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Maintained in paper files and electronic storage media.

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Last name and first name initial of the individual, subject and date of the document.

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SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief, Correspondence Control Division, Executive Services Directorate, Washington Headquarters Services, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155.

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Individuals should provide the name and number of this system of records notice, the individual's last name, first name initial, subject, date of document and be signed.

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The Office of the Secretary of Defense rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Office of the Secretary of Defense Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

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Individuals and those writing on their behalf, and official records.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Deauthorization of Water Resources Projects

AGENCY: Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of project deauthorizations.

SUMMARY: The Corps of Engineers is publishing the list of water resources projects deauthorized under the provisions of section 1001(b)(2) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662, as amended, (33 U.S.C 579a(b)(2)), and lists of projects removed from the deauthorization list due to obligations of funds, or deauthorized earlier.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC 20314-1000, Attention: CECW-IN, Ms. Agnes W. Chen, Tel. (202) 761-4175.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662, 100 Stat. 4082-4273, as amended, provides for the automatic deauthorization of water resource projects and separable elements of projects.

Section 1001(b)(2), 33 U.S.C. 579a(b)(2), requires the Secretary of the Army to submit to the Congress a biennial list of unconstructed water resources projects and separable elements of projects for which no obligations of funds have been incurred for planning, design or construction during the prior seven full fiscal years. If funds are not obligated within thirty months from the date the list was submitted, the project/separable elements are deauthorized. Notwithstanding these provisions, projects may be specifically deauthorized or reauthorized by law. (**Note:** The provision of section 1001(b)(2) prior to the 2007 amendments apply to this action.)

For purposes of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, "separable element" is defined in section 103(f), Public Law 99-662, 33 U.S.C. 2213(f).

In accordance with section 1001(b)(2), the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) submitted a list of 31 projects and separable elements to Congress on 29 September 2006. From this list, 27 projects/separable elements were deauthorized on March 29, 2009, 2 were removed due to obligation of funds, and 2 were deauthorized on 02 April 2002 and 01 May 1997 respectively.

District		Primary state	Purpose
Projects Deauthorized on 29 March 2009 Under Section 1001(B)(2) WRDA 1986, as Amended			
MVM	AUGUSTA TO CLARENDON LEVEE, LOWER WHITE RIVER, AR (UNCOMPLETED PORTION)	AR	FC
MVM	CLARENDON LEVEE, LOWER WHITE RIVER, AR	AR	FC
MVM	WEST MEMPHIS & VICINITY, AR	AR	FC
NAE	HARTFORD	CT	E
NAE	NEW HAVEN	CT	E
MVR	GREEN BAY LEVEE & DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2, IA	IA	FC
NAE	FALL RIVER AND NEW BEDFORD	MA	E
NAE	SAUGUS RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES, MA	MA	FC
NAB	BALTIMORE HARBOR AND CHANNELS, MD & VA (50-FT DEEPENING)	MD	N
NAE	CASCO BAY IN VICINITY OF PORTLAND	ME	E
NAE	PENOBSCOT RIVER IN VICINITY OF BANGOR	ME	E
MVS	COLDWATER CREEK, MO	MO	FC
MVS	MALINE CREEK, MO	MO	FC
NWO	PLATTE RIVER FLOOD & RELATED STREAMBANK EROSION CONTROL, NE	NE	SP
NAE	EPPING	NH	E
NAE	MANCHESTER	NH	E
NAN	NEW YORK HBR AND ADJACENT CHANNELS, CLAREMONT TERMINAL, NJ	NJ	N
NWP	COLUMBIA RIVER, SEAFARER'S MEMORIAL, HAMMOND, OR	OR	N
NAB	TIOGA-HAMMOND LAKES, PA (MILL RUN RECREATION)	PA	FC
NAE	CLIFF WALK, NEWPORT, RI	RI	SP
NAE	NARRAGANSETT BAY IN VICINITY OF PROVIDENCE, RI	RI	E
NAE	NARRAGANSETT BAY OVERFLOW MGMT FACILITY	RI	E
NAE	NARRAGANSETT TOWN BEACH, NARRAGANSETT, RI	RI	N
NAE	QUONSET POINT—DAVISVILLE	RI	N
NWO	GREGORORY COUNTY HYDROELECTRIC PUM STORAGE FACILITY, SD	SD	H
MVM	MUD LAKE PUMPING STATION, TN	TN	FC
MVM	REELFOOT LAKE—LAKE NO 9, TN & KY	TN	FC
	Total: 27		
Projects Removed from Deauthorization List Due to Obligations of Funds for Planning, Design or Construction			
NAE	BRIDGEPORT	CT	E
LRE	ECORSE CREEK, MI	MI	FC
	Total: 2		
Project Deauthorization on 02 April 2002			
NWW	LITTLE WOOD RIVER GOODING/SHOSHONE, ID	ID	FC
	Total: 1		
Project Deauthorization on 01 May 1997			
NWO	OAHE DAM, LAKE OAHE (WILDLIFE RESTORATION), SD & ND	SD	E
	Total: 1		

Key To Abbreviations

MVD MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION
 MVM MEMPHIS DISTRICT
 MVN NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
 MVS ST. LOUIS DISTRICT
 MVK VICKSBURG DISTRICT
 MVR ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT
 MVP ST. PAUL DISTRICT
 NAD NORTH ATLANTIC DIVISION
 NAB BALTIMORE DISTRICT
 NAN NEW YORK DISTRICT
 NAO NORFOLK DISTRICT
 NAP PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT
 NAE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
 NWD NORTHWESTERN DIVISION
 NWP PORTLAND DISTRICT
 NWS SEATTLE DISTRICT
 NWW WALLA WALLA DISTRICT
 NWK KANSAS CITY DISTRICT
 NWO OMAHA DISTRICT

LRD GREAT LAKES & OHIO RIVER DIVISION
 LRH HUNTINGTON DISTRICT
 LRL LOUISVILLE DISTRICT
 LRN NASHVILLE DISTRICT
 LRP PITTSBURGH DISTRICT
 LRB BUFFALO DISTRICT
 LRC CHICAGO DISTRICT
 LRE DETROIT DISTRICT
 POD PACIFIC OCEAN DIVISION
 POA ALASKA DISTRICT
 POH HONOLULU DISTRICT
 SAD SOUTH ATLANTIC DIVISION
 SAC CHARLESTON DISTRICT
 SAJ JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT
 SAM MOBILE DISTRICT
 SAS SAVANNAH DISTRICT
 SAW WILMINGTON DISTRICT
 SPD SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION
 SPL LOS ANGELES DISTRICT
 SPK SACRAMENTO DISTRICT

SPN SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT
 SPA ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT
 SWD SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION
 SWF FORT WORTH DISTRICT
 SWG GALVESTON DISTRICT
 SWL LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT
 SWT TULSA DISTRICT

Purpose

E ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION
 FC FLOOD CONTROL
 H WATER SUPPLY
 N NAVIGATION
 SP EROSION CONTROL

Authority: This notice is required by the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662, section 1001(c), 33 U.S.C. 579a(c), and the Water Resources

Development Act of 1988, Public Law 100–676, section 52(d), 102 Stat. 4012, 4045.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCOE) Actions at Fort Benning, GA

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the availability of the MCOE FEIS, which evaluates the potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts associated with the MCOE activities at Fort Benning. The FEIS covers the construction, operation, facilities maintenance, personnel increases, and training activities associated with the proposed MCOE actions, as well as increased training throughput due to Grow the Army missions at Fort Benning.

DATES: The waiting period for the MCOE FEIS will end 30 days after publication of a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the EIS, contact Mr. John Brent, Fort Benning Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Management Division, 6650 Meloy Hall, Building 6, Room 308, Fort Benning, GA 31905 or e-mail at: john.brent@us.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Bridgett Siter at (706) 545–6169 or Mr. Anthony O’Bryant at (706) 545–4591 in the Fort Benning Public Affairs Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MCOE FEIS covers the construction, operation, facilities maintenance, personnel increases, and training activities associated with the proposed MCOE actions at Fort Benning. The Proposed Action includes construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities and training areas in support of the Armor School and Infantry training mission.

In 2007, the Army completed its 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)/Transformation Actions FEIS and subsequent Record of Decision (ROD) for Fort Benning. Since the announcement of the BRAC/

Transformation EIS ROD in 2007, some projects that were reasonably foreseeable in Fiscal Year (FY) 14 have now been funded, programmed and planned, and new projects have been identified. In addition, some of the projects, originally identified for implementation in the FY08 to FY13 timeframe, have changed in location, size, and timing and these changes are substantial enough to require a re-evaluation. The MCOE FEIS analyzes these changes.

The MCOE FEIS also evaluates new facilities and training areas to support the increased training requirements of military personnel and students associated with Grow the Army missions at Fort Benning. The permanent increase in the Army end strength, which is being implemented in accordance with Congressional authorizations, will allow the Army to realign its force structure to a force that is capable of meeting national security and defense objectives. This action would bring the Fort Benning population (excluding dependents) to a total of 35,837 military, civilian, and contractor personnel, as well as 16,624 military students (daily average).

Alternatives analyzed in the MCOE FEIS are: (I) Alternative A (the Army’s Preferred Alternative) which consists of 43 projects and entails cantonment area impacts, and maneuver and range development impacts to 10,045 acres total; (2) Alternative B which consists of 48 projects in the cantonment, maneuver and range areas, and impacts 24,596 acres total; and (3) the No Action Alternative under which FY09 through FY13 BRAC/Transformation projects identified in the BRAC/Transformation EIS are evaluated. Because the BRAC/Transformation actions have been approved for implementation, regardless of the decision taken under the MCOE proposed action, they are included in the No Action Alternative.

The FEIS analyses indicate that the implementation of the proposed action would have significant impacts on cultural resources, soils, water resources, special status species (particularly the Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW), relict trillium, and gopher tortoise), and Unique Ecological Areas (UEA). The action could potentially cause compatibility issues for lands adjacent to the ranges due to noise. Aesthetic and visual resources would be affected, but insignificantly. In terms of socioeconomic, development would take place and population increases would result in economic gains under both action alternatives, but there could be negative impacts if the local market cannot support this

increase. On-post traffic congestion and Main Gate build-up during peak hours are anticipated, but these impacts would be minimized once road expansions and new access points are completed. There would be short-term construction emissions increases, but they would not significantly affect regional air quality in the long term. Noise contours associated with training would grow both on- and off-post, increasing the potential for annoyance and complaints in adjacent communities. Utilities, safety, and hazardous and toxic materials and waste would not be significantly impacted. Through formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, minimization measures, including a Reasonable and Prudent Alternative (RPA), were developed to minimize the impacts to RCW expressed in a Jeopardy Biological Opinion. The RPA also includes a requirement that field training associated with the Scout Leaders Course (Army Reconnaissance Course) and MCOE heavy mechanized training courses be moved from the Southern Maneuver Training Area to an off-post site yet to be determined. This relocation would take place 5 years from the start of the Scout Leaders Course and would be the subject of further NEPA analysis.

All the alternatives would have significant, adverse noise impacts due to expansion of noise levels greater than 75 dBA (Zone III) into approximately 96 family housing buildings adjacent to Dixie Road. The family housing on post has been privatized via the Residential Communities Initiative (RCI). Fort Benning is working with the RCI program representatives to determine the most feasible mitigation options to attenuate noise, which will be analyzed in a separate NEPA document when more information and options are identified.

For all alternatives, significant adverse impacts to land use, biological resources, water resources, and soils would be reduced with the implementation of proposed mitigation measures. Significant adverse impacts to special status species (RCW), vegetation, and UEA would be reduced through the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures and the RPA, but residual impacts would still be potentially significant as a result of the magnitude of the impacts, loss of habitat, and operation and maintenance activities.

An electronic version of the FEIS can be viewed or downloaded from the following Web site: http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/nepa_eis_docs.htm.