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NAVY TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FALLON, Nev. — The U.S. Navy will be holding seven public meetings throughout northern Nevada to inform the public about the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex and the results contained in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Navy prepared the Draft EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Ranges, located in northern Nevada. Modernization would include: 1) renewal of the Navy's current public land withdrawal, 2) land range expansion through the additional withdrawal of public lands and the acquisition of non-federal land, 3) airspace expansion and modifications 4) upgrades to range infrastructure. The Draft EIS was made available for public review and comment on Nov. 16, 2018; the public comment period is open through Jan. 15, 2019.

Public Involvement

The Navy will be holding seven public meetings to provide information and to give the public an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS. Public meetings will include an open-house information session, during which time Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions. A brief Navy presentation and public oral comment session will occur at approximately the beginning of the second hour of the meetings. Written and oral comments will be accepted at each public meeting.

The public meeting schedule is as follows:

Date: Monday, Dec. 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Hawthorne Convention Center
932 E St.
Hawthorne, NV 89415

Date: Monday, Dec. 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Gabbs School Gymnasium
511 E Ave.
Gabbs, NV 89409

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Austin Town Hall
135 Court St.
Austin, NV 89310

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Eureka Opera House, Grand Hall
31 S. Main St.
Eureka, NV 89316

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Fallon Convention Center
100 Campus Way
Fallon, NV 89406

Date: Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: C Punch Inn and Casino, Kumiva Room
1420 Cornell Ave.
Lovelock, NV 89419

Date: Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: West 2nd Events Center
600 W. 2nd St.
Reno, NV 89503

Comments pertaining to the Navy's proposed modernization or the draft environmental analysis can also be submitted online at www.FRTCModernization.com or sent to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest
Attention: Code EV21.SG
1220 Pacific Highway
Building 1, 5th Floor
San Diego, CA 92132

Additional information is also available at www.FRTCModernization.com. All written comments must be postmarked or received online by **Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019**, to be considered in the Final EIS.

About the Fallon Range Training Complex

The Fallon Range Training Complex is the Navy's premier aviation training range, supporting aviation and ground training, including live-fire training. The Navy trains 100 percent of deploying

naval aviation and naval special warfare units at the Fallon Ranges. The current bombing ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. However, newer-generation aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Ranges.

In response to technological and tactical advancements, the Navy conducted a comprehensive analysis, referred to as 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 for combat. The proposed modernization would provide more realistic training capabilities while maintaining the safety of local communities.

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