

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Eligible Fort Kamehameha Historic District Alternatives at Hickam Air Force Base, HI**

AGENCY: Pacific Air Forces, Department of the Air Force.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 United States Code [U.S.C.] §§ 4321–4347), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) NEPA Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500–1508), and the United States Air Force's (Air Force) Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP) (32 CFR Part 989), the Air Force is issuing this notice to advise the public of its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The EIS will assess the potential environmental consequences of a proposal to define final disposition of housing units and associated structures known as the "Fort Kamehameha Historic District"; an area on Hickam AFB, O'ahu, Hawai'i, eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in accordance with Section 110(a)(2) of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Alternatives currently identified for evaluation would include various options that fall under the five categories of: adaptive-use; relocation; deconstruction and salvage; demolition; and the No Action alternative. Any Proposed Action could include a single action, or combination of actions, under the five categories above. Sub-actions under these categories may include: leasing; sale; transfer to another government agency; and retention by the Air Force. Compliance with the NHPA will be done through consultation under Section 106 of 36 CFR Part 800.

DATES: The Air Force will hold a scoping meeting to solicit public input concerning the scope of the Proposed Action and alternatives, as well as to help identify other concerns and issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis.

The scoping meeting will be held Thursday, July 8, 2008 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Aliamanu Elementary School, 3265 Salt Lake Boulevard, Honolulu, HI.

ADDRESSES: Federal, state, and local agencies, and interested groups and persons are invited to attend the scoping meeting. All are encouraged to provide

comments on the proposed action either at the scoping meeting or by mail, postmarked by July 21, 2008 to ensure proper consideration in the environmental impact analyses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Direct written comments or requests for further information to: Ms. Tiffany Patrick, 15 CES/CEVP NEPA Program Technical Support, 75 H Street, Bldg. 1202, Hickam AFB, HI 96853, Ph: (808) 449–3197.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Development and Implementation of Range-Wide Mission and Major Capabilities at White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), NM**

AGENCY: Department of the Army.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces its intent to prepare an EIS for expanded activities on WSMR. This EIS will analyze the impacts of new mission requirements and development of new test and training capabilities and associated land use changes to support Army Transformation, the Army Campaign Plan, Future Combat Systems, Grow the Army, and other Army initiatives. This includes the stationing of a Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) of approximately 3,800 Soldiers at WSMR. This action also supports WSMR as a test bed for rapid development and deployment of new systems in response to rapidly changing world conditions and long-term Department of Defense, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, and Army planning. Specifically, this EIS will assess environmental impacts associated with changing land uses to allow for expanded off-road maneuver in some areas, to support new testing capabilities and requirements, and continuing off-post to on-post tests. It will also address new weapons firing ranges and capabilities, as well as Soldier and Family housing, schools, infrastructure, utilities, and administrative and related facilities needed to support stationing of the HBCT at WSMR. The proposed action would result in a flexible, capabilities-based airspace and land use plan able to accommodate rapidly evolving customer

needs, support current and future mission activities, and support a full range of test and training efforts from individual components up through major joint and multinational programs.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be forwarded to: White Sands Test Center, Operations Office, *Attention:* Catherine Giblin, 124 Crozier Street, Building 124, White Sands Missile Range, NM 88002; faxed to (575) 678–4082; or e-mailed to: WSMREIS@conus.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Monte Marlin, Public Affairs Office, Building 1782, Headquarters Avenue, White Sands Missile Range, NM, 88002; (575) 678–1134; or e-mail: monte.marlin@us.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EIS will assess the environmental impacts associated with WSMR's development and implementation of an airspace and land use plan to support Army Transformation, Grow the Army and the Army Campaign Plan initiatives by more fully realizing and integrating the capabilities of the WSMR primacy mission—research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDTE)—and impacts associated with new training capabilities and stationing decisions. Testing typically involves activities such as missile flight tests, aerial intercepts, air-delivered munitions tests against ground targets, directed energy and various weapons systems tests. Training involves military personnel using the land and airspace for maneuver and weapons firing, as well as for field evaluation of weapons, equipment, communication systems, or other objectives. Stationing involves the establishment of infrastructure such as barracks, motor pools, and administrative buildings for Soldiers of the HBCT and their equipment. Requirements for new use of test and training capabilities would result in changing land use designations within the current installation boundaries. These changes would support current and future requirements and allow off-road vehicle maneuver on designated portions of the installation. WSMR will maintain its current RDTE mission and continue to support joint testing objectives.

The EIS will evaluate and disclose the impacts of two alternatives as well as a no action alternative.

No Action Alternative: This alternative includes current test capabilities and land use designations with current levels of operations and activities.

Alternative 1: This alternative includes those activities described in