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C.1 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

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Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



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C.4 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,

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Commanding Officer



> 5090 Ser PWD/006 30 Nov 16

Ms. Donna Cossette Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Dr. Fallon, NV 89406

Dear Ms. Cossette:

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> 5090 Ser PWD/011 30 Nov 16

Ms. Laurie Williams Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Dr. Fallon; NV 89406

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

Len George Chairman Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 565 Rio Vista Rd. Fallon, NV 89406-9159

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD EAL ON MEMOR 2002 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).

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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,

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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

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STATEMENT

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> 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:

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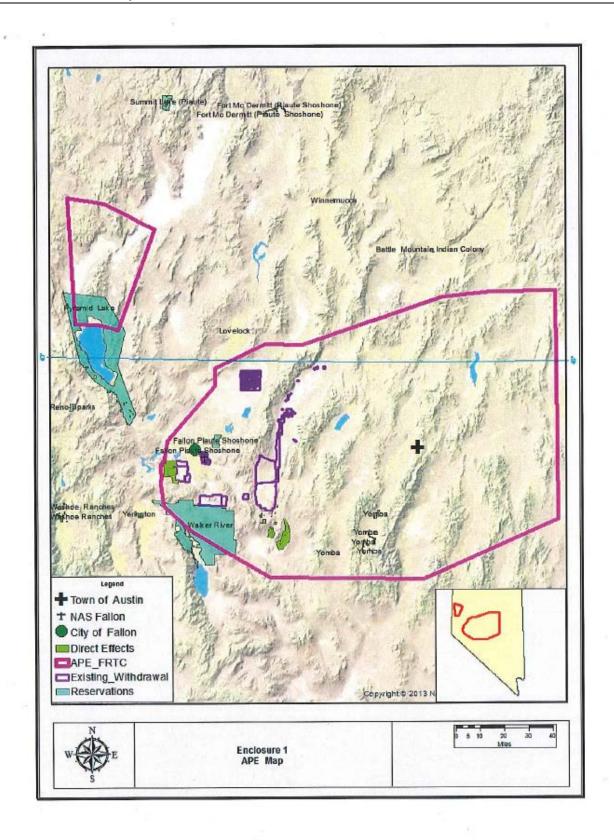
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Enclosure: Map of FRTC APE

Copy to: Mike Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon



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> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0150 August 25, 2016

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

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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 Wanda Batchelor Chairwoman Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Executive Board 919 Hwy. 395 S. Gardnerville, NV 89410

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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/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)

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NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 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

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DAVID HALLOPAN

C.7 Lovelock Paiute



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.

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Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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> 5090 Ser PWD/010 30 Nov 16

Ms. Julie Hughes Lovelock Paiute Tribe 201 Bowean St. Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Ms. Hughes:

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Sincerely,



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Ms. Patty Basye Vice Chairperson, Lovelock Paiute Tribe P. O. Box 878 Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Vice Chairperson Basye:

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5090 Ser N0000CF/0092 June 9, 2017

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

5090 Ser N000CF/0197 November 28, 2017

Ms. Stephanie Rhodes Lovelock Paiute Tribe 201 Bowean Street Lovelock, NV 89419

Dear Chairman Rhodes:

SUBJECT: CULTURAL INVENTORY RESULTS PROPOSED FRTC EXPANSION

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5090 Ser N000CF/0197 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,

MICHAEL T. KLAPEC, P.E.

Installation Environmental Program Manager By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Cultural Resource Inventory



NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5800

> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Victor Mann Chairperson Lovelock Paiute 201 Bowean St. Lovelock, Nevada 89419

Dear Chairperson Mann:

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C.8 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
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DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



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Ms. Donna Marie Noel Environmental Director, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P. O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

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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

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5090 Ser N000CF/0196 November 28, 2017

Mr. Vinton Hawley Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe P.O. Box 256 Nixon, NV 89424

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SUBJECT: CULTURAL INVENTORY RESULTS PROPOSED FRTC EXPANSION

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5090 Ser N000CF/0196 November 28, 2017

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Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. KLAPEC, P.E.

Installation Environmental Program Manager By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Cultural Resource Inventory



NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

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Dear Chairperson Hawley:

Subj: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX

MODERNIZATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

STATEMENT

Encl: (1) PDEIS Comment Matrix Instructions

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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.

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The Navy is proposing to have the meeting on July 31, 2018. Please coordinate directly with Mike Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil as to whether the proposed date would be convenient for the Tribe, and in terms of arranging a time and location.

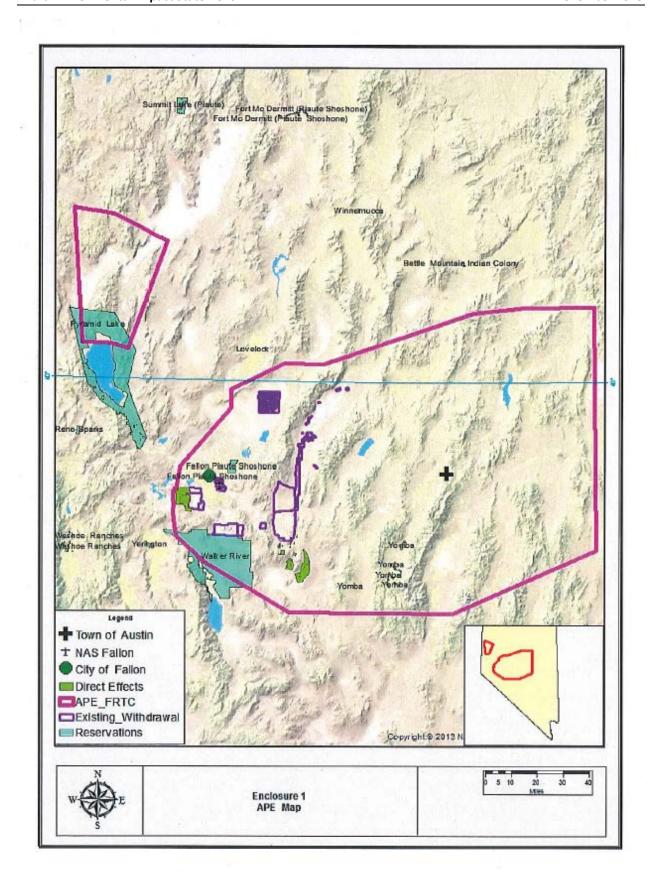
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Michael T. Klapec, P.E.

Installation Environmental Program Director By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosure: Map of FRTC APE

Copy to: Mike Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon



C.9 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

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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/0092 June 9, 2017

Arlan D. Melendez Chairman Reno-Sparks Indian Colony 34 Reservation Rd. Reno, NV 89502

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C.10 South Fork Band Council



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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:

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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

Tyler Reynolds Chaiman South Fork Band Council HC 30, Box B-13 - Lee Spring Creek, NV 89815

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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

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NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

The Honorable Linton Page Chairperson Summit Lake Paiute Tribe 1001 Rock Blvd. Sparks, Nevada 89431-4337

Dear Chairperson Page:

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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

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> 5090 Ser PWD/005 30 Nov 16

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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 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 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

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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

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The Navy is proposing to have the meeting on July 24, 2018. Please coordinate directly with Mike Baskerville at (775) 426-3027 or michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil 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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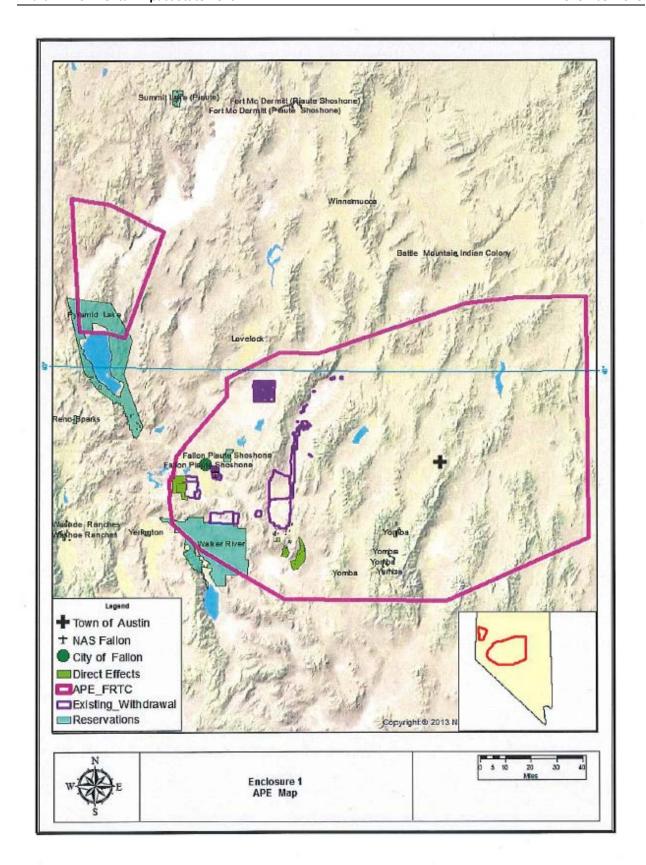
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Installation Environmental Program Director By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosure: Map of FRTC APE

Copy to: Mike Baskerville, Naval Air Station Fallon



C.15 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,

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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

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C.16 Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada



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

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The Honorable Judy Rojo Chairperson Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada 595 Humboldt St. Reno, NV 89509

Dear Chairperson Rojo,

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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

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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



NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 5090 Ser N0000CF/0101 May 9, 2018

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,



NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NEVADA 89496-5000

> 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 PROPERTIES CONSULTATION

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 michael.c.baskervill@navy.mil as to whether the proposed date would be convenient for the Tribe, and in terms of arranging a time and location.

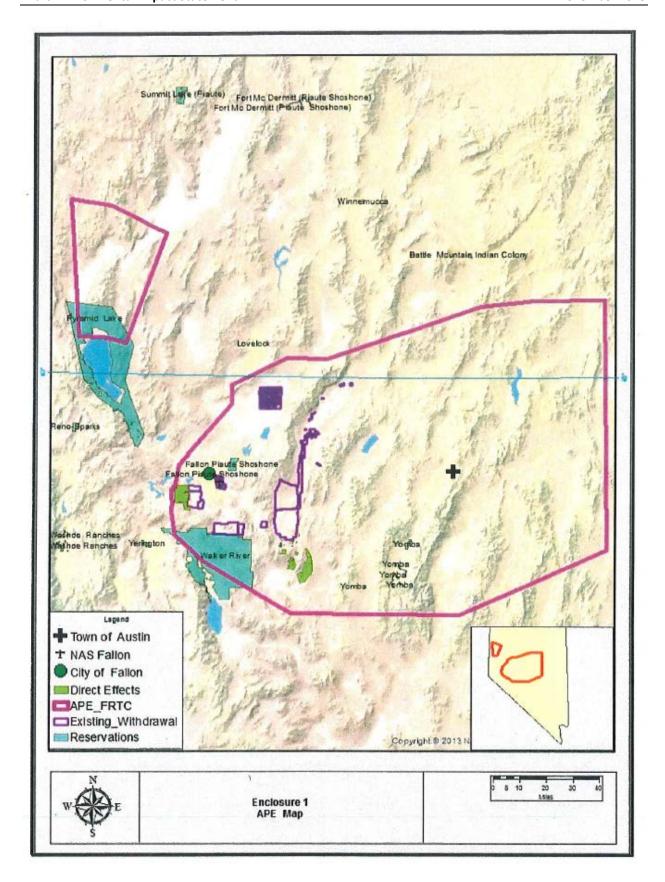
Sincerely,

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



C.18 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;

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 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:

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Sincerely,

DAVID HALLORAN Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



5090 Ser PWD/016 30 Nov 16

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,



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)

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Sincerely.

DAVID HALLORAN

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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.

5090 Ser N000CF/0194 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,

MICHAEL T. KLAPEC, P.E.

Installation Environmental Program Manager By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Cultural Resource Inventory



NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURE ROAD FALLON, NV 89496-5000

> 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

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Sincerely,



NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON 4755 PASTURB 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.

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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

