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FALLON RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX MODERNIZATION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AVAILABLE; INFORMATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD

FALLON, Nev. — The U.S. Navy has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed modernization of the Fallon Range Training Complex, 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, and 4) upgrades to range infrastructure.

Public Involvement

The Navy will hold an informational meeting following the release of the Final EIS. The meeting will include poster stations staffed by Navy representatives, a presentation starting at 6:00 p.m., and an opportunity for the public to provide oral comments. This public meeting is intended to update the public concerning the Navy's proposal, the analysis in the Final EIS, and planned monitoring and mitigation measures.

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

The Navy is committed to keeping the public informed. The completion of the Final EIS follows years of research, analysis, and public involvement. The Navy held seven scoping meetings in 2016 and seven public meetings associated with the Draft EIS in 2018 to provide information and obtain public input. The Final EIS includes Navy responses to public comments received during the Draft EIS public review and comment period.

Availability of Final EIS

Regulations provide for a 30-day wait period after the Final EIS is published before the Navy can make any decision as to which if any of the action alternatives analyzed in the EIS would be selected. The Final EIS will be available to the public on **Jan. 10, 2020**, on the project website at **www.FRTCModernization.com**, and at the following public libraries: Austin, Carson City, Churchill County, Crescent Valley, Downtown Reno, Eureka, Fernley, Gabbs Community, Mineral County, Pershing County, and Yerington.

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 Range Training Complex. The training conducted there is critical for defending and securing the United States and its interests abroad. However, the ranges have not changed substantially in size or configuration since the 1990s. Modern aircraft and weapons have outpaced the current capabilities of the Fallon Range Training Complex.

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 ranges severely restricts the extent to which the Navy can use its weapons systems to train. The proposed modernization would provide training capabilities that are more realistic and are needed to meet changing aviation and ground training requirements, while maintaining the safety of local communities.

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