

Greely Air Drop Zone (now known as Fort Greely East Training Area) as lands withdrawn from public use until November 6, 2001. If the Army intends to continue use beyond this time, the Act requires the Army to publish a Draft Environmental Impact Statement by November 6, 1998.

DATES: Comments should be received no later than February 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the DLEIS, contact Mr. Doug Johnson, Directorate of Public Works, ATTN: APVR-RPW-EV, 730 Quartermaster Road, Fort Richardson, AK 99505-6500. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Doug Johnson at (907) 384-3090, fax: (907) 384-3047 or Ms. Cindy Herdrich, Center for Ecological Management of Military Lands (CEMML), Colorado State University, Vocational Education Building, Fort Collins, CO 80523; telephone: (970) 491-2728, fax: (970) 491-2713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fort Wainwright Yukon Training Area comprises approximately 246,277 acres near Fairbanks, Alaska. The Fort Greely West and East Training Areas comprise approximately 623,585 acres near Delta Junction, Alaska. These areas were withdrawn from public use from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for military purposes with the enactment of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act on November 6, 1986. The Act specifies these lands are reserved for use by the Secretary of the Army for military maneuvering, training, artillery firing, aerial gunnery, infantry tactics, equipment development and testing, as well as other defense related purposes. The withdrawal renewal lands are used to train in an extremely cold environment, and to test the effect of this environment on military equipment. The Fort Wainwright Yukon Training Area and Fort Greely West and East Training Areas are used by the Army and Air Force. The Army and BLM jointly manage the natural resources on the withdrawal renewal lands recognizing their primary military role.

The Department of the Army has determined there is a continuing military requirement for the use of these withdrawal lands to train and maintain military units at the required state of readiness. The preferred alternative proposes to renew the existing military withdrawals for 50 years until November 6, 2051. The proposed 50-year withdrawal period is approximately the same length of time the military will have used these lands when the existing withdrawals expire in 2001.

Under the no action alternative considered in the DLEIS, Congress would not grant the requested withdrawal renewals. The lands would no longer be available for military use after November 5, 2001.

The Army conducted scoping on the DLEIS to inform the public of the proposed action, identify significant issues, and develop alternatives related to the proposed withdrawal renewal. Federal, State, local agencies, and the public were invited to participate in the scoping process. Public scoping meetings were held in Delta Junction, Fairbanks, and Anchorage in June and December 1997.

Significant issues identified during the scoping process and included in the impact analysis of the DLEIS are public access, air quality, military contamination of soils and surface water, noise, ownership of submerged lands, and wildlife and their habitat.

Public meetings are tentatively scheduled for January 1999 in Delta Junction, Fairbanks, and Anchorage to receive comments on the DLEIS. Notification of specific times and locations for the public meetings will be published in local newspapers. Written comments on the DLEIS will be accepted from publication of the Notice of Availability through 30 days following the public meetings. All comments will be addressed in the Final Legislative Environmental Impact Statement. All interested individuals, organizations, and governmental agencies are encouraged to comment on the DLEIS.

Written comments may be forwarded to Ms. Cindy Herdrich at the above address or at <http://www.cemml.colostate.edu/alaskaeis>.

Dated: November 2, 1998.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health) OASA (I,L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Record of Decision (ROD) for Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Projects and Activities Associated With Programs at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice of availability announces the public release of a ROD

resulting from a recently completed EIS for White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. A summary of the ROD is provided in the supplementary information paragraph below.

ADDRESSES: To receive a copy of the ROD contact the Commander, White Sands Missile Range, ATTN: STEWS-NRES-C (Mr. Robert J. Andreoli), White Sands Missile Range, NM 88002-5048.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert J. Andreoli at (505) 678-7926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: White Sands Missile Range is an extensive and complex test range. It consists of launch sites, target areas, instrumentation, buildings, equipment, and personnel used by DoD, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and other Federal and commercial testing concerns to conduct safe, large-scale experiments on advanced weapons and space flight systems. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, White Sands prepared an EIS to address environmental quality implications of implementing projects and activities on the missile range. The decision resulting from the findings of the EIS is to adopt specific mitigation measures for the continuation of existing White Sands Missile Range programs and future testing of scientific, military, and commercial systems.

Mitigation measures, in addition to those specifically identified in the EIS, will be developed by use of the White Sands Missile Range Decision Analysis System and Geographic Information System (DAS/GIS) during the planning stage and will assist in planning projects so as to minimize environmental impacts. White Sands has management practices for the conservation of sensitive natural resources, including wildlife, endangered species, and wetlands. Best management practices and common erosion control techniques will be used in ground disturbed activities.

These same mitigation measures will be integrated into the DAS/GIS and will provide project proponents with environmental information, site location decision support, and regulatory approval at significant cost savings and with improved efficiency. As a result, White Sands will be better able to protect, restore, and enhance the range environment as it more effectively supports its operational mission.

The White Sands EIS lacks some baseline documentation and impacts analysis information and is to be rectified by the preparation of Technical Support Documents (TSDs). TSDs are to be prepared for: water resources analysis; emissions analysis (including

analyses of noise, electromagnetic interference, lasers, light emissions and light pollution, radio astronomy interference, and Global Positioning System interference); an integrated natural resource management plan; chaff analysis; and cumulative impacts analysis. TSDs may be prioritized by immediate need, schedule, or availability of funding.

The entire text of the White Sands Missile Range ROD and the Executive Summary of the EIS can be found on the White Sands Missile Range home page at <http://www.wsmr.army.mil>. To find these documents access the Public Info part of the pager and then click on the Environmental button and choose the desired document.

Dated: November 3, 1998.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health), OASA(I,L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Correction Notice.

SUMMARY: On October 26, 1998, a notice inviting comment from the public was published on page 57108 for the Federal Stafford Loan (Subsidized and Unsubsidized) Program Master Promissory Note. This notice corrects the title from "Federal Stafford Loan (Subsidized and Unsubsidized) Program Master Promissory Note" to "Federal Stafford Loan (Subsidized and Unsubsidized) Program Promissory Note".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address PatSherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

Dated: November 2, 1998.

Kent H. Hannaman,

Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 7, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Werfeld@al.eop.gov. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address PatSherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader,

Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: November 2, 1998.

Kent H. Hannaman,

Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer.

Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs

Type of Review: New.

Title: Application for Grants Under Bilingual Education: Career Ladder Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: Responses: 200; Burden hours: 24,000.

Abstract: The Department needs and uses this information to make grants. The respondents are local educational agencies, State educational agencies and institutions of higher education and are required to provide this information in applying for grants.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology (NE); Program Announcement LAB NE-99-1 Nuclear Energy Research Initiative

AGENCY: Oakland Operations Office, DOE.