.mil, (775) 426-3027. Mr. Baskerville may be reached directly by email or phone to discuss the consultation. The U.S. Pacific Fleet EIS Program Manager is Mr. Alex Stone, alexander.stone@navy.mil, (619) 545-8128.

Sincerely,

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L. M. FOSTER By direction

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Amber Torres Chairman Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Chairman Torres,

#### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- · Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- · Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

file, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000 5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017 Amber Torres Chairman Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427 Dear Chairman Torres, SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories. The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense. RECORD OWNER: En almer RECORD DATE: 2/5 DISPOSE OF DATE NIA TIER LEVEL:

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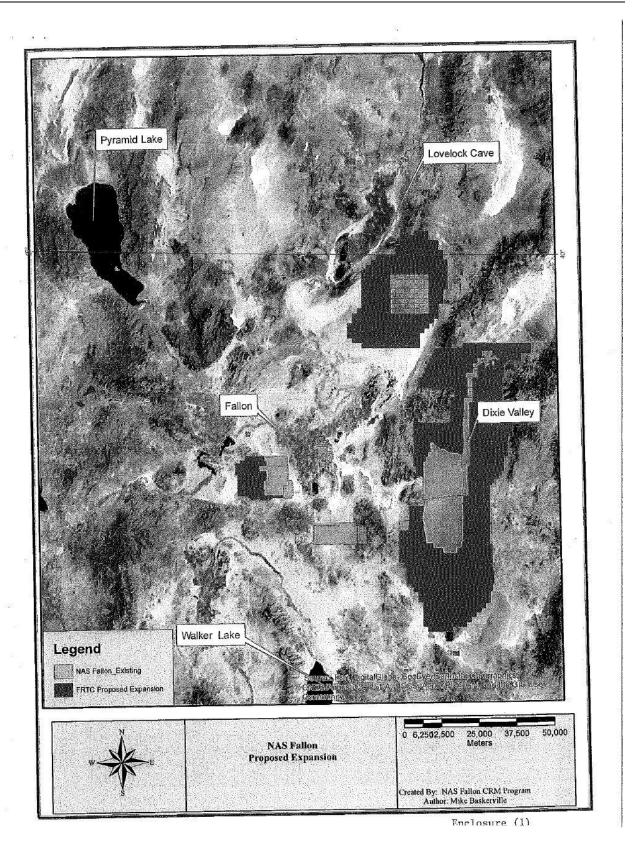
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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1

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From:	Misty Benner
To:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	[Non-DoD Source] Fallon Range Training Complex Expansion Cultural Properties Identification
Date:	Monday, August 07, 2017 9:55:35

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Date:	Monday, August 07, 2017 10:36:00

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From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	Misty Benner
Subject:	RE: Fallon Range Training Complex Expansion Cultural Properties Identification
Date:	Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:10:00

Misty: Thank you for the information and your help on this matter. The caves I am speaking about are located in the Dead Camel Mountains east of the caves you described below. I am going to create a map showing the location of the Salt Caves and send it down to you this afternoon so that you can post it with the flyer. Again Thank you for help.

Mike.

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Subject:	RE: Fallon Range Training Complex Expansion Cultural Properties Identification
Date:	Thursday, August 17, 2017 7:31:00
Attachments:	Salt Cave.pdf

Misty: Attached is a map showing the location of Salt Cave.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NEVADA 89496 5000

5090 Ser N000CF/0198 November 28, 2017

Ms. Amber Torres Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89431

Dear Chairman Torres:

# SUBJECT: CULTURAL INVENTORY RESULTS PROPOSED FRTC EXPANSION

Enclosed for your information and comment is a report entitled A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of 14,062 Acres for the Proposed Land Withdrawal for Naval Air (NAS) Fallon, Churchill, Mineral, and Nye Counties, Nevada.

The inventory was conducted on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District- Stillwater Field Office (12,643.5 acres), Bureau of Reclamation-Mid-Pacific Region (1,231.8 acres), Department of Defense-NAS Fallon (45.7 acres), and private lands (141.0 acres). The inventories were conducted to identify cultural resources located within proposed target and maneuver areas associated with Alternative 1 of the proposed NAS Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

A total of 202 archaeological sites were newly recorded or updated as part of the current . project (146 prehistoric, 38 historic, and 18 multicomponent).

The information contained within the report will be used to assess the impact of the actions associated with Alternative 1 (the "Proposed Action" as announced in August 2016). Please note that we are currently conducting further surveys to supplement this report with respect to Alternative 1, and that additional survey work may be required in the event that a different or modified alternative is ultimately identified in the EIS as the Navy's preferred alternative. Thus we may subsequently be providing additional information for your review; however, since this report provides the cultural resource information we have collected thus far, we would greatly appreciafe your review of the report at this time. Accordingly, we ask that you please complete your review and provide any comments by January 6, 2018.

5090 Ser N000CF/0198 November 28, 2017

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775)426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely, Nº?

MICHAEL T. KLAPEC, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Manager By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Cultural Resource Inventory



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Amber Torres Chairperson Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, Nevada 89431

Dear Chairperson Torres:

# Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

# Encl: (1) PDEIS Comment Matrix Instructions

This letter is to formally invite you to review the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, the information is protected until such time it is released to the public. As stated in the Non-Disclosure Certificate, information directly or indirectly reviewed or discussed during the FRTC EIS process will not be divulged to unauthorized persons or entities.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Instructions for submitting PDEIS comments are attached and will be provided on the website. The PDEIS comments are **due June 15, 2018.** Comments received after June 15<sup>th</sup> may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

Click on the Comment Matrix to download it onto your computer. Instructions for completing the Comment Matrix are attached, and are available in the PDEIS folder in the E-Repository.

Please email the completed comment matrix to Amy Kelley at amy.p.kelley@navy.mil by June 15, 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

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DAVID HALLORAN

 From:
 Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW

 To:
 chairman@wrpt.us

 Subject:
 RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Meeting

 Date:
 Wednesday, May 16, 2018 13:22:00

Chairman: would 10:00 am on 30th of May still work for you. ?

Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil (775) 426-3027

-----Original Message-----From: chairman@wrpt.us [mailto:chairman@wrpt.us] Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 12:16 PM To: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Meeting

I am open for the week of May 29-June 1, 2018.

Amber

-----Original Message-----From: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW <michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil> Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 3:19 PM To: Amber Torres <Chairman@wrpt.us> Subject: Meeting

Chairman: From your last note I understand that the 24th of this month is not possible for a meeting to discussing the possibility of the Navy reimbursing the tribe for staff time. Is there a time during the week of the of the 28th of May or the week of June 1st.

v/r Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil (775) 426-3027



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NEVADA 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0145 July 10, 2018

The Honorable Amber Torres Chairman Walker River Paiute Tribe PO Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Chairman Torres:

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION SENSITIVE PROPERTIES CONSULTATION

The Department of the Navy (Navy) would like to thank you for your Tribe's participation in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Cooperating Agency/Tribal Participant meetings. The Navy realizes that these meetings may not have been the optimal place to discuss information related to potential impacts to culturally sensitive sites.

In order to account for impacts to culturally sensitive sites within preparation of National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act analysis and documentation, the Navy proposes to have a meeting with the tribal government, cultural committee, elders, and any interested individual tribal members who may have information related to the location of sensitive sites within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) associated with this undertaking (See Enclosure). At the meeting the Navy would also present information it has previously collected through background research and ask those present to offer any comments they might have on such information, with respect to accuracy, relevance, completeness.

The Navy is proposing to have the meeting on July 24, 2018. Please coordinate directly with Mike Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> as to whether the proposed date would be convenient for the Tribe, and in terms of arranging a time and location.

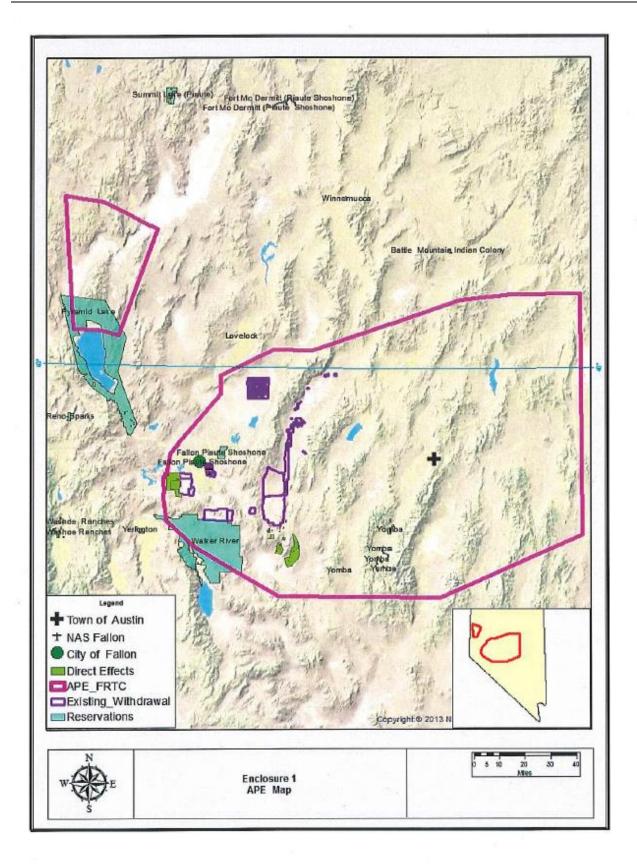
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Michael T. Klapec, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Director By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosure: Map of FRTC APE

Copy to: Mike Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon



From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	chairman@wrpt.us
Subject:	RE: [Non-DoD Source] Culturally sensitive sites
Date:	Tuesday, July 24, 2018 7:48:00

Chairman Torres: We can meet tomorrow on the 25th. What time would you be available?

Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil (775) 426-3027

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Good afternoon Mike, I apologize for the late email. I am not available on July 24th, 2018. I would be available on July 23rd or July 25th at this point. Let me know if these work for you.

Amber Torres

Tribal Chairman

Walker River Paiute Tribe

775-773-2306 (Work)

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From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	chairman@wrpt.us
Subject:	RE: [Non-DoD Source] Sensitive sites
Date:	Monday, August 13, 2018 7:37:00

Chairman: Thank you, I'll come down on Wednesday and pick it up from you, if your schedule permits.

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Mike, I have the map ready to go of the areas that are sensitive to Walker River.

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-----Original Message-----From: chairman@wrpt.us <chairman@wrpt.us> Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 10:05 AM To: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW <michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Lovelock Chairman info

Mike, here is the information for the Chairman of the Lovelock Paiute Tribe, her name is Stephanie Rhodes at 775-422-5897 and her email is lptchair@gmail.com.

Amber Torres

Tribal Chairman

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Walker River Paiute Tribe

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Amber Torres Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Chairperson Torres:

## Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- · Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

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Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

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Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na low DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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 From:
 Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW

 To:
 execsecretary@wrpt.org

 Subject:
 RE: [Non-DoD Source] Sensitive Site Meeting - 1pm

 Date:
 Wednesday, November 14, 2018 11:25:00

Thank you for confirming the meeting.

Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil (775) 426-3027

-----Original Message-----From: execsecretary@wrpt.org <execsecretary@wrpt.org> Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 10:52 AM To: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW <michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil> Cc: Amber Torres <chairman@wrpt.org> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Sensitive Site Meeting - 1pm

Confirming that Amber Torres, Chairman, WRPT will be in attendance along with her Environmental Team: Tashina Jim; Jordan Ackley and our Cultural Consultant: Misty Benner.

Location: Council Chambers; Tribal Admin Building, Fallon Paiute Tribe.

Thank you,

Ellie Root

Executive Secretary

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 From:
 Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVEAC SW

 To:
 Amber Torres

 Subject:
 Tribal Council DEIS

 Date:
 Thursday, November 15, 2018 15:33:00

Chairman: The Navy requests the opportunity to address the Tribal Council at the December 13th Meeting for the purpose of providing a brief on the proposed Fallon Range Expansion DLEIS.

Mike Baskerville

Cultural Resource Program Manager

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Amber Torres Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Chairperson Torres:

## SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until **February 14, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

C-354

From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	chairman@wrpt.org
Subject:	RE: [Non-DoD Source] Agenda request for EIS on expansion
Date:	Tuesday, January 08, 2019 11:57:00

Chairman: When is the next meeting? Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil (775) 426-3027

-----Original Message-----From: chairman@wrpt.org <chairman@wrpt.org> Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 8:59 AM To: Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW <michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Agenda request for EIS on expansion

#### Good evening Mike,

I was writing to see what had happened to you and your staff on our regular council meeting on December 13 as you were an agenda item and your were a no call, no show.

I hope all is well and you plan to attend our next meeting, although I have not heard from you in sometime? I will await a response from you. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Amber Torres

Tribal Chairman

Walker River Paiute Tribe

From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	execsecretary@wrpt.org
Cc:	Amber Torres: Rule. Robert M CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Agenda
Date:	Monday, February 11, 2019 8:36:00

Ms. Frank;

This is a formal conformation that the Navy will be attending the Tribal Council Meeting on Thursday. Additionally, the Navy is requesting an agenda for that meeting.

Mike Baskerville

Cultural Resource Program Manager

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From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	tribalseretary@plpt.nsn.us
Cc:	Green, Wanda S CIV NAVFAC SW, ESWD; Goodwin, Sara R CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	FRTC Brief
Date:	Tuesday, February 19, 2019 11:27:00

Ms. Henry: It was nice to speak with you this morning. I understand that the Chairman is very busy this week and there won't be an opportunity for the Navy to provide a briefing on the proposed Fallon Training Range Expansion. As an alternative it has been suggested that we attend the Council Meeting on the 1st of March at 6:00 pm.

If anything above is incorrect please let me know.

I'll check with the individuals most likely to attend the meeting and get back with you once I have an answer.

Sincerely

Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil (775) 426-3027

From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	Amber Torres
Cc:	Green, Wanda S CIV NAVEAC SW. ESWD: Rule, Robert M CIV NAVEAC SW: Klapec, Michael T CIV NAVEAC SW
Subject:	RE: [Non-DoD Source] Sensitive Site Meeting - 1pm
Date:	Tuesday, February 19, 2019 15:07:00

Chairman Torres: Just spoke with Rob Rule, the Public Works Officer, Ed Rybold and my Supervisor to see if anybody had received a phone call or e-mail regarding the re-scheduling of the brief for tonight. Nobody has a record of having been contacted. As stated during our conversation when I spoke with your Secretary on Thursday afternoon the conversation was limited to her notifying me the meeting had been cancelled, that we needed to reschedule, and that I would be leaving shortly and would not be in until Tuesday and we could discuss it then.

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Location: Council Chambers; Tribal Admin Building, Fallon Paiute Tribe.

Thank you,

Ellie Root

Executive Secretary

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From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	Amber Torres; execsecretary@wrpt.org
Cc:	Goodwin, Sara R CIV NAVFAC SW; Green, Wanda S CIV NAVFAC SW, ESWD; Rule, Robert M CIV NAVFAC SW;
	Burns, Patrick J G513 NAWDC, N38
Subject:	Request
Date:	Tuesday, February 19, 2019 15:51:00

Chairman Torres: The Navy is requesting to be placed on the agenda for the March Council Meeting to present the FRTC Brief.

From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV USN NAVFAC SW SAN CA (USA)
To:	execsecretary@wrpt.org
Subject:	RE: [Non-DoD Source] Thursday, March 14, 2019 - Tribal Council Meeting
Date:	Monday, March 11, 2019 11:31:00

Ellie: let me get with a few folks and find out if they can make it.

Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil (775) 426-3027

-----Original Message-----From: execsecretary@wrpt.org <execsecretary@wrpt.org> Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:28 AM To: Baskerville, Michael C CIV USN NAVFAC SW SAN CA (USA) <michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil> Cc: Amber Torres <chairman@wrpt.org>; Sarah Lamkin <receptionist@wrpt.org> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Thursday, March 14, 2019 - Tribal Council Meeting

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Do you still want to be on the schedule to present? We have a meeting this Thursday at 6pm. Please let me know at your earliest convenience. Again, I apologize for the inconvenience.

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From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV USN NAVFAC SW SAN CA (USA)
To:	execsecretary@wrpt.org
Cc:	Amber Torres; Sarah Lamkin; Green, Wanda S CIV USN NAVFAC SW SAN CA (US); Goodwin, Sara R CIV (USA)
Subject:	RE: [Non-DoD Source] Thursday, March 14, 2019 - Tribal Council Meeting
Date:	Monday, March 11, 2019 14:37:00

Ellie: Talked to the folks that have the presentations and they are available to come down on Thursday; however, we will not be able to make it to the meeting until 6:30 because of the Cooperating/Tribal partnership meeting related to the FRTC is happening on the same day and it doesn't end until 5:00 pm.

Mike Baskerville Cultural Resource Program Manager NAS Fallon michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil (775) 426-3027

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> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Amber Torres Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Chairperson Torres:

#### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Walker River Paiute Tribe both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Amber Torres Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Chairperson Torres:

#### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0221 September 30, 2019

Amber Torres Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Chairperson Torres:

#### SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Amber Torres Walker River Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 220 Schurz, NV 89427

Dear Chairperson Torres:

#### Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- · An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- The proposed support for tribal access
- · Protection of tribal burials
- A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
To:	<u>chairman@wrpt.us</u>
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2019
Date:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:07:17 PM
Attachments:	Walker River Paiute Tribe CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL LEADERS.pdf

#### Chairperson Torres

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701. The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>. Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

## C.16 Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Neil Mortimer Chairman Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California 919 Hwy. 395 S. Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Chairman Mortimer,

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- · Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foresceable future actions on the human environment. No decisions about the Proposed Action or any real estate actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

#### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

 Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409. Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409.

The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

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Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate in opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staf As. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting our staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the neantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if ou have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Neil Mortimer Chairperson Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California 919 Hwy 395 S. Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Chairperson Mortimer,

## SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Neil Mortimer Chairman Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California 919 Hwy. 395 S. Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Chairman Mortimer,

#### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Neil Mortimer Chairman Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California 919 Hwy. 395 S. Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Chairman Mortimer,

## SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

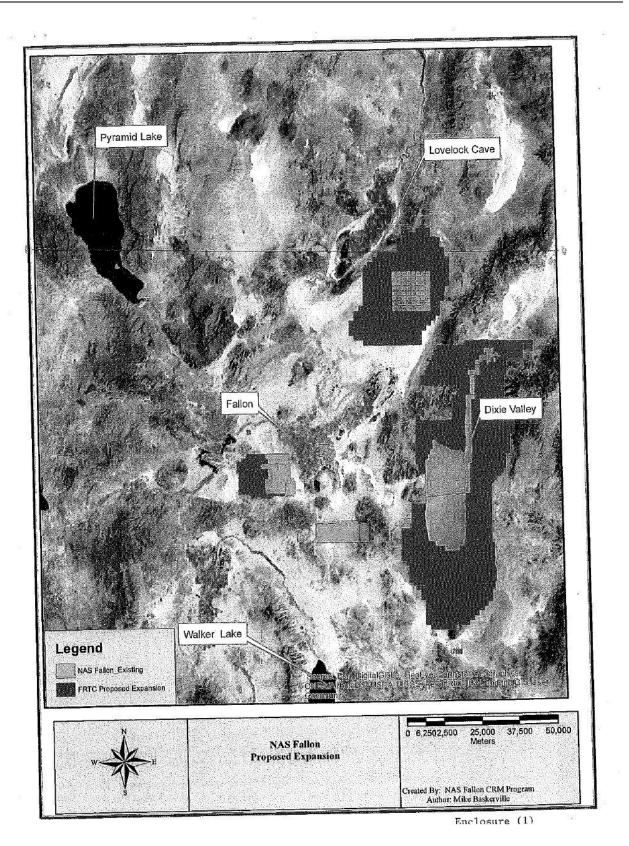
Sincerely,

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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1

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> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Neil Mortimer Chairperson Washoe Tribe of Nevada 919 Highway 395 S. Gardnerville, Nevada 89410

Dear Chairperson Mortimer:

#### Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN



> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Neil Mortimer Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California 919 U.S. Hwy. 395 N. Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Chairperson Mortimer:

#### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

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Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

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The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

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Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na low DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Neil Mortimer Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California 919 U.S. Highway 395 N. Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Chairperson Mortimer:

#### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until **February 14, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

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All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries: Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

## Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California

919 U.S. Hwy 395 North Gardnerville, Nevada 89410 Telephone: (775) 265-8600Fax: (775) 265-6240

<u>Tribal Officers</u> Chairman Serrell Smokey Vice Chairman Rueben Vasquez



Washoe Tribal Council **Carson Community** Chairman, Roger McDonald Vice-chairman, Chad Malone **Dresslerville Community** Chairman, Rueben A. Vasquez Vice-chairman, Herman Fillmore Stewart Community Chairwoman, Blain Osorio Vice-chairman, Darrel Kizer Woodfords Community Chairman, Irvin Jim Vice-chairwoman Shannon, Guerrero **Off Reservation** Representative, Helen Fillmore Representative, Jeanine Blue Horse **Reno/Sparks Reservation** Lorraine Keller, Representative

January 11, 2019

#### RE: Update on Recent Change in Office

Greetings,

The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California is sending update on our recent change in office.

On October 20th, 2018 the Washoe Tribe conducted our 2018-2022 Tribal Elections. As a direct result Chairman Elect, Serrell Smokey, was pronounced to the 2018-2022 Tribal Council term.

Vice Chairman Rueben Vasquez retained seat as Vice Chairman on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Woodfords, CA. Chairman Serrell Smokey occupied his seat in office on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Woodfords, CA.

Attached is our *Official Tribal Council Officer List* as notification and initial introduction. Washoe Tribal Council Officers look forward to building and continuing our professional working relationship with you.

Best Regards,

Serrell Smokey

Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California Chairman

Rueben Vasquez Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California Vice Chairman

# 2018-2022 Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California Official List of

## Tribal Council Officers

Chairman of the Washoe Tribe - Serrell Smokey

Carson Community Chairman - Roger McDonald Carson Community Vice Chairman - Chad Malone Tribal Council Vice Chairman & Dresslerville Community Chairman - Rueben Vasquez Dresslerville Community Vice Chairman - Herman Fillmore Stewart Community Chairman - Blain Osorio Stewart Community Vice Chairman - Darrel Kizer Woodfords Community Chairman - Irvin Jim Woodfords Community Vice Chairman - Shannon Guerrero Off Reservation Representative - Jeanine Blue Horse Off Reservation Representative - Helen Fillmore Reno Sparks Representative - Lorraine Keller



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Serrell Smokey Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California 919 Hwy. 395 S. Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Chairman Smokey:

#### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Serrell Smokey Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California 919 Hwy. 395 S. Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Chairperson Smokey:

#### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Enel: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0222 September 30, 2019

Serrell Smokey Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California 919 Hwy. 395 S. Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Chairman Smokey:

#### SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Serrell Smokey Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California 919 Hwy. 395 S. Gardnerville, NV 89410

Dear Chairperson Smokey:

#### Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- · An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- · A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- · Protection of tribal burials
- · A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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#### Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:24 PM
To:	'Serrell.Smokey@washoetribe.us'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2018
Attachments:	Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California_ CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL
	LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

#### Chairperson Smokey

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

## C.17 Wells Band Council



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Casey Franco Chairman Wells Band Council P.O. Box 809 Wells, NV 89835

Dear Chairman Franco,

## SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- · Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- · Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions on the human environment. No decisions about the Proposed Action or any real estate actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

#### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

 Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409. The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Casey Franco Chairperson Wells Band Council P.O. Box 809 Wells, NV 89835

Dear Chairperson Franco,

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Casey Franco Chairman Wells Band Council P.O. Box 809 Wells, NV 89835

Dear Chairman Franco,

## SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format. •
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- · Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Casey Franco Chairman Wells Band Council P.O. Box 809 Wells, NV 89835

Dear Chairman Franco,

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

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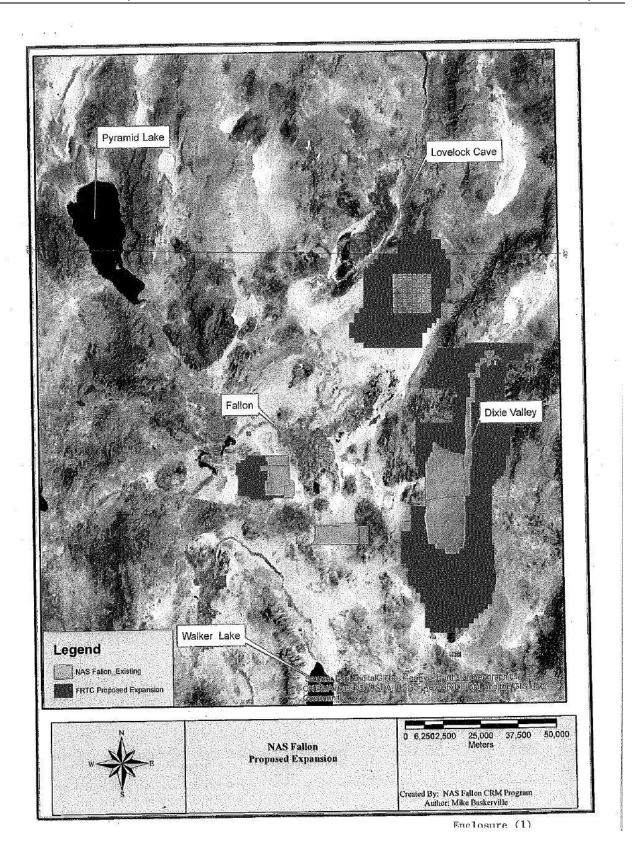
Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

Sincerely,

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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1





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The Honorable Casey Franco Chairperson Wells Band Council P.O. Box 809 Wells, Nevada 89835

Dear Chairperson Franco:

# Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN



> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Casey Franco Wells Band Council P.O. Box 809 Wells, NV 89835

Dear Chairperson Franco:

## Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- · Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316 Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Flurd Nal low DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Casey Franco Wells Band Council P.O. Box 809 Wells, NV 89835

Dear Chairperson Franco:

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until **February 14, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries: Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St, Fallon, NV 89406

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Casey Franco Wells Band Council P.O. Box 809 Wells, NV 89835

Dear Chairman Franco:

### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Wells Band Council both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

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E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Casey Franco Wells Band Council P.O. Box 809 Wells, NV 89835

Dear Chairperson Franco:

Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0223 September 30, 2019

Casey Franco Wells Band Council P.O. Box 809 Wells, NV 89835

Dear Chairman Franco:

### SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Casey Franco Wells Band Council P.O. Box 809 Wells, NV 89835

Dear Chairperson Franco:

## Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- Protection of tribal burials
- · A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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## Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:05 PM
To:	'Francocasey47@yahoo.com'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2019
Attachments:	Wells Band Council_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

### Chairperson Franco

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

# C.18 Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada



### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Judy Rojo Chairperson Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada 595 Humboldt St. Reno, NV 89509

Dear Chairperson Rojo,

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;

- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions on the human environment. No decisions about the Proposed Action or any real estate actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

2. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

 Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409. The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Wawd Wallora DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Judy Rojo Chairperson Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada 595 Humboldt St Reno, NV 89509

Dear Chairperson Rojo,

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Judy Rojo Chairman Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada 595 Humboldt St. Reno, NV 89509

Dear Chairman Rojo,

### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Eric Magiera Chairman Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada P.O Box 1370. Winnemucca, NV 89446

Dear Chairman Magiera,

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

RECORD OWNER: 51 RECORD DATE: \_ DISPOSE OF DATE: \_ TIER LEVEL:

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

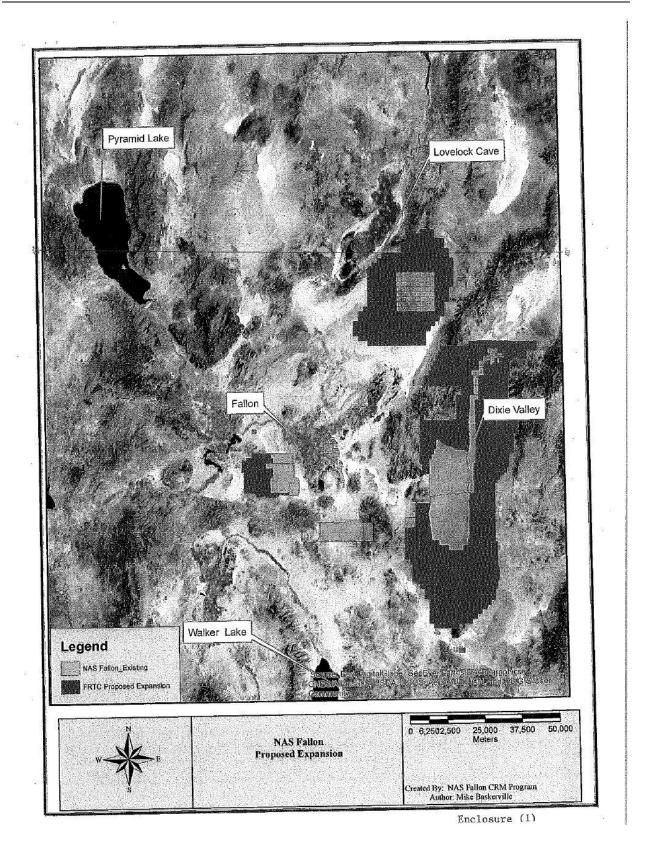
Sincerely,

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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1

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> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Eric Magiera Chairperson Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada P.O. Box 1370 Reno, NV 89446

Dear Chairperson Magiera;

# Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

# Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN



> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Eric Magiera Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada P.O. Box 1370 Winnemucca, NV 89446

Dear Chairperson Magiera:

## Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316 Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na low DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Judy Rojo Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada 595 Humboldt St. Reno, NV 89509

Dear Chairperson Rojo:

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until February 14, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries: Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

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Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Judy Rojo Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada 595 Humboldt St. Reno, NV 89509

Dear Chairperson Rojo:

### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Judy Rojo Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada 595 Humboldt St. Reno, NV 89509

Dear Chairperson Rojo:

### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0224 September 30, 2019

Judy Rojo Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada 595 Humboldt St. Reno, NV 89509

Dear Chairperson Rojo:

# SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada,

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Judy Rojo Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada 595 Humboldt St. Reno, NV 89509

Dear Chairperson Rojo:

# Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- · An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- · Protection of tribal burials
- A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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#### Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:08 PM
To:	'gagoo2009@gmail.com'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Invitation - December 18, 2019
Attachments:	Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL
	LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

#### Chairperson Rojo

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

# C.19 Yerington Paiute Tribe



### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable Laurie Thom Chairman Yerington Paiute Tribe 171 Campbell Ln Yerington, NV 89447

Dear Chairman Thom,

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges.
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- · Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions on the human environment. No decisions about the Proposed Action or any real estate actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

#### Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

2. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

5. Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

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7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409.

meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy

Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Laurie Thom Chairperson Yerington Paiute Tribe 171 Campbell Ln Yerington, NV 89447

Dear Chairperson Thom,

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Laurie Thom Chairman Yerington Paiute Tribe 171 Campbell Ln Yerington, NV 89447

Dear Chairman Thom,

#### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting).
- · Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Laurie Thom Chairman Yerington Paiute Tribe 171 Campbell Ln Yerington, NV 89447

Dear Chairman Thom,

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

RECORD OWNER: 51 RECORD DATE: 2/5/17 DISPOSE OF DATE: N/A TIER LEVEL: IV

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

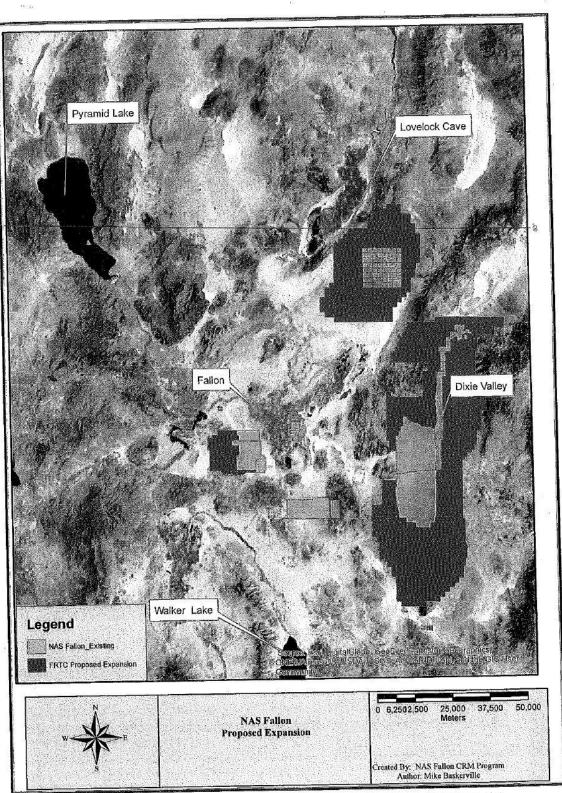
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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1

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The Honorable Laurie Thom Chairperson Yerington Paiute Tribe 171 Campbell Lane Yerington, Nevada 89447

Dear Chairperson Thom:

# Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

# Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0173 July 30, 2018

The Honorable Laurie A. Thom Chairman Yerington Paiute Tribe 171 Campbell Lane Yerington, NV 89447

Dear Chairman Thom:

### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION SENSITIVE PROPERTIESCONSULTATION

The Navy has defined the special use air space it has been assigned by the Federal Aviation Administration as the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the proposed Fallon Range Complex Modernization. (Enclosure).

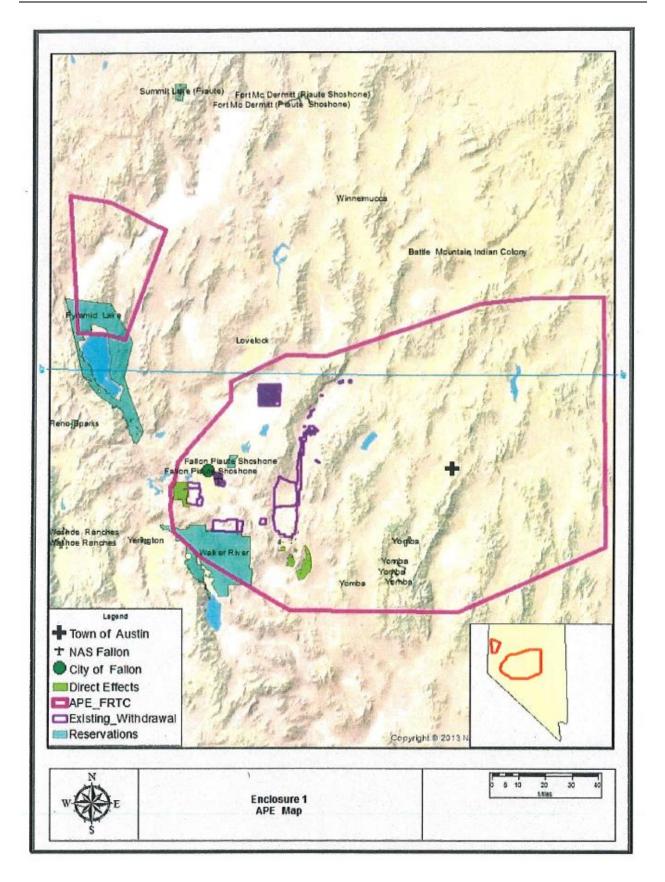
In order to account for impacts to culturally sensitive sites located within the APE and to account for those effects in the preparation of the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act analysis and documentation, the Navy proposes to have a meeting with the tribal government, cultural committee, elders, and any interested individual tribal members who may have information related to the location of sensitive sites within the APE associated with this undertaking (See Enclosure). At the meeting the Navy would also present information it has previously collected through background research and ask those present to offer any comments they might have on such information, with respect to accuracy, relevance, completeness.

The Navy is proposing to have the meeting on August 15,2018 to discuss this matter with the tribe. Please coordinate directly with Mike Baskerville at (775)426-3027 or <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> as to whether the proposed date would be convenient for the Tribe, and in terms of arranging a time and location.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. KLAPEC, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Director By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosure: Map of FRTC APE Copy to: Mike Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon





> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Laurie Thom Yerington Paiute Tribe 171 Campbell Ln. Yerington, NV 89447

Dear Chairperson Thom:

### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land

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- · Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316 Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Flurd Nal low DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Laurie Thom Yerington Paiute Tribe 171 Campbell Lane Yerington, NV 89447

Dear Chairperson Thom:

### SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until **February 14, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

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All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

and

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Laurie Thom Yerington Paiute Tribe 171 Campbell Lane Yerington, NV 89447

Dear Chairperson Thom:

### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Yerington Paiute Tribe both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Laurie Thom Yerington Paiute Tribe 171 Campbell Ln. Yerington, NV 89447

Dear Chairperson Thom:

#### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0225 September 30, 2019

Laurie Thom Yerington Paiute Tribe 171 Campbell Ln. Yerington, NV 89447

Dear Chairperson Thom:

#### SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)

2. Draft Amendment to the NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Laurie Thom Yerington Paiute Tribe 171 Campbell Ln Yerington, NV 89447

Dear Chairperson Thom:

#### Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- · An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- · A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- Protection of tribal burials
- A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. 1 hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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#### Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:08 PM
To:	'Lthom@ypt-nsn.gov'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Invitation - December 18, 2019
Attachments:	Yerington Paiute Tribe_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

Chairperson Thom

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email robert.rule@navy.mil.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

# C.20 Yomba Shoshone Tribe



### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

The Honorable James Birchman, Jr. Chairman Yomba Shoshone Tribe HC 61 Box 6275 Austin, NV 89310

Dear Chairman Birchman,

# SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO ANNOUNCE SCOPING MEETINGS FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), located in northern Nevada. This proposed modernization would include expanding land ranges, modifying airspace, and renewing public land withdrawals. The Department of the Navy (Navy) is asking for your input and involvement, which are important to the development of an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The FRTC is the Navy's premier aviation training range. It includes land training ranges and Special Use Airspace in northern Nevada, approximately 65 miles east of the city of Reno. The current FRTC bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s, or earlier in many cases. However, warfare technology has continued to change. In response to these changes, the Navy conducted a training capabilities study. This study concluded that the FRTC's training capabilities currently do not, and, in the future, will not meet the real-world needs of the U.S. military. Therefore, to address these shortcomings, the Navy proposes to modernize and expand the FRTC's land ranges, airspace, and infrastructure. The proposed modernization would also enhance the safety and security of local and regional populations and infrastructure.

The Navy proposes to:

- Renew 202,859 acres of existing public land withdrawal that expires in November 2021;
- Withdraw and reserve for military use approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land to expand existing land ranges;

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- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

Seven open house information sessions will be held:

 Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

 Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

 Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

 Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

 Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409.

The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy is aware of the significant value of natural and cultural resources of Native American Tribes and Nations within the FRTC Modernization EIS study area. The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate Government-to-Government consultation in accordance with legislation, Executive Orders, regulations and policy, including sections 101 and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations 800.

We look forward to working with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would in fact greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Ms. Robin Michel, Naval Air Station Fallon Cultural Resources Manager, will be contacting your staff in the coming days to discuss the possibility of scheduling such a meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ms. Michel at robin.michel@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

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Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0227 November 10, 2016

The Honorable Darryl Brady Chairperson Yomba Shosone Tribe HC 61 P.O. Box 6235 Austin, NV 89310

Dear Chairperson Brady,

# SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION: EXPANSION OF LAND RANGES, AIRSPACE MODIFICATIONS, AND PUBLIC LAND WITHDRAWAL RENEWAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Commander, United States (U.S.) Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) has extended the comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until December 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on August 25, 2016, the Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the FRTC. This proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and modifying airspace.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period was initiated on Friday, August 26, 2016. Based on public feedback, the scoping comment period has been extended to Monday, December 12, 2016. Comments may be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Klapec, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Environmental Program Director, at michael.klapec@navy.mil or 775-426-2244 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 4755 PASTURE ROAD BL 307 FALLON, NV 89496-5000

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Ms. Susan Jamerson Environmental Director, Yomba Shoshone Tribe HC 61 Box 6275 Austin, NV 89310

Dear Ms. Jamerson:

Thank you for taking the time to attend the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Consortium. Please ensure you, or your tribe's designated representative reaches out to Mike Klapec, at (775) 426-2244 or michael.klapec@navy.mil, to request additional information or set up a meeting. We look forward to consulting with your tribe.

Sincerely,

well

FRANK W. CARROLL Commander, U.S. Navy Public Works Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Daryl Brady Chairman Yomba Shoshone Tribe HC 61 Box 6275 Austin, NV 89310

Dear Chairman Brady,

### SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX (FRTC) MODERNIZATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

This letter is to formally invite you to a meeting with Stakeholders to develop alternatives based upon the comments received from public scoping conducted in conjunction with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC).

The meeting will be held at 8:00 am, on June 22, 2017, at Naval Air Station Fallon in Building 77 (Multi-Purpose Room). The agenda includes, but not limited to, the following items:

- Introductions / Meeting goals and format.
- Quickly review purpose and need.
- Constraints mapping. Discuss priorities of constraints.
- Discussion of allowable uses.
- Alternatives mapping.
- Approach to analysis comment review (time permitting)
- Summary, action item review, next steps

Given the sensitivity of the pre-decisional nature of the discussion topics, we request a completed nondisclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released.

Please contact Mr. Michael Baskerville if you plan to attend or have any questions related to the meeting. You may contact Mr. Baskerville via e-mail at <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> or by phone at 775-426-3027.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN

Attachment: Non-Disclosure Certificate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0112 July 5, 2017

Daryl Brady Chairman Yomba Shoshone Tribe HC 61 Box 6275 Austin, NV 89310

Dear Chairman Brady,

#### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX EXPANSION CULTURAL PROPERTIES IDENTIFICATION

As you are aware, Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) is proposing the modernization (Enclosure 1) of its current training areas in order to better train US Naval Forces in the use of modern weapons and the tactics of near military competitors. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documenting the anticipated environmental effects of the proposal is being developed. Portions of that EIS will analyze the impacts of various alternatives on Cultural Properties. In order to perform these analyses, the Navy must first identify what cultural properties exist and assess their potential eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. To date the identification efforts have consisted of background research and pedestrian inventories.

The Navy is requesting the assistance of regional tribal governments to assist in the further identification and evaluation of cultural properties potentially relevant to the EIS by placing the Navy in contact with tribal members who have an expert knowledge related to traditional cultural practices and sacred site locations. In asking for such assistance, the Navy promises to make every reasonable effort, consistent with applicable law, to withhold from public disclosure any specific information that the Tribe identifies as confidential, such as the locations of any sensitive cultural resources. Efforts to protect confidentiality would include, but not be limited to, utilizing any applicable exemptions or exclusions under the Freedom of Information Act-(FOIA). However, while encouraging the Tribe to take part in this process of identification and evaluation, I note that the Navy remains subject to the FOIA as a general matter, and the agencies with whom the Navy would likely need to share information provided by the Tribe in order to support eligibility determinations, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Bureau of Land Management are likewise subject to applicable laws regarding the release of government records (including, for the SHPO, any applicable state laws). Consequently, the Navy encourages the Tribe to seek the advice of its own legal counsel before providing culturally sensitive information to the Department of Defense.

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil

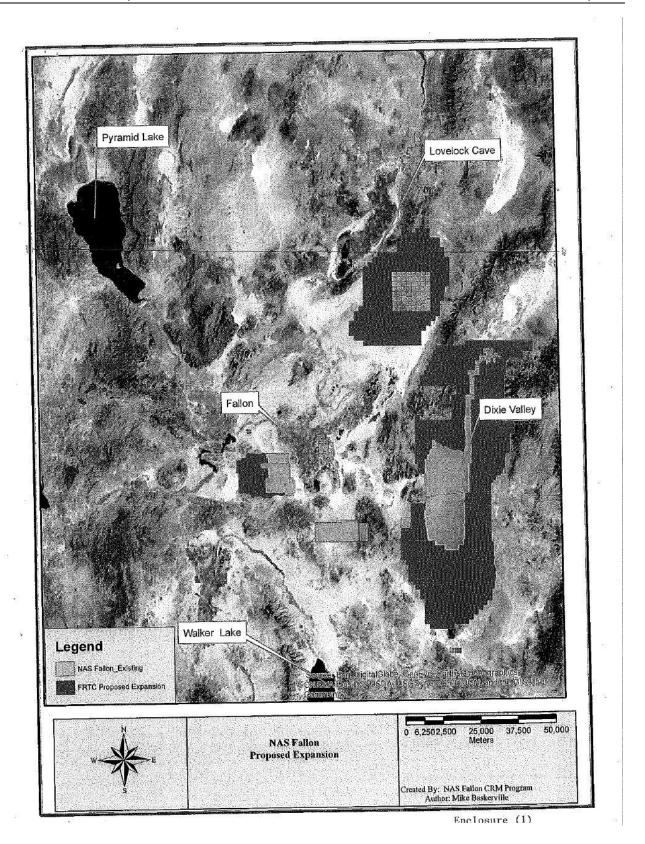
Sincerely,

David

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Figure 1

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> 5090 Ser N000CF/0194 November 28, 2017

Mr. Daryl Brady Yomba Shoshone Tribe HC 61 Box 6275 Austin, NV 89310

Dear Chairman Brady:

# SUBJECT: CULTURAL INVENTORY RESULTS PROPOSED FRTC EXPANSION

Enclosed for your information and comment is a report entitled A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of 14,062 Acres for the Proposed Land Withdrawal for Naval Air (NAS) Fallon, Churchill, Mineral, and Nye Counties, Nevada.

The inventory was conducted on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District- Stillwater Field Office (12,643.5 acres), Bureau of Reclamation-Mid-Pacific Region (1,231.8 acres), Department of Defense-NAS Fallon (45.7 acres), and private lands (141.0 acres). The inventories were conducted to identify cultural resources located within proposed target and maneuver areas associated with Alternative 1 of the proposed NAS Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

A total of 202 archaeological sites were newly recorded or updated as part of the current . project (146 prehistoric, 38 historic, and 18 multicomponent).

The information contained within the report will be used to assess the impact of the actions associated with Alternative 1 (the "Proposed Action" as announced in August 2016). Please note that we are currently conducting further surveys to supplement this report with respect to Alternative 1, and that additional survey work may be required in the event that a different or modified alternative is ultimately identified in the EIS as the Navy's preferred alternative. Thus we may subsequently be providing additional information for your review; however, since this report provides the cultural resource information we have collected thus far, we would greatly appreciate your review of the report at this time. Accordingly, we ask that you please complete your review and provide any comments by January 6, 2018.

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Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at (775)426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. KLAPEC, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Manager By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Cultural Resource Inventory



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Daryl Brady Chairperson Yomba Shoshone HC 61 Box 6275 Austin, Nevada 89310

Dear Chairperson Brady:

# Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## Encl: (1) Non-Disclosure Certificate

This letter is to formally invite you to review of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) from May 15, 2018 to June 15, 2018. This review is for Cooperating Agencies and Tribal Participants only. The public will have an opportunity for a 90-day review of the Draft EIS in the Fall of 2018. Given the sensitivity of the information and the pre-decisional nature of this document in this stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, we request a completed non-disclosure certificate to ensure the information is protected until such time it is released to the public.

The PDEIS will be available on the Navy's e-repository website. Upon receipt of the signed non-disclosure certificate, the Navy will send you the access information for the website, along with your personal user-ID and password information. The user-ID and password are required to gain access to the site to review the PDEIS. The PDEIS comments are due June 15, 2018. Comments received after June 15th may not be included in the Draft EIS. The next commenting period will be during the public Draft EIS commenting period in Fall 2018.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person to answer any questions you may have concerning the PDEIS or to assist you with any technical needs associated with commenting, and would greatly appreciate an opportunity to do so in the near term, at a time and location convenient for you and your staff. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon Installation Cultural Resources Manager, at michael.e.baskervill@navy.mil or 775-426-3027 if you have any questions concerning the proposed project.

Sincerely,



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NEVADA 89496-5000

5090 Ser N0000CF/0146 July 10, 2018

The Honorable Daryl Brady Chairman Yomba Shoshone Tribe HC 61 Box 6275 Austin, NV 89310

Dear Chairman Brady:

# SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION SENSITIVE PROPERTIES CONSULTATION

The Department of the Navy (Navy) would like to thank you for your Tribe's participation in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) Modernization Cooperating Agency/Tribal Participant meetings. The Navy realizes that these meetings may not have been the optimal place to discuss information related to potential impacts to culturally sensitive sites.

In order to account for impacts to culturally sensitive sites within preparation of National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act analysis and documentation, the Navy proposes to have a meeting with the tribal government, cultural committee, elders, and any interested individual tribal members who may have information related to the location of sensitive sites within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) associated with this undertaking (See Enclosure). At the meeting the Navy would also present information it has previously collected through background research and ask those present to offer any comments they might have on such information, with respect to accuracy, relevance, completeness.

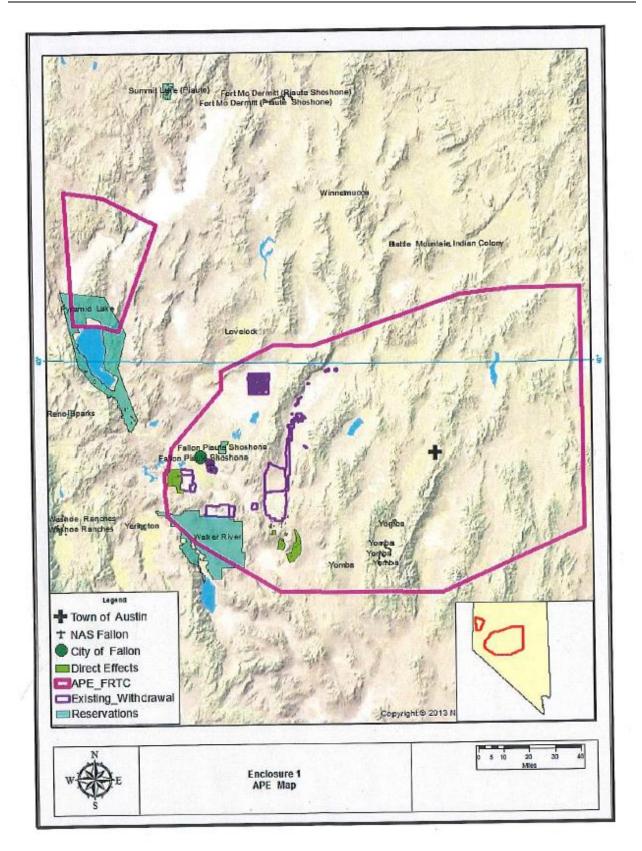
The Navy is proposing to have the meeting on August 1, 2018. Please coordinate directly with Mike Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or <u>michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil</u> as to whether the proposed date would be convenient for the Tribe, and in terms of arranging a time and location.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Klapec, P.E. Installation Environmental Program Director By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosure: Map of FRTC APE

Copy to: Mike Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon



From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
To:	tribalchair@yombatribe.org
Cc:	Kelley, Amy P CIV NAVFAC SW, FISD; Green, Wanda S CIV NAVFAC SW, ESWD
Subject:	NAS Fallon Sensitive Sites
Date:	Wednesday, July 25, 2018 14:23:00

Dear Chairman Brady: on July 10, 2018 a letter requesting a meeting to discuss the location of sensitive or important cultural sites was sent to the Tribes from NAS Fallon. Having this discussion is important to analyzing the impacts to cultural properties that may be directly or indirectly effected by the proposed Fallon Range Modernization Project. I realize that this is just one of many concerns for the tribe; however, the Navy would like the opportunity to present what information it has and to gather any additional information required to make and accurate affects assessment.

The letter that was sent suggested a meeting date of August 1, 2018; is it possible to meet on that date or is another date more suitable?

## Green, Wanda S CIV NAVFAC SW, ESWD

From:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Sent:	Wednesday, July 25, 2018 14:25
To:	tribalchair@yombatribe.org
Cc:	Kelley, Amy P CIV NAVFAC SW, FISD; Green, Wanda S CIV NAVFAC SW, ESWD
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## Baskerville, Michael C CIV USN NAVFAC SW SAN CA (USA)

From:	Sarah Caligiuri <water@yombatribe.org></water@yombatribe.org>
Sent:	Tuesday, August 28, 2018 16:34
To:	Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	[Non-DoD Source] Re: NAS Fallon Range Modernization Project

Thank you Mr. Baskerville, for your response.

Since the Yomba Shoshone Tribe is within the Area of Potential Effect, we would like to be involved with future discussions regarding the Fallon Range Training Complex Consultations.

Our Acting Tribal Chairman is Ronald Snooks and I, Sarah Caligiuri, oversee the Environmental and Cultural Resources within the Yomba Shoshone Tribe's Area of Interest.

Please address all future notices to Acting Chairman Snooks, if you provide notices over email you can send notices to this email address: water@yombatribe.org <mailto:water@yombatribe.org> Thank you for your attention,

Sarah Caligiuri MJIL Office of Environmental Protection Director Yomba Shoshone Tribe water@yombatribe.org <mailto:water@yombatribe.org>

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"Every society needs educated people, but the primary responsibility of educated people is to bring wisdom back into the community and make it available to others so that the lives they are leading make sense." Vine Deloria Jr.

On Tue, Aug 28, 2018 at 2:18 PM, Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW <michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil <mailto:michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil> > wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

The Navy would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with tribe locations of sites of tribal concern (sensitive sites). The Navy has determined that the Area of Potential Effect for the proposed NAS Fallon Range Modernization Project includes the entirety of the FAA designated Air Space for NAS Fallon. This determination is based on multiple verbal comments received from tribes.

As you may be aware this Airspace is extending from Fallon to Austin, Nevada. through background research the Navy has identified many sensitive sites and would like to discuss with the Tribe the potential for additional sites. This information along with any additional discussions related to this matter will be used to assess impacts.

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Mike Baskerville

Cultural Resource Program Manager

NAS Fallon

michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil <mailto:michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil>

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> 5090 Ser N5/0239 November 7, 2018

The Honorable Daryl Brady Yomba Shoshone Tribe HC 61 Box 6275 Austin, NV 89310

Dear Chairperson Brady:

#### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform you about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- · Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

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The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven meetings to provide information and give you an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon. NV 89406

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Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

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Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

The comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

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Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and meetings by sharing this information with your staff.

Sincerely, Frind Na low DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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> 5090 Ser N5/0270 December 26, 2018

The Honorable Daryl Brady Yomba Shoshone Tribe HC 61 Box 6275 Austin, NV 89310

Dear Chairperson Brady:

## SUBJECT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Navy has extended the review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of comments. Comments may now be submitted until **February 14, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS.

As described in the letter mailed to you on November 14, 2018, the Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. Proposed modernization would include renewing the Navy's current public land withdrawal, expanding land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, expanding and modifying airspace, and upgrading range infrastructure.

The review and comment period for the Draft EIS was initiated on November 16, 2018. Based on feedback, the Draft EIS comment period has been extended to Thursday, February 14, 2019. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at www.FRTCModernization.com. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries: Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to address any concerns you may have on this project. We are available to meet with you and your staff in person. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform all interested individuals about the availability of the Draft EIS and comment period extension by sharing this information with your staff and community.

Sincerely,

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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0097 March 28, 2019

Daryl Brady Yomba Shoshone Tribe HC 61 Box 6275 Austin, NV 89310

Dear Chairman Brady:

#### SUBJECT: FALLON RANGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

This letter is to inform you that Naval Air Station Fallon proposes to develop a Programmatic Agreement (PA) in association with the proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Undertaking. In implementing the Undertaking, the Navy would be carrying out a variety of projects that would be funded in entirety by the United States Navy. Projects associated with this undertaking would be incremental, and a phased approach would be utilized for the identification and treatment of historic properties, as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.4(2).

The United States Navy wishes to extend an invitation to the Yomba Shoshone Tribe both to review and comment on the Navy's proposed PA, and ultimately to sign the PA as a Concurring Party.

We encourage your participation in the development of the PA and will forward you the draft no later than June 1, 2019.

Please direct all inquiries related to this correspondence to Michael Baskerville at 775-426-3027 or michael,c,baskervill@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Copy to: Michael Baskerville



> 5090 Ser N5/0188 September 5, 2019

The Honorable Daryl Brady Yomba Shoshone Tribe HC 61 Box 6275 Austin, NV 89310

Dear Chairperson Brady:

#### Subj: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COOPERATING AGENCY REVIEW

#### Encl: (1) Making Comments Using the Document Commenting System (DCS)

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for your review and comment. The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the cooperating agency in preparation of the final EIS. Agencies can find the final EIS at https://thedcs.org/ and follow the instructions in enclosure (1).

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100% of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s and this severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. Newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization of the Fallon Ranges would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and needed to counter evolving current and future threats worldwide, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The comment period will begin September 9, 2019 through October 10, 2019. All comments must be submitted into the Document Commenting System (DCS) by October 10, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS. To review the Final EIS, please follow the instructions on enclosure (1). This document will take you through how to log into DCS and how to provide comments. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, please contact Larry Wolski at 858-345-1951.

Sincerely,

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E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser N0000CF/0226 September 30, 2019

Ronald Snooks Yomba Shoshone HC 61 Box 6275 Austin, NV 89310

Dear Chairman Snooks:

## SUBJ: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

The Department of the Navy (Navy) invites your participation in a consultation to amend the 2011 Naval Air Station Fallon Programmatic Agreement among Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Identification, Evaluation and Treatment of Historic Properties on Lands Managed by Naval Air Station, Fallon, NV (2011 PA), consistent with Stipulation X of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and 36 CFR 800.14(b). As proposed, the amendment would apply the processes of the current PA to ensure appropriate review and consultation on future undertakings related to the proposed modernization and operation of the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) in northern Nevada.

Enclosed for your review are the existing 2011 PA Enclosure (1) and the proposed draft Amendment Enclosure (2). Should you wish, the Navy will arrange to meet in person or by telephone to address any questions or concerns.

Please send all comments on this PA Amendment, or meeting requests, to Navy Region Southwest Cultural Resources Program Manager, Mr. Alex Bethke at (619)532-4186 alexander.bethke@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. NAS Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011) 2. Draft Amendment to the NAS-Fallon Programmatic Agreement (2011)



> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0272 December 4, 2019

The Honorable Ronald Snooks Yomba Shoshone Tribe HC 61 Box 6275 Austin NV 89310

Dear Chairperson Snooks:

## Subj: NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON COMMANDING OFFICER INVITATION LETTER TO NEVADA TRIBAL LEADERS

This letter follows up on the November 6, 2019 meeting regarding the Navy's proposed amendment of the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the protection of historic properties in the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). I appreciate the time and investment of many tribal members in attending the meeting and responding to Navy communications about the proposed expansion of the FRTC.

Through our discussions at the meeting and through substantive written communications from tribal leaders, it is clear to me that the Navy must do more to respond to tribal concerns for cultural resources in the FRTC. Key among these concerns are access restrictions, adequacy of measures to identify and understand cultural resources in the proposed range areas, past harms to cultural sites, and the potential harm to burials. Let me assure you that the Navy takes these important concerns seriously.

In continuation of our ongoing government-to-government consultation, I respectfully request your participation in face-to-face meetings on December 18, 2019 at 1:00-4:00 pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room, at the Richard H. Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701. My goals for the meeting will be to outline specific Navy proposals to address the following:

- An overview of cultural resources survey efforts to date
- · A plan to partner with tribes to continue survey and identification efforts over time
- · An overview of how the proposed amended PA would be implemented
- · The proposed support for tribal access
- · Protection of tribal burials
- · A commitment to continue meeting with tribal leadership throughout the process

The Navy is committed to working in partnership with the tribes for the long-term. As Commanding Officer, I remain committed to improving the installation's relationships with the tribes and maximize the protection of cultural resources. Since our last meeting, I have reached out to the highest levels of Navy leadership for increased support to address these concerns. At

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this time, I anticipate at that key senior Navy leaders from Washington DC will join the upcoming meeting.

My contact for coordinating this meeting is Mr. Rob Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer. Mr. Rule can be reached at 775-426-2925 or by email at robert.rule@navy.mil. I hope you will make every effort to attend and to continue our consultation.

Sincerely,

E. L. MORRISON Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

# Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)

From:	Rule, Robert M CIV USN (USA)
Sent:	Friday, December 6, 2019 12:11 PM
To:	'tribalchair@yombatribe.org'
Cc:	Beyer, Scott CDR NAVFAC SW, PWD FALN; Baskerville, Michael C CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject:	Naval Air Station Fallon Invitation - December 18, 2019
Attachments:	Yomba Shoshone Tribe_CO INVITATION LETTER TO TRIBAL LEADERS.pdf
Signed By:	robert.rule@navy.mil

Chairperson Snooks

On behalf of the Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station Fallon, I respectfully request your participation at a meeting to discuss the ongoing government-to-government consultation between the Navy and Nevada tribes.

The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 from 1pm-4pm in the Tahoe Hearing Room at the Richard H. Bryan Building which is located at 901 S. Stewart Street in Carson City, NV 89701.

The attached invitation letter outlines some of the topics we would like to discuss. If you have any questions concerning the event or the matters listed please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 775-426-2925 and email <u>robert.rule@navy.mil</u>.

Thanks for your time and attention

Rob

Rob Rule Community Plans and Liaison Officer Naval Air Station Fallon Office - 775-426-2925 Work Cell – 858-373-8748

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D.1 Draft National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Proposed Amendment to Existing 2011 Programmatic Agreement for Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization (September 2019)

#### AMENDMENT TO PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

#### AMONG NAVAL AIR STATION, FALLON, NEVADA, THE NEVADA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER AND THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION AND TREATMENT OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES ON LANDS MANAGED BY NAVAL AIR STATION, FALLON (AGREEMENT)

WHEREAS, the Agreement was executed in August 2011; and

WHEREAS, NAS Fallon proposes to modernize the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) and reconfigure operations to meet mission requirements; and

WHEREAS, NAS Fallon proposes to amend the Agreement to address undertakings associated with the proposed modernization that may have the potential to affect historic properties; and

WHEREAS, NAS Fallon has consulted with the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, the Walker River Paiute Tribe, the Lovelock Paiute Tribe, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, the Yerington Paiute Tribe, the Yomba Shoshone Tribe, the Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada, the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, the Battle Mountain Shoshone Tribe, the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, the South Fork Band Council, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, the Wells Band Council, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Churchill County, Lander County, the City of Fallon, the Executive Board the Bureau of Land Management, the Oregon California Trails Association, the Lincoln Highway Association, the Churchill County Museum, and the public.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with Stipulation X of the Agreement, NAS Fallon, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

Amend the first WHEREAS clause so it reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada (NAS Fallon), provides for the air operations and training programs and related support activities, for the fleet, within the FRTC in the State of Nevada; and

AND

2. Amend the NOW THEREFORE clause so it reads as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, NAS Fallon, the Council, and SHPO agree that NAS Fallon undertakings within the FRTC shall be administered in accordance with the stipulations and definitions (Appendix 1) of this Agreement to satisfy NAS Fallon's responsibilities for individual undertakings, as defined at 36 CFR Part 800.16(y).

# AND

Amend the statement under STIPULATIONS so it reads as follows:

NAS Fallon undertakings within the FRTC will be carried out in accordance with NAS Fallon's ICRMP, the 2009 State Protocol Agreement and the stipulations of this Agreement. When a conflict exists between the ICRMP or the 2009 State Protocol Agreement and the terms of this Agreement, this Agreement shall prevail.

# AND

Amend Stipulation II.E to read as follows:

For all NAS Fallon undertakings that have the potential to affect historic properties on tribal lands in the State of Nevada, NAS Fallon will carry out its responsibilities pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA in accordance with 36 CFR 800.

# AND

Amend Stipulation XII.B to read as follows:

This PA shall expire on December 31, 2024. At least one year prior to the expiration date, NAS Fallon shall initiate consultation with the signatories to review the PA for renewal and/or possible amendment and extension.

# AND

Amend Stipulation XIII to read as follows:

Execution and implementation of this Agreement evidences that NAS Fallon has satisfied its Section 106 responsibilities with respect to its undertakings within the FRTC.

# AND

7. Amend Appendix 1 to include the following definition:

Fallon Range Training Complex: For the purpose of this Agreement, all lands under the control and jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy and the associated Special Use Airspace in the State of Nevada.

# NAVAL AIR STATION, FALLON, NEVADA

By: CAPT Evan Morrison, United States Navy Commanding Officer

Date:

NEVADA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rebecca L. Palmer State Historic Preservation Officer

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ John M. Fowler

Executive Director

D.2 Draft Memorandum of Agreement Between the United States Department of the Navy Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center and Naval Air Station Fallon and the State of Nevada, Nevada Division of Wildlife

(Note: This Draft Memorandum of Agreement is included as a model of a potential management agreement between the Navy and the State of Nevada concerning the proposed hunting program discussed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex. Implementation of any such agreement is subject to congressional authorization of a land withdrawal associated with the proposed Modernization. Language reflecting the conditional nature of this potential agreement is highlighted in bold below.)

I. Subject: Cooperative Management for wildlife and habitat management activities on the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC) and joint implementation of a hunting program for those portions of hunt unit 181 within the confines of FRTC bombing range 17 (B-17).

Background: For over forty years, the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and the Navy have had an excellent collaborative working relationship that has successfully facilitated management of habitat and game species on the FRTC. We are committed to continuing that relationship.

Purpose: This agreement is entered into for the purpose of wildlife management on the FRTC and implementation of a hunting program on FRTC range B-17. Specifically, this agreement will facilitate the joint implementation of a bighorn sheep hunting program located within the B-17 boundary. Additionally, this agreement will provide a process to facilitate NDOW access, via air and/or ground on the FRTC, for managing wildlife and habitat resources. It is the mutual intent of both parties that this agreement be implemented for the duration of (any period of withdrawal of public lands in established as a result of or otherwise in conjunction with the proposed modernization of the FRTC).

This agreement pertains to specific lands (**proposed to be administered**) by the Department of the Navy's Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) and which are herein referred to collectively as the Area. The following two agencies from the Federal Government and State of Nevada are parties to this agreement:

- a. United States Department of the Navy, functioning through the Naval Air Station Fallon, and the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (NASF / NAWDC), under the authority contained in the Military Lands Withdrawal Act, PL XXX-XX, herein referred to as Navy.
- b. The State of Nevada Department of Wildlife, herein referred to as NDOW, functioning through the Director and Nevada State Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

# II. Authority:

- a. Applicable Federal Laws:
  - i. PL 85-337, Hunting on Military Installations, as amended (10 USC 2671)
  - ii. PL 105-85, the Sikes Act Improvement Act of 1997 (16 USC 670 (a) et seq.)
  - iii. PL 96-336, The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1980 (16 USC 2901 et seq.)
  - iv. Refuge Recreation Act of 1962 (16 USC 460 et seq.)
  - v. PL 94-579, Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1968 (Title IV Range Management)

- vi. PL XXX-XX (Modernization Withdrawal)
- vii. Internal Security Act of 1950, Section 21 (50 USC 797)
- b. Applicable Executive Orders:
  - i. EO 11644, 42 USC 4321, Use of Off-Road Vehicles on Public Lands
- c. State Laws Applicable to Hunting:
  - i. NRS 501.100 (Wildlife Belongs to the People of the State of Nevada)
  - ii. NRS 501.105 (Hunting Wildlife in Nevada is permitted)
  - iii. NRS 501.181 (Duties of the State Board of Wildlife Commissioners)
  - iv. NRS 501.331 (Department of Wildlife Administers State Wildlife Laws)
  - v. NRS 501.351 (Applicable to Cooperative and Reciprocal Agreements)
  - vi. NRS 503.090 (Unlawful to Hunt Except during Open Season)
- d. Other Documents:
  - i. Slate Mountain Nelson Bighorn Sheep Reestablishment Plan (1995)
  - ii. NAS Fallon Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (2014)
- III. Land Description: Lands (proposed to be included within the Area) include Navy owned land and federal lands withdrawn for military use through P.L. XXX-XX, and are collectively called the Fallon Range Training Complex. The entire Area is included in this agreement for the purpose of wildlife and habitat management access by NDOW. Lands identified for the purpose of the bighorn hunting program are described in the following text. The attached map (figure 1) is a depiction of the proposed baseline hunt areas, access routes, and campsites. Please note that the attached map serves as a baseline for an annual evaluation and designation of access routes, hunt areas, and campsites, based on current safety and mission constraints. Not all roads, campsites or hunt areas may be accessible every year; however, it is the Navy's intent to provide as much access as possible, within the constraints of safety and mission requirements.
  - a. Bravo-17 Bombing Range: Legal description: is included as an appendix to this MOA. B-17 is located approximately 35 miles southeast of NAS Fallon, and is situated south of Highway 50 and east of State Route 839. B-17 spans across Fairview Valley, Little Bell Flat, and extends south into the Gabbs Valley. Bighorn Sheep have the potential to occupy the mountainous terrain inside of and adjacent to B-17, including the Fairview Peak and Slate Mountain areas as well as the Monte Cristo Mountains (see map). Please note that approved Bighorn Sheep Hunt Areas will be determined on an annual basis during the annual hunt program review with NDOW coordination. Hunt areas will be determined based on safety and range management considerations. Much of this described area was withdrawn from the former jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.
  - Shoal Site: Legal description: Portions of Townships 15 &16 North and Ranges 31 ½ & 32 East. The 7405-acre shoal site consists of public lands in the Sand Springs Range, approximately 30 miles southeast of Fallon and two miles west of State Route 839. The Navy is responsible for surface management of this site.

# IV. Recitals:

Whereas NAWDC has use of Navy Administered Lands for military training purposes, the NASF Public Works Department and BLM, in cooperation with NDOW, manage wildlife habitat on behalf of the Navy; and

*Whereas* NDOW, under the laws of the State of Nevada, provides a system of control, propagation, protection and regulation of all fish and wildlife in Nevada; and

Whereas Public Law XXX-XX (proposes to modify the B-17 Boundaries and increase the total acres by 212,662 acres) to the south and east of the previously existing B-17 boundary. New lands include bighorn sheep habitat on Slate Mountain and Monte Cristo Mountains that were previously managed by BLM and open to the public for hunting ; and

Whereas the Navy (would control access) to these lands under PL XXX-XX, Title X; and

*Whereas* the Navy (**would operate and manage**) the ground and airspace in the Fairview Peak, Slate Mountain Area, Monte Cristo Mountains, and the Shoal Site on Sand Springs Range, for military purposes, under authority from the Federal Aviation Administration and PL XXX-XX Title X; and

*Whereas* the Navy under PL XXX-XX, Title X (**would close**) these lands to public access due to safety and military training requirements as necessitated by the Navy mission. The Navy (**would**) allow limited hunting access for portions of B-17 and unrestricted access to the Shoal Site when such activity does not interfere with Navy mission and is conducted under the regulatory authority of NDOW; and

*Whereas,* the mutual desire of NDOW and the Navy to collaborate for the common purpose of protecting, enhancing and managing bighorn sheep, mule deer, pronghorn, and other wildlife species on the FRTC species for the best interest of the people of Nevada and the United States. It is also their mutual desire is to coordinate and hold an annual hunting program on the B-17 range of the FRTC for the best interest of the people of Nevada and the United States.

# Therefore, it is mutually agreed that:

# V. Responsibilities:

- a. Joint Responsibilities of the Navy and NDOW:
  - i. Consistent with the Navy's objective in providing national defense, in support of national security interests abroad, and in the interest of ensuring public safety, both parties shall cooperate in the administration of the B-17 hunting program and the conducting of wildlife surveys, wildlife habitat improvements, enhancements, restoration activities, and installation and maintenance of water developments within the Area.
  - ii. Both parties will meet jointly, as needed but at a minimum twice per year, to discuss matters relating to the hunting program and wildlife or habitat management. NDOW will be responsible for calling and coordinating one meeting prior to the start of the hunting season and one meeting after the conclusion of the hunting season. This MOA and the hunting program work plan will be reviewed annually, and updated as necessary using adaptive management techniques. All changes will be coordinated and mutually approved by the Navy and NDOW.
  - iii. All hunting on the Navy administered lands will be conducted with the concurrence of the Navy and will be conducted in accordance with federal law (10 USC Section 2671) and applicable state game laws and regulations. NDOW will enforce applicable hunting laws and facilitate required briefings with the tag holders, their hunt parties and/or guides prior to the mutually agreed upon B-17 hunt start date.

- iv. The hunt shall be scheduled annually in accordance with Commission Regulation season dates and hunting quotas, for a period of 15 consecutive days within the established hunt season, to the extent compatible with mission requirements. The hunt will be scheduled around/between major training evolutions. When determined feasible and compatible with mission training, the Navy may allow more than 15 days for the hunt. The Navy may require a halt to all hunting activities on the Area at any time due to training schedule or readiness requirements changes. While every effort will be made not to interfere with the hunt, the essential mission and safety will assume priority.
- v. The Navy and NDOW will work together to identify and define any and all hunt areas during hunt program reviews. Changes to hunting areas should be based on safety requirements and mission compatibility.
- vi. B-17 is a restricted area. In consideration of safety factors, ground and flying activity restrictions in the Hunt Areas will be determined by the Navy and communicated to NDOW. These restrictions will be published in the Annual Hunting Program work plan.
- vii. The Navy will notify tag holders of the tentative open hunt period by August 1 each year and will confirm with tag holders by September 1. After September 1, if any change is required with respect to the pending hunt season, the Navy will make every effort to provide the new information in a timely manner to the hunters and will strive to provide this information at least two weeks prior to the hunt season.
- viii. The Navy will provide Range Safety Training to explain access requirements, hunt boundaries and safety protocols for the Area to those individuals who will be accessing the range during the hunt. To accommodate all tag holders, training materials will be available online, and a face-to-face Range Safety Briefing will be provided at least one day prior to the opening day of the managed access hunt. Each year, the Navy and NDOW will coordinate the date, time and site locations and jointly conduct these briefings.
- ix. Upon completion of three (3) years of full implementation of the managed access bighorn hunting program, NDOW and the Navy will meet to re-assess the hunting program. This re-assessment will be conducted in part to determine if additional big game hunts on the FRTC may be logistically feasible and compatible with mission activities.
- x. Trapping or transplanting of bighorn sheep shall be conducted only with the joint concurrence of, and in coordination with, the Navy and NDOW staff.
- xi. NDOW may request access to the Area to monitor, maintain, or construct water developments as necessary. The Navy will review and assess the proposed locations of new water developments for mission compatibility. The Navy will grant such access, so long as actions are compatible with current operations as scheduled.

- xii. Off-road vehicle use in the Shoal Site and B-17 is controlled by the Navy. Vehicles may only be used on designated access roads and trails. Within the B-17, hunt areas, access routes, and campsites will be designated and provided to hunters and their hunt parties. No off-road vehicle access is authorized. Violators of Navy access policies or NDOW hunt regulations will be removed from the Area, and may be subject to loss of hunting privileges. Violations of applicable policies and regulations may also lead to modification or termination of the overall hunt program.
- xiii. Nothing contained in this MOA is intended to modify, in any manner, other agreements with public agencies, or to modify rights granted by treaty, or otherwise, to any Native American Tribe(s) or member(s) thereof.
- xiv. Nothing in this MOA may be construed to obligate the United States or the Department of the Navy to any current or future expenditure of money in advance of the availability of appropriations for such purposes from the U.S. Congress.
- xv. Supplemental agreements may be developed as required by both parties to address other program requirements. This agreement does not supersede any agreements involving the parties that are now in force.
- xvi. All media activities attendant to wildlife management activities on the Area will be coordinated through NDOW and the NASF Public Affairs Office.
- xvii. Point of Contact for Navy briefings to NDOW and tag holders and all associated coordination and scheduling will be NAWDC Range Operations at 426-2102.
- xviii. This agreement may be modified or amended by mutual agreement of the authorized representatives of the two Parties. This MOA may be terminated by either Party by giving at least 30 days written notice to the other Party. However, the parties agree that termination should be viewed as a last option, and that they will seek to meet and/or confer as needed and to the extent practicable to try to avoid termination of this agreement. When disputes or unique situations create stalemates at the working group level, the issue will be elevated to the signatories of this MOA for resolution. The MOA may also be terminated at any time upon the mutual written consent of the Parties.
- b. Navy Responsibilities Within the limitations of the assigned military mission and the availability of funds and manpower, the NASF/NAWDC agrees to:
  - i. Collaborate with NDOW to designate and establish hunt areas, access routes, camp areas and range access requirements for participants on an annual basis, which will be published in the annual hunting program work plan. Note: The attached map (figure 1) is a depiction of the proposed baseline hunt areas, access routes, and campsites. Please note that the attached map serves as a baseline for an annual evaluation and designation of access routes, hunt areas, and campsites, based on current safety and mission constraints. Not all roads, campsites or hunt areas may be accessible every year; however, it is the Navy's

intent to provide as much access as possible, within the constraints of safety and mission requirements.

- ii. Develop and implement range access requirements for participants during the hunting season, which will be published in the annual hunting program work plan.
- iii. Ensure the Range Operations Support / Maintenance (ROS) Contract conducts "a sweep" of the intended access roads and identified areas to facilitate safe ingress in and egress out of the respective Weapons Danger Zone(s) on an annual basis.
- iv. Provide access to authorized agents and employees of NDOW, and to authorized tag holders and their parties, subject to compliance with NASFINST 5560.1D.
- v. Administer mission parameters to allow for minimal interference with the hunt program, with the understanding that the operational mission will take priority in a conflict situation. In that event, the Navy will notify NDOW and follow-up in writing or via electronic mail.
- vi. Administer criminal background checks for all members of hunt parties and enforce applicable firearm policy specific to the hunt program.
- vii. Provide conservation law enforcement officers or federal officials to enforce Federal regulations and Navy policy during the hunt period. Conservation law enforcement officers will work in coordination with state game wardens who will enforce state game laws.
- viii. Schedule range time for NDOW to operate approved aircraft for the purposes of aerial wildlife surveys, habitat management actions, or during emergency events related to wildlife, within Navy special use airspace in accordance with Navy Range Operations doctrine and policy.
- ix. Restrict flying activities as practicable and consistent with operational requirements, over the Hunt Areas during the designated hunting period.
   Restrictions will follow Navy Range Operations doctrine and flying restrictions will be published in the applicable FRTC Range Schedule.
- x. Limit access by Department of Defense (DoD) ground training parties within the designated hunt areas during the hunt period to prevent interference and promote safety. The Navy will have access to Range B-17 and the hunt areas for range management, emergency, or law enforcement purposes as required.
- xi. Notify NDOW and all hunters on range in the event of an emergency during the hunt. Depending on the emergency, NDOW/hunter access may be restricted.
- xii. Notify NDOW of problems with water developments located within the Area for the benefit of bighorns and other wildlife, and repair to proper functioning condition any water developments that are confirmed to be damaged by military activities.

- c. NDOW Responsibilities Consistent with its primary objectives and responsibilities and within the availability of funds and personnel, NDOW agrees to:
  - i. Periodically survey wildlife to estimate population trends and distribution in order to set harvest quotas and evaluate management needs. During a disease event or other wildlife emergency within the Area, NDOW may request access to respond to the situation. NDOW shall coordinate field activities with the NAWDC Range scheduling office.
  - ii. Coordinate each year with the Navy those NDOW-produced documents that reference hunting season dates and quotas. NDOW shall coordinate these activities with the NAWDC Range scheduling office.
  - iii. Share hunt information, survey reports, and spatial data with the Navy for hunts and wildlife surveys conducted within the Area. Specifically, NDOW will annually share bighorn sheep hunt tag numbers for unit 181, hunt results, and population estimates and general location data for big game herds found within the Area.
  - iv. Make available game wardens to carry out a random patrol in the designated Hunt Area during the B-17 hunting period. Game wardens will enforce state game laws and monitor hunting activities in cooperation with federal conservation law enforcement or Federal officials.
  - v. In conjunction with the normal season-setting process, NDOW will assist the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish hunting seasons, tag quotas and consistently therewith, issue state hunting licenses and tags for wildlife species within the designated hunt area and approved for hunting by NDOW and Navy within B-17.
  - vi. In coordination with the Navy, NDOW will help administer the Range Safety Briefing for B-17 bighorn hunts. NDOW will inform the public through their website of the restrictions and requirements to access Navy administered lands for the unit 181 bighorn sheep hunt. NDOW will also contact applicable tag holders, including Statewide tag holders, to inform them of the restrictions and requirements for access on Navy lands. NDOW will provide information that directs the hunters to contact the Navy in order to initiate access approval. NDOW will coordinate with the Navy to ensure hunter notification is complete and successful while meeting personal information protection policy.

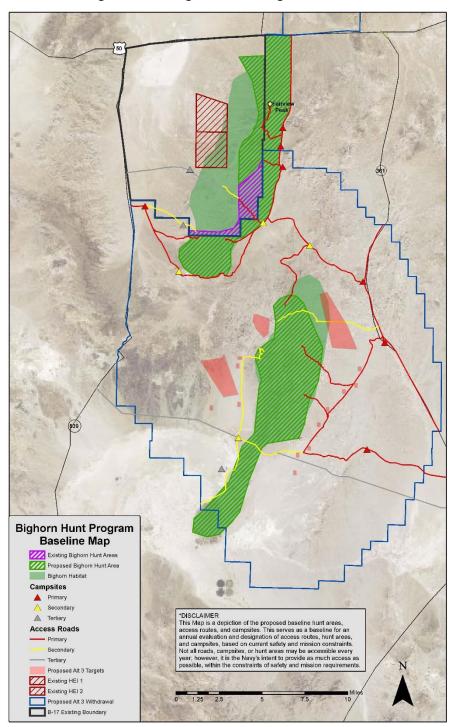


Figure 1: B-17 Bighorn Hunt Program Baseline\*

\*This Map is a depiction of the proposed baseline hunt areas, access routes, and campsites. This serves as a baseline for an annual evaluation and designation of access routes, hunt areas, and campsites, based on current safety and mission constraints. Not all roads, campsites or hunt areas may be accessible every year; however, it is the Navy's intent to provide as much access as possible, within the constraints of safety and mission requirements.

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## Appendix E Public Participation

This appendix includes a summary of the public involvement and stakeholder outreach activities conducted by the United States (U.S.) Department of the Navy (Navy) during the scoping period and the public review and comment period for the Draft Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The scoping period was held from August 26, 2016, to December 12, 2016. The Draft EIS was released for public review November 16, 2018, for a 60-day public comment period. The public comment period was extended by an additional 30 days, to close February 14, 2019.

The purpose of public involvement during the public scoping period was to (1) notify and inform stakeholders and the public about the Proposed Action; and (2) provide opportunities for the public to comment on the scope of the analysis, including environmental issues and potential viable alternatives. The purpose of public involvement during the public review and comment period of the Draft EIS was to (1) notify and inform stakeholders and the public about the Proposed Action and the release of the Draft EIS, and (2) provide the opportunity for the public and stakeholders to comment on the Draft EIS.

Outreach and involvement efforts were conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Navy guidance.

## E.1 Project Website

A project website was established to provide the public with project information and to accept comments electronically. The project website address is https://www.FRTCModernization.com; the website went live August 26, 2016.

The website address was included in the *Federal Register* Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and To Announce Public Scoping Meetings and the *Federal Register* Notice of Public Meetings. It was also included in newspaper advertisements, stakeholder letters, tribal letters, media releases, public service announcements, fliers, and postcard mailers.

Public notifications, fact sheets, the executive summary of the Draft EIS, maps, frequently asked questions, technical reports, a project video, posters, and various other informational materials are available on the project website and will be available throughout the course of the project.

## E.2 Scoping Period

## E.2.1 Public Scoping Notifications

The Navy made significant efforts to notify the public to maximize public participation during the scoping process. A summary of these efforts follows.

## E.2.1.1 Federal Register Notices

The public scoping period began with issuance of a joint Notice of Intent and Notice of Scoping Meetings published in the *Federal Register* August 26, 2016. The Bureau of Land Management published a Notice of Withdrawal Application in the *Federal Register* September 2, 2016. At the request of the public, the Navy extended the public scoping period to December 12, 2016, and a Notice of Extension of Public Scoping Period was published in the *Federal Register* November 10, 2016. *Federal Register* notices can be found in Appendix A (Federal Register Notices).

## E.2.1.2 Newspaper Advertisements

Display advertisements were placed in local newspapers to advertise the public's opportunity to comment on the scope of the analysis. The advertisements included a description of the Proposed Action, the address of the project website, the duration of the comment period, and information on how to provide comments. The newspapers and publication dates are listed in Table E-1. An example of the advertisement is shown in Figure E-1.

Newspaper	Scoping Meeting Location and Date	Newspaper Coverage	Publication Dates
Lahontan Valley News	Fallon (Oct. 3, 2016)	Fallon, Fernley, Lahontan Valley, and Highway 50 corridor	Friday, Aug. 26, 2016 Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016 Friday, Sept. 16, 2016 Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016 Friday, Sept. 23, 2016 Friday, Oct. 7, 2016
Lovelock Review- Miner	Lovelock (Oct. 4, 2016)	Pershing County, including Lovelock and Imlay	Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016 Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016 Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016 Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016 Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016
Nevada Appeal	Reno (Oct. 4, 2016)	Reno and Carson City	Friday, Aug. 26, 2016 Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016 Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016 Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016 Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016 Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016 Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016 Friday, Oct. 7, 2016
Reno Gazette- Journal	Reno (Oct. 4, 2016)	Reno, Sparks, Spanish Springs, Fernley, Dayton, and Yerington	Friday, Aug. 26, 2016 Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016 Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016 Monday, Sept. 26, 2016 Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016 Monday, Oct. 3, 2016 Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016
Battle Mountain Bugle	Austin (Oct. 5, 2016)	Lander County, including Austin	Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016 Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016 Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016 Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016 Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016 Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016

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Newspaper	Scoping Meeting Location and Date	Newspaper Coverage	Publication Dates
Eureka Sentinel	Eureka (Oct. 6, 2016)	Eureka County	Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016 Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016 Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016 Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016 Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016 Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016
Mineral County Independent News	Hawthorne (Oct. 7, 2016)	Hawthorne, Walker Lake, Schurz, Mina, Luning, Montgomery Pass, and Marietta	Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016 Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016 Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016 Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016 Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016 Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016
Tonopah Times- Bonanza	Gabbs (Oct. 7, 2016)	Various areas throughout Nevada, including Gabbs and Nye Counties	Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016 Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016 Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016 Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016 Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016 Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016

A display advertisement announcing the public comment period extension was placed in the newspapers listed in Table E-2. An example of the advertisement is shown in Figure E-2.

Table E-2: Newspaper Publications for the Comment Perio	od Extension
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Newspaper	Newspaper Coverage	Publication Dates
Battle Mountain Bugle	Lander County, including Austin	Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016
Eureka Sentinel	Eureka County	Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016
Lahontan Valley News	Fallon, Fernley, Lahontan Valley, and Highway 50 corridor	Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016
Lovelock Review-Miner	Pershing County, including Lovelock and Imlay	Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016
Mineral County Independent News	Hawthorne, Walker Lake, Schurz, Mina, Luning, Montgomery Pass, and Marietta	Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016
Nevada Appeal	Reno and Carson City	Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016
Reno Gazette-Journal	Reno, Sparks, Spanish Springs, Fernley, Dayton, and Yerington	Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016 Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016
Tonopah Times-Bonanza	Various areas throughout Nevada, including Gabbs and Nye counties	Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016

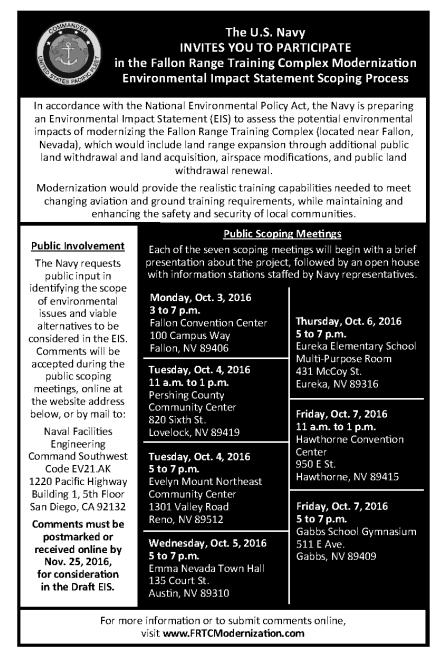


Figure E-1: Newspaper Announcement for Scoping

## Public Comment Period Extended for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Process

To allow for additional public input, the U.S. Navy has extended the public comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Public comments may now be submitted until **Dec. 12, 2016**, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

The Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Range Training Complex (located near Fallon, Nevada). Modernization would include: 1) renewal of the Navy's current public land withdrawal, 2) the expansion of land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, and 3) airspace modifications.

The proposed modernization would provide the realistic training capabilities needed to meet changing aviation and ground training requirements, while maintaining and enhancing the safety and security of local communities.

## Public Involvement

The Navy requests public input in identifying the scope of environmental issues and viable alternatives to be considered in the EIS. Comments will be accepted online at the website address below, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked or received online by Dec. 12, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

For more information or to submit comments online, visit www.FRTCModernization.com

Figure E-2: Newspaper Announcement for Scoping Comment Period Extension

## E.2.1.3 News Releases

Naval Air Station Fallon and the Bureau of Land Management distributed news releases to media outlets August 25, 2016, and September 1, 2016, respectively. The news releases provided information on the public scoping meetings, Proposed Action, and how to submit comments. An example of the Navy's news release is shown in Figure E-3, and the Bureau of Land Management news release is shown in Figure E-4. The Naval Air Station Fallon media distribution list included the following media outlets.

- KOLO 8 News television, news@kolotv.com
- KRNV 4 News television, reno-krnv-feedback@sbgtv.com
- KTVN 2 News television, producers@ktvn.com
- Nevada Appeal newspaper, atrumble@nevadaappeal.com
- Reno Gazette-Journal newspaper, kscott@rgj.com
- Associated Press, ssonner@ap.org
- KNPB public broadcasting, tony@knpb.org
- NewsReview.com, bradb@newsreview.com



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Aug. 25, 2016

#### NAVY TO PREPARE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FALLON, Nev. — The U.S. Navy is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, to evaluate potential environmental effects associated with modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex. The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training complex. It is located in the high desert of northern Nevada, 65 miles east of the city of Reno.

The Navy proposes to modernize the Fallon Range Training Complex, which would include land range expansion through additional land withdrawal and land acquisition, airspace modifications, and public land withdrawal renewal. The modernization is required because advances in warfare technology have outpaced the size and configuration of the ranges, hindering the Navy from fully sustaining realistic aviation and ground training.

The Navy's proposed action includes renewal of the existing 202,859-acre public land withdrawal that expires on Nov. 5, 2021; the withdraw and reserve for military use of approximately 604,789 acres of additional public land; acquisition of approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land; expansion of associated Special Use Airspace, as well as reconfiguration of existing airspace; and modification of range infrastructure to support modernization. The aviation and ground training to be conducted in the modernized Fallon Range Training Complex would be of the same general types and at the same tempos analyzed in Alternative 2 of the Final EIS for Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada (completed in December 2015).

The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Figure E-3: Navy News Release for Scoping

As part of the environmental evaluation, and in accordance with federal regulations, the Navy is seeking public input to identify community concerns, potential viable alternatives, and environmental issues for analysis in the EIS. Open house information sessions will be held at the following locations:

- Monday, Oct. 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.
- Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.
- Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.
- Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.
- Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.
- Friday, Oct. 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.
- Friday, Oct. 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409.

Each of the seven information sessions will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy and cooperating agency representatives.

Comments pertaining to the U.S. Navy's proposed action and/or environmental issues should be sent to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest; Attention: Code EV21.AK; 1220 Pacific Highway; Building 1, 5th Floor; San Diego, CA 92132, or submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>.

Additional information is also available at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>. All written comments must be postmarked or received online by **Friday**, **Nov. 25**, **2016**, to be considered in the Draft EIS.

#### Figure E-3: Navy News Release for Scoping (continued)



The Navy published a Federal Register notice on August 26 stating that it would conduct the EIS on both renewing the existing public land withdrawal, which covers 202,859 acres, and the withdrawal and reservation for military use of another 604,789 acres of public land to expand the existing range. The Navy's authorization to use its existing acreage expires in 2021. Based on the environmental analysis, the Secretary of the Interior will make a recommendation to Congress on the proposed withdrawals. However, Congress, not the Secretary, will make the final decision on both the requested extension and proposed expansion.

As a first step in the EIS process, the Navy will hold seven public meetings on the proposed extension and expansion of the Fallon Range Training Complex. The BLM, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS. During the EIS, the Navy will consider existing uses of the lands. For instance, the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manage some of the lands. In addition, the Pony Express National Historic Trail, managed by the BLM and the National Park Service, runs through both the existing and proposed expansion areas. An expanded Fallon Range Training Complex would also overlap with portions of the Stillwater Range Wilderness Study Area (WSA), the Job Peak WSA, and the Clan Alpine Mountains WSA, which are all managed by the BLM. The U.S. Navy expansion would also overlap sage grouse habitat, the current Vegas to Reno Off-Highway Race course, numerous right-of-way corridors, and several grazing allotments. Current authorized uses of the lands can continue during the segregation.

The two-year segregation removes the expansion lands from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing

#### Figure E-4: Bureau of Land Management News Release for Scoping

laws. Valid existing rights at the time of the segregation will be honored. The action is require under section 204(b)(1) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. Much of the existing Fallon Range footprint is already withdrawn from these laws.

The entire Federal Register Notice for the Notice of Application for Withdrawal Extension and Withdrawal Expansion is available here.

While the Navy will accept comments on its EIS, the BLM will accept comments on the requested withdrawal actions through the following methods:

- E-mail: BLM\_NV\_FRTC@blm.gov
- Fax: (775) 885-6147
- Mail: BLM Carson City District, Attn: NAS Fallon FRTC, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701

The following is a schedule of the Navy's public meetings on the proposed withdrawals:

- Fallon Convention Center, Fallon, 3-7 p.m. October 3;
- Pershing County Community Center, Lovelock, 11a.m.-1 p.m. October 4;
- Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, Reno, 5-7 p.m. October 4;
- Emma Nevada Town Hall, Austin, 5-7 p.m. October 5;
- Eureka Elementary School, Eureka, 5-7p.m. October 6;
- Hawthorne Convention Center, Hawthorne, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. October 7; and
- Gabbs School Gymnasium, Gabbs, 5-7 p.m. October 7.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.

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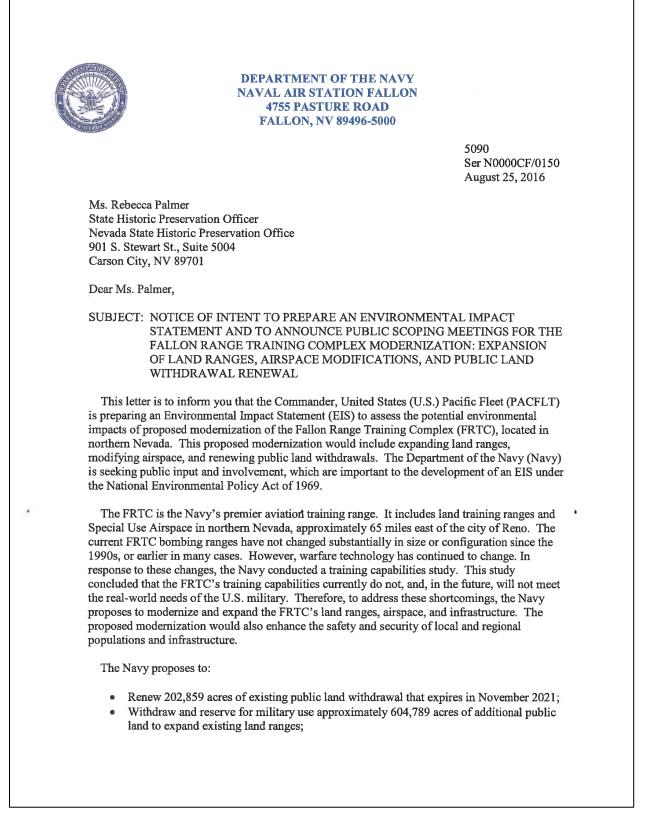
Figure E-4: Bureau of Land Management News Release for Scoping (continued)

## E.2.1.4 Notification Letters

Stakeholder and tribal notification letters were mailed first-class August 25, 2016, to 26 federal, state, and local elected officials and government agencies, and via certified mail to tribal chairs of 17 federally recognized tribes and one intertribal council. A second tribal letter announcing the public comment period extension was sent via certified mail to the same tribal contacts. Entities that received the scoping notification letter can be found in Table E-3, and an example of a stakeholder letter is shown in Figure E-5. Tribal letters can be found in Appendix C (Tribal Correspondence).

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Federally Recognized Tribes and Tribal Groups				
Battle Mountain Shoshone South Fork Band Council				
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe Summit Lake Paiute Tribe				
Elko Band Council	Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians			
Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	of Nevada			
Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes	shone Tribes Walker River Paiute Tribe			
Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada	Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California			
Lovelock Paiute Tribe	Wells Band Council			
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada			
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Yerington Paiute Tribe			
	Yomba Shoshone Tribe			
Federal Elected Officials and Federal Agencies				
U.S. Senators				
U.S. Representatives (Nevada Districts 2 and 4)				
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency				
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assur	ance			
State Elected Officials and State Agencies				
Governor				
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Res	ources			
Nevada Department of Transportation				
Nevada Department of Wildlife				
Nevada State Historic Preservation Office				
Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies				
City of Fallon				
Mayor				
City of Lovelock				
Mayor				
City of Reno				
Mayor				
City of Winnemucca				
Mayor				
Churchill County				
District 2				
Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board				
Elko County				
District 3				
Eureka County Board of Commissioners				
Lander County				
District 5				
Lyon County				
District 4				
Mineral County Commission				
Nye County				
District 1				
Pershing County Board of Commissioners				
Storey County Board of Commissioners				
Tonopah Town Board				
Washoe County				
District 3				

## Table E-3: Entities that Received the Scoping Notification Letters



#### Figure E-5: Stakeholder Scoping Notification Letter

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- Acquire approximately 65,160 acres of non-federal land to expand existing land ranges;
- Expand associated Special Use Airspace and reconfigure existing airspace;
- Conduct the same general types and tempos of aviation and ground training as analyzed in Alternative 2 of the 2015 Military Readiness Activities at Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada, Final Environmental Impact Statement; and
- Upgrade range infrastructure to support expansion and modernization.

#### Environmental Analysis

The EIS will include an analysis of potential impacts on environmental resource areas including: soils; air quality/climate; water resources and quality; airborne noise; biological resources; land use and recreation; socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children; transportation; cultural resources; Native American traditional resources; and public health and safety. Your input in identifying other specific issues and resource areas that should be assessed in the EIS will greatly aid our analysis. The EIS will also address the cumulative impacts of the direct and indirect effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions would be taken until this EIS effort is complete. The Bureau of Land Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Scoping Process

A 90-day scoping period will be open from August 26, 2016, through November 25, 2016. During this time, we welcome any comments you may have regarding the proposed project.

The Navy is holding a series of meetings to discuss the project and to determine the type and scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

Seven open house information sessions will be held:

1. Monday, October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406.

2. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pershing County Community Center, 820 6th Street, Lovelock, NV 89419.

3. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512.

4. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Emma Nevada Town Hall, 135 Court Street, Austin, NV 89310.

5. Thursday, October 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 431 McCoy Street, Eureka, NV 89316.

Figure E-5: Stakeholder Scoping Notification Letter (continued)

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6. Friday, October 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hawthorne Convention Center, 950 E Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415.

7. Friday, October 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Gabbs School Gymnasium, 511 E Avenue, Gabbs, NV 89409.

The Navy requests and welcomes comments. Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings, online at www.FRTCModernization.com, or via postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2016. All timely comments will be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS.

The Navy would welcome the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Planner, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925. For more information about the project, please visit www.FRTCModernization.com.

Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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Figure E-5: Stakeholder Scoping Notification Letter (continued)

## E.2.1.5 Postcard Mailers

A postcard mailer providing information on the public scoping meetings, the Proposed Action, and how to submit comments was mailed first-class to 589 tribal staff, individuals, landowners, and organizations August 25, 2016. A second postcard mailer announcing the public comment period extension was mailed first-class November 14, 2016, to 700 elected officials, government agencies, tribal staff, individuals, landowners, and organizations. Examples of the two postcard mailers are shown in Figure E-6 and Figure E-7.

## FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION EIS



The U.S. Navy invites you to participate in the National Environmental Policy Act scoping process for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization: Expansion of Land Ranges, Airspace Modifications, and Public Land Withdrawal Renewal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Range Training Complex (located near Fallon, Nevada), which would include land range expansion through additional public land withdrawal and land acquisition, airspace modifications, and public land withdrawal renewal.

## THE NAVY WELCOMES YOUR INPUT!

#### You can participate in several ways:

- Find more information and submit comments online at: www.FRTCModernization.com
- Attend a public scoping meeting to learn more and submit comments
- Mail written comments to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132



## PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

Each of the seven scoping meetings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an open house with information stations staffed by Navy representatives.

**Monday, Oct. 3, 2016, 3 to 7 p.m.** Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon, NV 89406

**Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Pershing County Community Center 820 Sixth St. Lovelock, NV 89419

**Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016, 5 to 7 p.m.** Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center 1301 Valley Road Reno, NV 89512

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, 5 to 7 p.m. Emma Nevada Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

#### Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016, 5 to 7 p.m.

Eureka Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room 431 McCoy Street Eureka, NV 89316

Friday, Oct. 7, 2016, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hawthorne Convention Center 950 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Friday, Oct. 7, 2016, 5 to 7 p.m. Gabbs School Gymnasium

511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409

Comments must be postmarked or received online by Nov. 25, 2016, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

Figure E-6: Postcard Mailer for Scoping (Front)

The Navy requests your input in identifying the scope of environmental issues and viable alternatives to be considered in the EIS.

#### PROPOSED ACTION

The Navy's Proposed Action is to modernize the Fallon Range Training Complex, which would include land range expansion through additional public land withdrawal and land acquisition, airspace modifications, and public land withdrawal renewal.

Modernization would provide the realistic training capabilities needed to meet changing aviation and ground training requirements, while maintaining and enhancing the safety and security of local communities.

Visit www.FRTCModernization.com for more information or to submit comments online.



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Figure E-6: Postcard Mailer for Scoping (Back)



# FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION EIS

# PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

To allow for additional public input, the U.S. Navy has extended the public comment period for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization: Expansion of Land Ranges, Airspace Modifications, and Public Land Withdrawal Renewal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Public comments may now be submitted until **Dec. 12, 2016**.

# THE NAVY WELCOMES YOUR INPUT!

You can participate in several ways:

- Find more information and submit comments online at: www.FRTCModernization.com
- Mail written comments to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.AK 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

The Navy is preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Range Training Complex (located near Fallon, Nevada). Modernization would include: 1) renewal of

the Navy's current public land

withdrawal, 2) the expansion of land ranges through the additional withdrawal of public

lands and the acquisition of

3) airspace modifications.

non-federal land, and

Comments must be postmarked or received online by **Dec. 12, 2016**, for consideration in the Draft EIS.

Figure E-7: Postcard Mailer for Scoping Comment Period Extension (Front)

The Navy requests your input in identifying the scope of environmental issues and viable alternatives to be considered in the EIS.

## PROPOSED ACTION

The Navy's Proposed Action is to modernize the Fallon Range Training Complex. Modernization would include:

- Renewal of current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace modifications

The proposed modernization would provide the realistic training capabilities needed to meet changing aviation and ground training requirements, while maintaining and enhancing the safety and security of local communities.

*Visit www.FRTCModernization.com* for more information or to submit comments online.

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Figure E-7: Postcard Mailer for Scoping Comment Period Extension (Back)

## E.3 Summary of the Scoping Meetings and Topics Discussed

Scoping comments were submitted in three ways:

- Written letters (received any time during the public comment period)
- Comments submitted at a scoping meeting (written or oral)
- Comments submitted directly on the project website (received any time during the public comment period)

In total, 338 people attended seven public scoping meetings. Twenty-one written comment letters and 15 oral comments were submitted at the meetings.

Table E-4 reflects the number of attendees and the number of oral and written comment letters received at each scoping meeting. Media attendance reflects the persons who identified themselves as media. Topics reflect the key points discussed with subject matter experts or provided as a written or oral comment at the scoping meetings.

Site	Attendance	Oral Comments	Comment Letters				
Fallon	129	8	10				
Monday, Oct. 3, 2016	129	0	10				
Media Attendance:	Media Attendance:						
Channel 2	Channel 2						
Channel 8	Channel 8						
<ul> <li>Lahontan Valley New</li> </ul>	S						
Progressive Rancher	Magazine						
Topics Discussed:							
<ul> <li>Grazing allotments ar withdrawal</li> </ul>	nd management of grazing	lands that could be lost as a	result of the proposed				
<ul> <li>Private property with</li> </ul>	improvements on Bravo-2	20					
<ul> <li>Request for maps dis</li> </ul>	playing townships and ran	ges					
<ul> <li>Access to private pare</li> </ul>	cels in Bravo-20						
<ul> <li>Request for alternate</li> </ul>	routes through Bravo-20	and Bravo-16					
Noise concerns from	Naval Air Station Fallon ar	nd overflight noise					
<ul> <li>Fires from military tra</li> </ul>	aining (Who provides firefi	ghting services and restoration	on? Who pays?)				
<ul> <li>Impacts on water and</li> </ul>	water resources						
<ul> <li>Concerns about the p</li> </ul>	Concerns about the potential public access closure of Dixie Valley Training Area						
<ul> <li>Access to hunting site</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Access to hunting sites (primarily in Dixie Valley Training Area and Bravo-17)</li> </ul>						
<ul> <li>Access to geothermal</li> </ul>	Access to geothermal sites						
<ul> <li>Impacts on tarantula</li> </ul>	migration						
<ul> <li>Off-highway vehicle u</li> </ul>	Off-highway vehicle use and impacts from closing of the ranges						
<ul> <li>Impacts on mineral a</li> </ul>	Impacts on mineral and mining claims and investments						
<ul> <li>Compensation for gra withdrawal</li> </ul>							
Potential impacts on	Potential impacts on bighorn sheep						
Potential impacts on							
<ul> <li>Bravo-17 property classical</li> </ul>	Bravo-17 property claims issues (from previous Bravo-17 withdrawal); potential for compensation by the Navy						

### Table E-4: Summary of the Scoping Meetings

Table E-4: Summary of Scoping Meetings (continued)
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<ul> <li>Churchill County Farm Bureau</li> <li>Churchill Economic Development Authority</li> </ul>		Nevada Departmer			
		Nevada Farm Bure			
City of Fallon					
Eureka County			<ul> <li>Nevada Trappers Association</li> <li>Nevada Waterfowl Association</li> </ul>		
Fallon Paiute-Shosho	ne Tribe	Ranchers			
<ul> <li>Mayor of Yerington</li> </ul>		<ul><li>Fallon Tea Party</li><li>Walker River Paiute Tribe</li></ul>			
		Residents and inte			
Site	Attendance	Oral Comments	Comment Letters		
Lovelock	16	0	1		
Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016	10	0	1		
Media Attendance:					
Winnemucca Publish	ing Company				
Topics Discussed:					
Socioeconomic impac	cts and Payments in Lieu o	f Taxes			
Possible conflict of Br	ravo-20 expansion and Per	shing County Economic Plan			
Impacts on mineral a	nd mining claims and invest	stments			
Railway Spur Develop	oment through Bravo-20				
Attendees:					
Lovelock Paiute Tribe	2				
Pershing County					
<ul> <li>Pershing Gold Corpor</li> </ul>	ration				
	ation				
Residents and interes					
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#### Table E-4: Summary of Scoping Meetings (continued)

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- Non-Navy oversight of Navy biological resource management
- Requests for GIS data
- Request for analysis of possibility of multi-use of the expanded areas
- No public notice for miners

• Request by Lovelock-Paiute for access to archaeological sites and natural areas

#### Attendees:

- Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife
- Elko Mining Group
- Friends of Nevada Wilderness
- Geological Society of Nevada
- Great Basin Resource Watch
- Miners
- Nevada Bighorns Unlimited
- Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology
- Nevada Commission on Off-highway Vehicles

- Nevada Division of Minerals
- Nevada Division of Water Resources
- Nevada Farm Bureau
- Nevada Mineral Exploration Coalition
- Nevada Waterfowl Association
- Nevada Wildlife Alliance
- New Nevada Resources
- Grace Potorti (prior Rural Alliance for Military Accountability)
- Residents and interested individuals

Residents and interested individuals		erested individuals	
Site	Attendance	Oral Comments	Comment Letters
Austin	22	1	1
Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016	22	1	1 I
Media Attendance:		·	
None			
Topics Discussed:			
<ul> <li>Grazing allotments withdrawal</li> </ul>	s and management of grazing	; lands that could be lost as a	result of the proposed
<ul> <li>Minerals and geot</li> </ul>	hermal development impacts	5	
Sonic boom and no	pise impacts		
Cultural impacts			
Socioeconomic im	pacts on airport		
Secondary effects	on property values		
Attendees:			
Congressman Mar	k Amodei staff	Toiyabe Guns	
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe     Town of Kingston			
Nye County Comm	issioner	University of Flori	da
Lander County		Yomba Shoshone	Tribe
Ranchers	•		erested individuals
Senator Dean Hell	er staff		

## Table E-4: Summary of Scoping Meetings (continued)

Site	Attendance	Oral Comments	<b>Comment Letters</b>
Eureka	13	3	1
Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016	15	5	1
Media Attendance:			
None			
Topics Discussed:			
-	nd management of grazing	lands that could be lost as a	result of the proposed
withdrawal			
•	mal development impacts	i	
<ul> <li>Sonic boom and noise</li> </ul>	-		
	se from low-flying aircraft		
Socioeconomic impac	ts of sale of lands		
Attendees:			
Eureka County Comm		Ranchers/farmers	
Eureka County School		Sheriff	
National Cattlemen's		Residents and inte	
Site	Attendance	Oral Comments	Comment Letters
Hawthorne	33	0	4
Friday, Oct. 7, 2016			
Media Attendance:			
Desert Report Magazi			
Mineral County Indep	endent News		
Topics Discussed:			
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#### Table E-4: Summary of Scoping Meetings (continued)

Site	Attendance	Oral Comments	Comment Letters	
Gabbs	73	2	1	
Friday, Oct. 7, 2016	/3	2	T	
Media Attendance:				
<ul> <li>Tonopah Times</li> </ul>				
Topics Discussed:				
<ul> <li>Grazing allotments withdrawal</li> </ul>	s and management of grazing	lands that could be lost as a	result of the proposed	
Concerns that haz	Concerns that hazardous areas (from bombs and chemicals) would increase			
Concerns regardin	Concerns regarding disproportional economic benefits in comparison with other counties			
• Cumulative impacts from other proposed military expansions nearby (i.e., Nellis Air Force Base)			ellis Air Force Base)	
Attendees:				
Best in the Desert	Racing			
Gabbs School				
<ul> <li>Yomba Shoshone<sup>-</sup></li> </ul>	Tribe			
<ul> <li>Residents and interview</li> </ul>	rested individuals			

## E.4 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Public Review and Comment Period

## E.4.1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement Public Review and Comment Period Notifications

The Navy made significant efforts to notify the public of the release of the Draft EIS and the dates and locations of public meetings to maximize participation during the public review and comment period process. A summary of these efforts follows.

## E.4.1.1 Federal Register Notices

A Notice of Public Meetings was published in the *Federal Register* November 15, 2018, and a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS was published in the *Federal Register* November 16, 2018. At the request of the public, the Navy extended the public comment period to February 14, 2019, and a notice announcing the extension of the public review and comment period was published in the *Federal Register* December 27, 2018. *Federal Register* notices can be found in Appendix A (Federal Register Notices).

## E.4.1.2 Newspaper Advertisements

Display advertisements were placed in local newspapers to advertise the notice of availability of the Draft EIS, the public meetings, and the public review and comment period. The advertisements included a description of the Proposed Action, the public meeting dates and locations, the address of the project website, the duration of the comment period, and information on how to provide comments. The newspapers and publication dates are listed in Table E-5. An example of the advertisement is shown in Figure E-8.

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Newspaper	Public Meeting Location and Date	Newspaper Coverage	Publication Dates
Lahontan Valley News	Fallon (Dec. 12, 2018)	Fallon, Fernley, Lahontan Valley, and Highway 50 corridor	Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018 Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018 Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018 Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018
Lovelock Review- Miner	Lovelock (Dec. 13, 2018)	Pershing County, including Lovelock and Imlay	Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018 Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018 Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018 Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018
Nevada Appeal	Reno (Dec. 13, 2018)	Reno and Carson City	Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018 Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018 Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018 Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018 Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018
Reno Gazette- Journal	Reno (Dec. 13, 2018)	Reno, Sparks, Spanish Springs, Fernley, Dayton, and Yerington	Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018 Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018 Monday, Nov. 19, 2018 Friday, Nov. 30, 2018 Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018 Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018 Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018
Battle Mountain Bugle	Austin (Dec. 11, 2018)	Lander County, including Austin	Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018 Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018 Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018
Eureka Sentinel	Eureka (Dec. 11, 2018)	Eureka County	Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018 Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018 Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018
Mineral County Independent News	Hawthorne (Dec. 10, 2018)	Hawthorne, Walker Lake, Schurz, Mina, Luning, Montgomery Pass, and Marietta	Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018 Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018
Tonopah Times- Bonanza	Gabbs (Dec. 10, 2018)	Various areas throughout Nevada, including Gabbs and Nye Counties	Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018 Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018 Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018

Table E-5: Newspaper Publications for the Draft EIS Availability and Public Meetings
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A display advertisement announcing the extension of the public comment period was placed in the newspapers listed in Table E-6. An example of the advertisement is shown in Figure E-9.

Newspaper	Newspaper Coverage	Publication Dates
Battle Mountain Bugle	Lander County, including Austin	Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019
Eureka Sentinel	Eureka County	Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019
Lahontan Valley News	Fallon, Fernley, Lahontan Valley, and Highway 50 corridor	Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019
Lovelock Review-Miner	Pershing County, including Lovelock and Imlay	Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019
Mineral County Independent News	Hawthorne, Walker Lake, Schurz, Mina, Luning, Montgomery Pass, and Marietta	Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019
Nevada Appeal	Reno and Carson City	Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019 Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019
Reno Gazette-Journal	Reno, Sparks, Spanish Springs, Fernley, Dayton, and Yerington	Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019 Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019 Friday, Jan. 4, 2019
Tonopah Times-Bonanza	Various areas throughout Nevada, including Gabbs and Nye counties	Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019

### Table E-6: Newspaper Publications Comment Period Extension

The U.S. Navy INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE in the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement Public Involvement Process The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess			
<ul> <li>the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex. Modernization would include: 1) renewal of the Navy's current public land withdrawal, 2) land range expansion through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land,</li> <li>a) airspace expansion and modifications, and 4) upgrades to range infrastructure. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.</li> </ul>			
Public         Public           Public         Each meeting will include informational poster stations, a brief Navy presentation starting at the beginning of the second hour, followed by a public oral comment session		ormational poster stations, rting at the beginning of the	
The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft EIS. Comments will be accepted during the public meetings,	Monday, Dec. 10, 2018 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415	Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018 5 to 8 p.m. Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way	
online at the website address below, or by mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG	Monday, Dec. 10, 2018 5 to 8 p.m. Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409	Fallon, NV 89406 Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. C Punch Inn and Casino Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave.	
1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132 Comments must be	Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310	Lovelock, NV 89419 Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018 5 to 8 p.m. West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St.	
postmarked or received online by Jan. 15, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS.	Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018 5 to 8 p.m. Eureka Opera House Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316	Reno, NV 89503	
For more information visit www.FRTCModernization.com			

Figure E-8: Newspaper Announcement of the Draft EIS Availability and Public Meetings

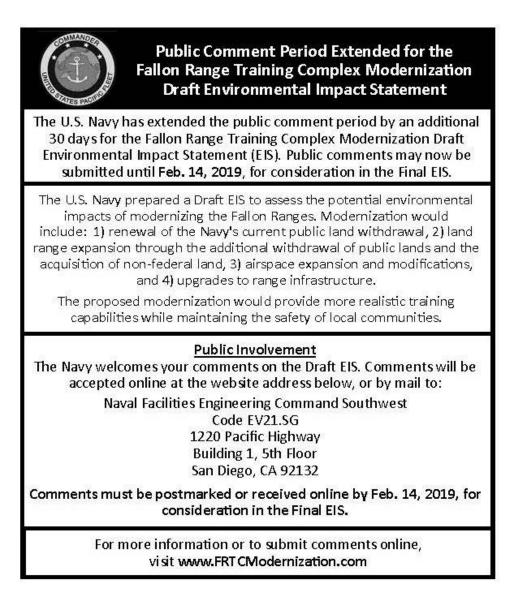


Figure E-9: Newspaper Announcement of the Comment Period Extension for the Draft EIS

## E.4.1.3 News Releases and Public Service Announcements

Naval Air Station Fallon distributed news releases to regional media outlets November 16, 2018, and December 6, 2018. The news releases provided information on the public meetings, Proposed Action, and how to submit comments. A news release was disseminated December 27, 2018, announcing the extension of the Draft EIS public review and comment period. A public service announcement announcing the public meetings was also distributed December 6, 2018. Examples of the news releases are shown in Figure E-10, Figure E-11, and Figure E-12; and examples of the public service announcement are shown in Figure E-13. The Naval Air Station Fallon media distribution list included the following media outlets:

- KOLO 8 News television, stanton.tang@kolotv.com, news@kolotv.com
- KRNV 4 News television, jpgoodwin@MyNews4.com, reno-krnv-feedback@sbgtv.com
- KTVN 2 News television, producers@ktvn.com
- Desert Companion, andrew@desertcompanion.com
- Nevada Appeal newspaper, atrumble@nevadaappeal.com
- Reno Gazette-Journal newspaper, news@rgj.com, kscott@rgj.com
- Associated Press, ssonner@ap.org
- KNPB public broadcasting, tony@knpb.org
- NewsReview.com, bradb@newsreview.com
- Lahontan Valley News, sranson@lahontanvalleynews.com, snmgmilitaryeditor@gmail.com
- Sparks Tribune, sparkstribune.eric@gmail.com
- Reno Gannett, bspillman@reno.gannett.com
- Carson Valley Times, editor@carsonvalleytimes.com
- KNPR Desert Companion, and rew@desertcompanion.com, joes@knpr.org
- Nevada Business Journal, tarah@nevadabusiness.com
- Northern Nevada Business View, info@nnbw.biz
- The Record Courier, sdrinkwine@recordcourier.com
- The Nevada Independent, daniel@thenvindy.com
- Reno Media Group, info@renomediagroup.com, info@renomediagroup.com
- KKOH Radio, news@kkoh.com
- KUNR NPR, news@kunr.org



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Nov. 16, 2018

NAVY FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW; PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD

FALLON, Nev. — The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, located in northern Nevada. The document is now available for public review and comment, and the Navy will hold seven public meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform the public about the proposal and the results of the environmental impact analysis.

#### Proposed Action

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the Navy's current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of nonfederal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure

The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until the EIS effort is complete.

Figure E-10: News Release for the Notice of the Draft EIS Availability and Public Meetings

#### About the Fallon Range Training Complex

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

#### Public Involvement

The Navy will be holding seven public meetings to provide information and to give the public an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Public meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and public oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each public meeting.

The public meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Location:	Monday, Dec. 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415
Date: Location:	<b>Monday, Dec. 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b> Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409
Date: Location:	<b>Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b> Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310

Figure E-10: News Release for the Notice of the Draft EIS Availability and Public Meetings (continued)

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316 Date: Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Location: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon, NV 89406 Date: Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419 Date: Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Location: West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503 Comments pertaining to the Navy's proposed modernization or the draft environmental analysis can also be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or sent to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Attention: Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132 Additional information is also available at www.FRTCModernization.com. All written comments must be postmarked or received online by Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019, to be considered in the Final EIS. - USN -

Figure E-10: News Release for the Notice of the Draft EIS Availability and Public Meetings (continued)



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dec. 6, 2018

#### NAVY TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FALLON, Nev. — The U.S. Navy will be holding seven public meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform the public about the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex and the results contained in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Navy prepared the Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Ranges, located in northern Nevada. Modernization would include: 1) renewal of the Navy's current public land withdrawal, 2) land range expansion through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, 3) airspace expansion and modifications 4) upgrades to range infrastructure. The Draft EIS was made available for public review and comment on Nov. 16, 2018; the public comment period is open through Jan. 15, 2019.

#### Public Involvement

The Navy will be holding seven public meetings to provide information and to give the public an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Public meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and public oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each public meeting.

The public meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, Dec. 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Figure E-11: News Release for the Notice of the Draft EIS Public Meetings

Date: Location:	Monday, Dec. 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409		
Date: Location:	<b>Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b> Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310		
Date: Location:	Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316		
Date: Location:	Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon, NV 89406		
Date: Location:	Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room 1420 Cornell Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419		
Date: Location:	Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503		
Comm	ents pertaining to the Navy's proposed modernization or the draft environmental		
	Iso be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or sent to:		
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Attention: Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132			
Additional information is also available at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> . All written			
comments mu	st be postmarked or received online by Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019, to be considered in		
the Final EIS.			
About the Falle	on Range Training Complex		
The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying			

Figure E-11: News Release for the Notice of the Draft EIS Public Meetings (continued)

naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as the *Ninety Days to Combat* study, to determine the land and airspace needed to meet combat training requirements for modern aircraft and weapons systems. The analysis showed that the current size of the Fallon Ranges severely restricts the extent the Navy can use its weapons systems to train for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

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Figure E-11: News Release for the Notice of the Draft EIS Public Meetings (continued)



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dec. 27, 2018

#### PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FALLON, Nev. — The U.S. Navy has extended the public review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to allow additional time for the submission of public comments. Comments may now be submitted until Feb. 14, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS.

The Navy prepared the Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Ranges, located in northern Nevada. Modernization would include: 1) renewal of the Navy's current public land withdrawal, 2) land range expansion through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, 3) airspace expansion and modifications 4) upgrades to range infrastructure.

All written comments must be postmarked or received online by **Thursday**, **Feb. 14**, **2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS. Comments pertaining to the Navy's proposed modernization or the draft environmental analysis can be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u> or sent to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Attention: Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

Figure E-12: News Release for the Comment Period Extension for the Draft EIS

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

Churchill County Library 553 S. Maine St. Fallon, NV 89406

Crescent Valley Branch Library 5045 Tenabo Ave. Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Downtown Reno Library 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501

Eureka Branch Library 80 S. Monroe St. Eureka, NV 89316 Fernley Branch Library 575 Silver Lace Blvd. Fernley, NV 89408

Gabbs Community Library 602 Third St. Gabbs, NV 89409

Mineral County Library 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415

Pershing County Library 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock, NV 89419

Yerington Branch Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

Additional information is available at www.FRTCModernization.com.

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Figure E-12: News Release for the Comment Period Extension for the Draft EIS (continued)



Figure E-13: Public Service Announcement for the Draft EIS Public Meetings

#### E.4.1.4 Notification Letters

Stakeholder and tribal notification letters were mailed first-class November 7, 2018, to 108 federal, state, and local elected officials; government agencies; and tribal staff. These letters were also sent via certified mail to the tribal chairpersons of 17 federally recognized tribes and one intertribal council. A second tribal letter announcing the public review and comment period extension was sent via certified mail to the same federally recognized tribes December 28, 2018. In addition, e-mails announcing the extension of the public review and comment period were sent to cooperating agencies and tribal participants December 28, 2018. Entities that received the notification letter can be found in Table E-7, and an example of a stakeholder letter is shown in Figure E-14. Tribal letters can be found in Appendix C (Tribal Correspondence).

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Federally Recognized Tribes and Tribal Groups				
Battle Mountain Shoshone	South Fork Band Council			
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe	Summit Lake Paiute Tribe			
Elko Band Council	Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone			
Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	Walker River Paiute Tribe			
Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes	Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California			
Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada	Wells Band Council			
Lovelock Paiute Tribe	Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada			
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	Yerington Paiute Tribe			
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	Yomba Shoshone Tribe			
Federal Elected Officials and Federal Agencies				
U.S. Senators				
U.S. Representatives (Nevada Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)				
U.S. Bureau of Land Management				
Planning and Military Liaison				
Nevada State Office				
Carson City District				
Stillwater Field Office				
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation				
Lahontan Basin Area Office				
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency				
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assur	ance			
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service				
Nevada Realty Field Office				
Federal Aviation Administration				
Western-Pacific Region				
Northwest Mountain Region				
State Elected Officials and State Agencies				
Governor				
Nevada Department of Agriculture				
Nevada Department of Transportation				
Nevada Department of Wildlife				
Nevada Division of Minerals				
Nevada Division of Water Resources				
Nevada State Clearinghouse, Nevada Division of State Lands				
Nevada State Historic Preservation Office				
Nevada State Land Use Planning Advisory Council Nevada State Senators (District 17)				
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# Table E-7: Entities that Received the Notice of the Draft EIS Availability and Public Meetings Notification Letters (continued)

Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies
City of Fallon
Mayor
City of Lovelock
Mayor
City of Winnemucca
Mayor
Churchill County
Districts 1, 2, and 3
Planning Department
Crescent Valley Town Advisory Board
Eureka County
Board of Commissioners
Natural Resources
Lander County
Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Lyon County
Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
Mineral County Commission
Nye County
Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
Pershing County
Board of Commissioners
District Attorney
Other
Anderson Ranch
Bench Creek Ranch
Bucky O'Neill Stix-Card, Ltd.
Cow Canyon Pleasant Valley Livestock, LLC
Damonte Ranch, LLC
Dave Stix Bass Flat
Dixie Valley Bench Creek Ranch
Harry Brown Trust
McDougal Livestock Company and Nevada Nile Ranch, Inc.
Mountain Well-La Plata Bench Creek Ranch
Nevada Association of Counties
Paiute Pipeline Company
Pleasant Valley Livestock, LLC, Alpine Ranch
RCS, representing Lander County
Resource Concepts, Inc.
White Sage Grazing Association, LLC

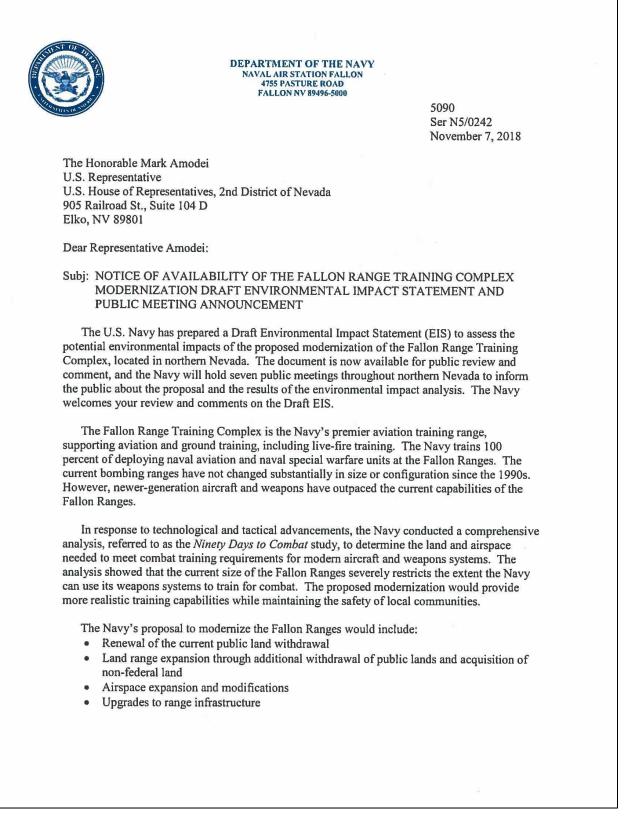


Figure E-14: Stakeholder Letter for the Draft EIS Notice of Availability and Public Meetings

5090 Ser N5/0242 November 7, 2018

The Navy is not proposing to change the level or type of training from what is stated in the 2015 Military Readiness Activities Fallon Range Training Complex EIS. Activities would be redistributed across the expanded ranges for more efficient use of the training space. No decisions about the proposed modernization would be made or any real estate actions taken until this EIS effort is complete.

The Navy will be holding seven public meetings to provide information and give the public an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Public meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and public oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each public meeting.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Location	Monday, December 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. a: Hawthorne Convention Center 932 E St. Hawthorne, NV 89415
Date: Location	Monday, December 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. : Gabbs School Gymnasium 511 E Ave. Gabbs, NV 89409
Date: Location	<b>Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b> a: Austin Town Hall 135 Court St. Austin, NV 89310
Date: Location	Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. a: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall 31 S. Main St. Eureka, NV 89316
Date: Location	Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. a: Fallon Convention Center 100 Campus Way Fallon, NV 89406
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Figure E-14: Stakeholder Letter for the Draft EIS Notice of Availability and Public Meetings (continued)

5090 Ser N5/0242 November 7, 2018

Date:Thursday, December 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.Location:C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room<br/>1420 Cornell Ave.<br/>Lovelock, NV 89419Date:Thursday, December 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.<br/>Location:West 2nd Events Center

600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503

Concurrent with the National Environmental Policy Act public involvement process, the Navy is identifying additional consulting parties to participate in the Section 106 process under the National Historic Preservation Act regarding potential effects of the Proposed Action and alternatives on historic properties. Historic properties include districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. During each of the public meetings, an information station will be available where individuals can learn more about the Section 106 process.

To review the Draft EIS and for additional information, please visit the project website at **www.FRTCModernization.com**. The Draft EIS is also available at the following public libraries:

Austin Branch Library 88 Main St. Austin, NV 89310

Carson City Library 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701

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**Yerington Branch Library** 20 Nevin Way Yerington, NV 89447

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Figure E-14: Stakeholder Letter for the Draft EIS Notice of Availability and Public Meetings (continued)

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The public comment period will begin November 16, 2018, and end January 15, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **January 15, 2019**, for consideration in the Final EIS. All comments submitted during the public comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.FRTCModernization.com</u>, at the public meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132

In addition, the Navy welcomes the opportunity to schedule a presentation with your office on this project. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. Robert Rule, Naval Air Station Fallon Community Plans and Liaison Officer, at robert.rule@navy.mil or 775-426-2925.

Please help the Navy inform the community about the availability of the Draft EIS and public meetings by sharing this information with your staff and interested individuals.

Sincerely,

Waved Hall

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Hard copy of the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft EIS

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Figure E-14: Stakeholder Letter for the Draft EIS Notice of Availability and Public Meetings (continued)

#### E.4.1.5 Postcard Mailers

A postcard mailer providing information on the public meetings, the Proposed Action, and how to submit comments was mailed first-class to 744 tribal staff, individuals, landowners, and organizations November 16, 2018. A second postcard mailer announcing the public comment period extension was mailed first-class December 28, 2018, to 1,018 elected officials, government agencies, tribal staff, individuals, landowners, and organizations. Examples of the two postcard mailers are shown in Figure E-15 and Figure E-16.

#### January 2020



### FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX **MODERNIZATION EIS**

The U.S. Navy invites you to participate in the National Environmental Policy Act public involvement process for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The Navy has prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Ranges. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

### THE NAVY WELCOMES YOUR INPUT!

You can participate in the public involvement process in several ways:

- ▶ Review a copy of the Draft EIS and submit comments online at: www.FRTCModernization.com
- ▶ Review the Draft EIS at these public libraries: Austin, Carson City, Churchill County, Crescent Valley, Downtown Reno, Eureka, Fernley, Gabbs Community, Mineral County, Pershing County, and Yerington
- Attend a public meeting to learn more and submit written or oral comments
- Mail written comments to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest Code EV21.SG 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor San Diego, CA 92132



#### PUBLIC MEETINGS

Each meeting will include informational poster stations, a brief presentation by the Navy starting at the beginning of the second hour, followed by a public oral comment session.

Monday, Dec. 10, 2018	Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.
Hawthorne Convention Center	Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall
932 E St.	31 S. Main St.
Hawthorne, NV 89415	Eureka, NV 89316
Monday, Dec. 10, 2018	Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.
Gabbs School Gymnasium	Fallon Convention Center
511 E Ave.	100 Campus Way
Gabbs, NV 89409	Fallon, NV 89406
Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018	Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Austin Town Hall	C Punch Inn and Casino,
135 Court St.	Kumiva Room
Austin, NV 89310	1420 Cornell Ave.
	Lovelock, NV 89419

Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. West 2nd Events Center

600 W. 2nd St. Reno, NV 89503



Comments must be postmarked or received online by Jan. 15, 2019, for consideration in the Final EIS.

Figure E-15: Postcard Mailer for the Draft EIS Public Meetings (Front)



#### **PROPOSED ACTION**

The Navy's proposal to modernize the Fallon Ranges would include:

- Renewal of the current public land withdrawal
- Land range expansion through additional withdrawal of public lands and acquisition of non-federal land
- Airspace expansion and modifications
- Upgrades to range infrastructure



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#### Figure E-15: Postcard Mailer for the Draft EIS Public Meetings (Back)



## FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION EIS

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

The U.S. Navy has extended the public review and comment period by an additional 30 days for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Public comments may now be submitted until Feb. 14, 2019. The Navy prepared a Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of modernizing the Fallon Ranges. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

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San Diego, CA 92132

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Figure E-16: Postcard Mailer for the Comment Period Extension for the Draft EIS (Front)

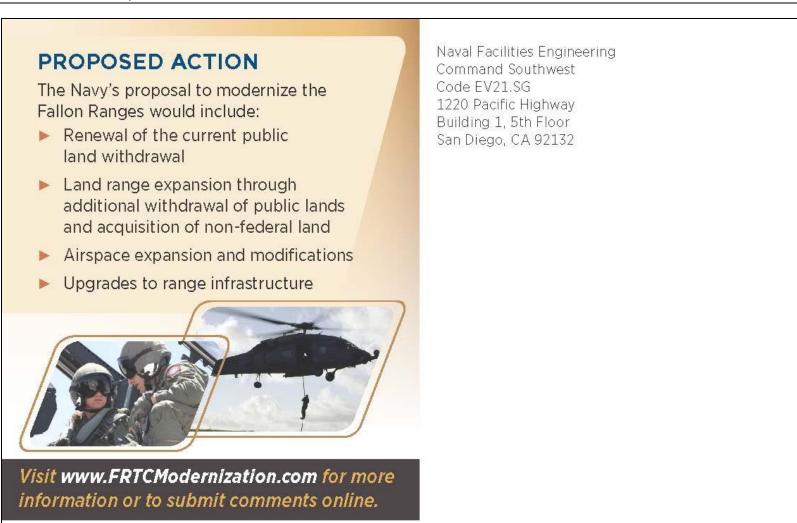


Figure E-16: Postcard Mailer for the Comment Period Extension for the Draft EIS (Back)

#### E.4.1.6 Fliers

A flier providing information on the public meetings, the Proposed Action, and how to submit comments was mailed first-class to 42 businesses November 15, 2018. A brief transmittal letter accompanied the flier. An example of the flier is shown in Figure E-17. The flier distribution list included the following:

- Austin Branch Library
- Carson City Library
- Churchill County Library
- Crescent Valley Branch Library
- Downtown Reno Library
- Eureka Branch Library
- Fernley Branch Library
- Gabbs Community Library
- Mineral County Library
- Pershing County Library
- Yerington Branch Library
- Austin Post Office
- Carson City Post Office
- Fallon Post Office
- Crescent Valley Post Office
- Reno Post Office
- Eureka Post Office
- Fernley Post Office
- Gabbs Post Office
- Hawthorne Post Office
- Lovelock Post Office
- Yerington Post Office
- Carson City Community Center
- Fallon Fraternal Hall & Community Center
- Crescent Valley Town Center

- Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center (Reno)
- Fernley Community Center
- Hawthorne Convention Center
- Pershing County Community Center
- Dayton Valley Community Center
- City County Gym (Fallon)
- Oats Park Art Center (Fallon)
- Churchill County Museum
- William N Pennington Life Center (Fallon)
- Naval Air Station Fallon Community Center
- Western Nevada College Fallon
   Campus
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
- University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (Eureka)
- VFW Post 2313 John Franklin Shain Post (Hawthorne)
- VFW Post 1002 Lawton-Silva Post (Fallon)
- VFW Post 10247 Washoe-Lyon Memorial Post (Fernley)
- VFW Post 8084 Kermit H. Neddenriep Post (Yerington)



# FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION EIS



The U.S. Navy invites you to participate in the National Environmental Policy Act public involvement process for the Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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Figure E-17: Draft EIS Public Meeting Flier

#### E.5 Summary of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Public Meetings

In total, 369 people attended seven public meetings. Twenty-one written comment letters and 59 oral comments were submitted at the meetings. Additionally, 170 postcards (form comments) were received at the public meetings.

Table E-8 details the number of attendees and the number of oral and written comment letters received at each public meeting. Media attendance reflects people who identified themselves as media.

Site	Attendance	Oral Comments	Comment Letters	
Hawthorne	28	4	1	
Monday, Dec. 10, 2018	20		<u> </u>	
Media Attendance:				
	Mineral County Independent News			
Attendees:				
Mineral County Econ	omic Development	<ul> <li>Walker Basin Cons</li> </ul>		
Agency (2)		Nevada Outhouse	Photography	
<ul> <li>Mineral County Plann</li> </ul>	-	<ul> <li>Runcer Leasing</li> </ul>		
Mineral County Park	and Recreation	<ul> <li>Compliance Safety</li> </ul>	Professionals	
Sierra Club     Residents				
Site	Attendance	Oral Comments	Comment Letters	
Gabbs	60	12	1	
Monday, Dec. 10, 2018	00	12 1		
Media Attendance:				
• N/A				
Attendees:				
Western Shoshone N	ation			
Yomba Tribe	Yomba Tribe			
Nye County (3)				
Town of Gabbs				
Basin and Range Watch				
Brown Family Trust	-			
Premier MFG, LLC				
Pilot-Mountain	Pilot-Mountain			
Residents	Residents			

#### Table E-8: Summary of the Draft EIS Public Meetings

#### Table E-8: Summary of the Draft EIS Public Meetings (continued)

Site	Attendance	Oral Comments	Comment Letters
Austin	10	3	1
Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018	10	3	Ţ
Media Attendance:			
• N/A			
Attendees:			
Western Shoshon	e Nation		
	of Economic Development		
<ul> <li>Lander County Co</li> </ul>			
Lander County Pu		F	
Site	Attendance	Oral Comments	Comment Letters
Eureka	5	1	0
Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018		±	0
Media Attendance:			
• N/A			
Attendees:			
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<ul> <li>Eureka County Co</li> </ul>	mmissioner-Elect		
<ul> <li>Eureka County</li> </ul>			
Rancher			
Opera House staff			
Site	Attendance	Oral Comments	Comment Letters
Fallon	110	9	8
Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018 Media Attendance:			
The Fallon Post			
<ul> <li>Lahontan Valley N</li> </ul>	lows		
Attendees:	CW3		
<ul> <li>Western Shoshon</li> </ul>	e Nation	<ul> <li>Labortan Audubor</li> </ul>	Society
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Media Attendance:	•	Big Meadow Co Pershing Gold Coeur Rochesto Airport owner Ranchers Land owner Mining interest Oral Comments	er, Inc. (5) ts Com		t Postcards (form)	
Reno, NV West 2nd Events Center 600 W. 2nd St. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018; 5 to 8 p.m.	112	25		7	170	
<ul> <li>Media Attendance:</li> <li>KVTN Channel 2</li> <li>Reno Gazette-Journal</li> <li>KNVC FM</li> </ul> Attendees: <ul> <li>Washoe Tribal Environmental Director</li> <li>Senator Cortez Masto staff</li> <li>Bureau of Land Management (5)</li> <li>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (2)</li> <li>U.S. Department of Agriculture</li> <li>Federal Highway Administration</li> <li>Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center</li> <li>Nevada Division of Minerals</li> <li>Eureka County</li> <li>NV Energy</li> <li>University of Nevada Reno</li> <li>Plan Action</li> <li>Friends of Nevada Wilderness (14)</li> <li>Great Basin Resource Watch (2)</li> <li>Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife (2)</li> <li>Sierra Club (2)</li> </ul>	g	Labor of Love PLAN Environm Plan Action (Pro of Nevada Action Sierra Area Lan Aircraft Owner Experimental A Nevada Farm B Nevada Backco Nevada Mining Nevada Mining Nevada Minera Reno Rock and Dust Devils Mo New Nevada Re Bell Mountain Projem Venture The Shining K, I Fallon Livestock Water rights co Residents	ogressive on Fund) dsailing A s and Pilo ircraft As ureau untry Hui Associati al Exploration Gem Soc torcycle C esources Exploration e, Inc. LLC k, LLC	Leadersh Associatio ts Associa sociation nters and ion tion Coali iety (2) Club	n ation – Anglers (3) tion	

#### E.6 Distribution of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

All of the parties notified of the availability of the Draft EIS were directed to view the document electronically on the project website (www.FRTCModernization.com) or access hard and CD-ROM copies at the information repositories discussed in Section E.6.2 (Information Repositories). Some stakeholders received a Draft EIS CD-ROM, a flash drive, or a hard copy enclosure along with the notification letter. Chairpersons of federally recognized tribes received a hard copy of the Draft EIS.

#### E.6.1 Federal, State, and Local Agencies

The Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center; the U.S. Bureau of Land Management Washington D.C. and Nevada State offices; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge received hard copies and a CD-ROM. Nevada Department of Agriculture; Nevada Department of Transportation; Nevada Department of Wildlife; Nevada Division of Water Resources; Nevada Division of Minerals; McDougal Livestock Company and Nevada Nile Ranch, Inc.; Nevada Association of Counties; and RCS received flash drives of the Draft EIS.

#### E.6.2 Information Repositories

The Draft EIS was mailed in hard copy form, along with a CD-ROM, to the information repository locations shown in Table E-9.

Austin Branch Library	Fernley Branch Library
88 Main St.	575 Silver Lace Blvd.
Austin, NV 89310	Fernley, NV 89408
Carson City Library	Gabbs Community Library
900 N. Roop St.	602 3rd St.
Carson City, NV 89701	Gabbs, NV 89409
Churchill County Library	Mineral County Library
553 S. Maine St.	110 First St.
Fallon, NV 89406	Hawthorne, NV 89415
Crescent Valley Branch Library	Pershing County Library
Crescent Valley Town Center	1125 Central Ave.
5045 Tenabo Ave., Suite 103	Lovelock, NV 89419
Crescent Valley, NV 89821	
Downtown Reno Library	Yerington Branch Library
301 S. Center St.	20 Nevin Way
Reno, NV 89501	Yerington, NV 89447
Eureka Branch Library	
80 S. Monroe St.	
Eureka, NV 89316	

#### **Table E-9: Information Repository Locations**

#### E.7 Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Throughout the public comment period, a total of 1,466 unique comments were received. Public comments on the Draft EIS were submitted in three ways:

- Written or e-mailed comments (received any time during the public comment period) (393 comments).
- Comments submitted at a public meeting (written or oral) (written: 21 comments [number included in the above unique comment total]; oral: 59 comments).
- Comments submitted directly on the project website (received any time during the public comment period) (1,014 comments).

Additionally, form letters (with 584 signatures) and form postcards (with 290 signatures) were also received from various nongovernmental organizations.

Comments on the Draft EIS were received from 6 federal agencies, 13 state agencies, 22 county agencies, 89 nongovernmental organizations and business groups, 15 Native American tribes, and 447 private individuals.

Each comment was reviewed and categorized into specific resource areas or topics. One comment may include comments on multiple resource areas or topics. Appendix F (Public Comments and Responses) contains a summary of the comments received on the Draft EIS and the Navy's responses.

#### E.8 Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision

This Final EIS includes updates and revisions to the Draft EIS, a complete set of all substantive comments received on the Draft EIS, and the Navy's responses to such comments (Appendix F, Public Comments and Responses). Response to public comments may also take other forms, including correction of data, clarifications of and modifications to analytical approaches, and inclusion of additional data or analysis.

A 30-day waiting period will follow the issuance of the Final EIS. The Navy will sign a ROD after consideration of the Final EIS and public comments. The Navy will publish a *Notice of Availability of the ROD* in the *FR*; distribute the ROD to Indian Tribes, agencies, interested parties, and local newspapers; and post it on the FRTC EIS website. The ROD will document the Navy's final decision on the Proposed Action (to include identifying an action alternative as a proposal to be submitted to Congress for action), the rationale behind that decision, and any commitments to mitigation and monitoring. Congress will then review the Navy's proposal and ROD and will consider legislation for the proposed land withdrawal.