DRAFT EIS FINDINGS: BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

	POTENTIAL IMPACTS	MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, MONITORING, AND MITIGATION	
		CURRENT:	PROPOSED:
Biological Resources	**Alternatives would not result in significant impacts on biological resources.** ▶ Low probability of more than one overflight per day in any one location ▶ No adverse impacts on migratory birds with implementation of Navy's existing Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard program ▶ No adverse impacts on wildlife populations from overflights or sonic booms ▶ Vegetation and wildlife habitat impacts from construction: • Alternatives 1 and 2: 4,519 acres (0.6 percent of expanded area) • Alternative 3: 5,882 acres (0.8 percent of expanded area)	▶ Continue to implement management practices on expanded ranges • Minimize disturbance • Control invasive plants • Restore native habitats	▶ Revise Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan to include expanded ranges in coordination with agency partners
Recreation	**Alternatives would have significant impacts on recreation.** ▶ Public no longer able to access areas proposed as expanded bombing ranges ▶ Bravo-17 shift off popular hunting areas, Sand Springs Range, and Fairview Peak (Alternative 3) ▶ Congressional legislation to remove Wilderness Study Area (WSA) designation of withdrawn portions, potentially opening areas to new recreation (Alternative 3) • Clan Alpine Mountains WSA • Job Peak WSA • Stillwater Range WSA ▶ Portions of Fallon National Wildlife Refuge and Churchill County conservation easements closed to public		▶ Manage bighorn sheep hunting in Bravo-17 with Nevada Department of Wildlife (Alternatives 2 and 3) ▶ Review hunting program annually to determine whether additional hunting opportunities would be compatible with Navy mission ▶ Continue popular racing events on bombing ranges with Navy approval (Alternatives 2 and 3) ▶ Install wildlife guzzlers off Navy ranges to improve habitat accessible to the public ▶ Allow access to the Bureau of Land Management and Nevada Department of Wildlife for management purposes ▶ Install wildlife-friendly fencing ▶ Remove existing fences not required for safety and security

Potential Socioeconomic Effects Related to Recreation Impacts

▶ **Alternatives would not have significant impacts on recreation and tourism revenues.**