

ALTERNATIVE 3 – BRAVO-17 SHIFT AND MANAGED ACCESS (PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE)



Alternative 3 is the Navy's preferred alternative because it best meets the purpose of and need for modernization while allowing the greatest amount of public land access and use.

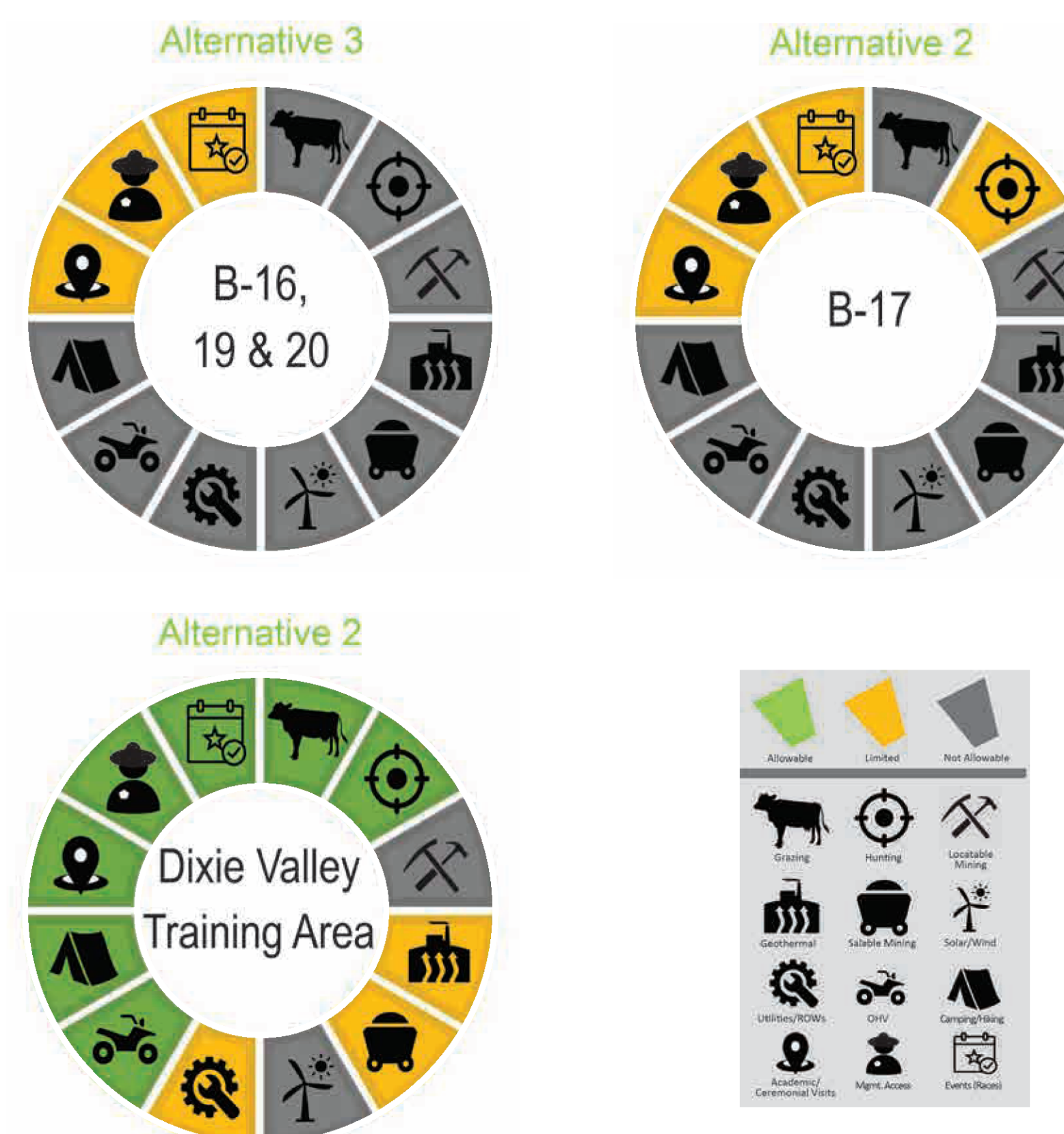


Preferred Alternative

Alternative 3 is similar to Alternatives 1 and 2 in terms of requested land withdrawal and proposed land acquisition, and similar to Alternative 2 in terms of managed access. It differs with respect to orientation, size, and location of Bravo-16, Bravo-17, Bravo-20, and the Dixie Valley Training Area.

- ▶ Bravo-17 would shift farther to southeast and be rotated counter clockwise.
- ▶ Lands south of Simpson Road and east of East County Road would not be withdrawn; current withdrawn lands south of Simpson Road would be relinquished.
- ▶ Access to Rawhide Mine would be retained.
- ▶ Access to Fairview Peak would be retained.
- ▶ Access to Sand Springs Range would not be impacted.
- ▶ Land south of U.S. Route 50 would not be withdrawn as the Dixie Valley Training Area; area proposed to be categorized as a Special Land Management Overlay.
- ▶ State Route 839 would remain in its current configuration.
- ▶ State Route 361 would be proposed for relocation (follow-on analysis required).
- ▶ Portion of Paiute Pipeline would be proposed for relocation (follow-on analysis required).

Allowable Public Activities under Alternative 3 (Preferred Alternative)



SPECIAL LAND MANAGEMENT OVERLAY

The Special Land Management Overlay would define two areas (one east and one west of Bravo-17 range) as "military electromagnetic spectrum special use zones." These two areas would not be withdrawn or used for land-based military training and would remain open for BLM-allowable uses. Prior to issuing any decisions on projects, permits, leases, studies, and other land uses, the BLM would consult with the Navy.

