



Draft Supplemental EIS

Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center



As part of the NEPA process, the public is encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed action, alternatives, and potential environmental impacts as presented in the Draft SEIS. Public participation helps the Marine Corps make more informed decisions about its proposed action.

Overview of the Supplemental EIS

The Department of the Navy, on behalf of the Marine Corps and in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management, has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of implementing alternative desert tortoise translocation plans at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms (the "Combat Center"). Translocation of tortoises from newly acquired training areas was deemed necessary to mitigate the anticipated moderate to high levels of impact on the tortoise population from the Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB)-level training exercises that were assessed in the July 2012 Final EIS for "Land Acquisition and Airspace Establishment to Support Large-Scale Marine Air Ground Task Force Live Fire and Maneuver Training."

NEPA Process and Community Involvement

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires U.S. federal agencies to consider the potential environmental consequences of their actions before making a decision. The public participates in the NEPA process by reviewing and commenting on the environmental analysis during the public review period. All public comments are considered, and the U.S. Marine Corps will not proceed with any proposed action until the NEPA process is complete.

Project Materials and Draft SEIS Availability

Informational materials and project documents are available on the project website at www.SEISforLAA.com and at the following information repositories:

Barstow Branch Library

304 E. Buena Vista St.
Barstow, CA 92311

Joshua Tree Library

6465 Park Blvd.
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

Lucerne Valley Janice Horst Branch Library

33103 Old Woman Springs Road
Lucerne Valley, CA 92356

Needles Branch Library

1111 Bailey Ave.
Needles, CA 92363

Newton T. Bass Apple Valley Branch Library

14901 Dale Evans Parkway
Apple Valley, CA 92307

Ovitt Family Community Library

215 E. C St.
Ontario, CA 91764

Palm Springs Public Library

300 S. Sunrise Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Sacramento Public Library Central Branch

828 I St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

San Bernardino County Library

104 W. Fourth St.
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Twentynine Palms Library

6078 Adobe Road
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

Victorville City Library

15011 Circle Drive
Victorville, CA 92395

Yucca Valley Branch Library

57098 29 Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Commenting on the Draft SEIS

The Marine Corps requests and welcomes your comments on the Draft SEIS. Interested parties can comment on the Draft SEIS in any of the following ways:

- Submit oral and written comments at the public meetings
- Submit comments electronically via the project website at www.SEISforLAA.com
- Mail comments to:

29Palms SEIS Project Team,
c/o Cardno Government Services,
3888 State Street, Ste. 201
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

All comments must be received or postmarked by **November 14, 2016**, for consideration in the Final Supplemental EIS.



The table below shows the steps of the NEPA process and identifies opportunities for public involvement.

Milestone	Description	Schedule
Notice of Intent (NOI)	Publication of the NOI in the Federal Register and appropriate general circulation newspapers initiated the public involvement phase of the NEPA process.	August 24, 2016
Draft SEIS	A Notice of Availability of the Draft SEIS was published in the Federal Register and newspapers. The Draft SEIS was filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and made available to interested parties.	September 30, 2016
Public Meetings / Comment Period	The Draft SEIS is made available to the public to comment on the analysis for 45 days. During this time, three public meetings will be held. A Notice of Public Meetings was published in the Federal Register and local newspapers.	Comment Period: Sep. 30 – Nov. 14, 2016 Public Meetings: Joshua Tree – Oct. 25, 2016 Palm Springs – Oct. 26, 2016 Barstow – Oct. 27, 2016
Final SEIS	The Final SEIS is an update to the Draft SEIS based on comments received during the public meetings and comment period. A Notice of Availability of the Final SEIS is published in the Federal Register and appropriate general circulation newspapers. The Final SEIS is filed with the EPA and made available to interested parties.	January 2017
30-Day Wait Period	Regulations provide for a 30-day wait period after the Final SEIS is published before the agency may take final action. During that period, in addition to the agency's own internal final review, the public and other agencies can comment on the Final SEIS.	January 2017
Record of Decision	After the 30-day wait period and considering public comments on the potential environmental impacts, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations & Environment) will select an alternative and issue a Record of Decision. A Notice of Record of Decision is published in the Federal Register and area newspapers and made available to interested parties.	February 2017



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Opportunities for Public Review and Comment

For more information about the Draft SEIS, please visit www.SEISforLAA.com.