ALTERNATIVE 1 – MODERNIZATION OF THE FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX

The Navy is proposing to modernize the Fallon Ranges to address training constraints. Today's technology has outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges. Modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

The Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis — 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. This compromises the safety and success of aircrews and special operations forces when in combat.

Proposed Action

The Navy would:

- Request Congressional renewal of the 1999 Public Land Withdrawal of 202,864 acres, which is scheduled to expire in November 2021
- Request Congress withdraw and reserve for military use up to 618,727 acres of additional federal land
- Acquire approximately 65,153 acres of non-federal land
- Construct range infrastructure to support modernization, including new target areas
- Expand and reconfigure existing special use airspace and establish new airspace within the current boundary to accommodate expanded bombing ranges

Except for a slight expansion beyond the current northern boundary, airspace modifications would be within the existing boundary of the Fallon airspace. This would be accomplished by reorganizing airspace blocks, redefining airspace ceilings and floors, and establishing new airspace.

Full implementation would require eventual rerouting of State Route 839 and relocation of a portion of the Paiute Pipeline.

The Navy is not proposing to expand Bravo-19 or the Shoal Site.

Allowable Public Activities under Alternative 1 (Proposed Action)