

crawl slowly if pinnipeds are within view.

(5) Visits to intertidal areas of Southeast Farallon Island during research activities would be coordinated to reduce potential take.

(6) All research goals on Ano Nuevo Island would be coordinated to minimize the necessary number of trips to the island. Once on Ano Nuevo Island, researchers would coordinate monitoring schedules so that areas near any pinnipeds would be accessed only once per visit.

(7) The lead biologist would always serve as an observer to evaluate incidental take and halt any research activities should the potential for incidental take be too great.

#### **Proposed Monitoring and Reporting**

Researchers would take notes of sea lions and seals observed within the proposed research area during studies. The notes would provide dates, time, tidal height, species, numbers of sea lions and seals present, and any disturbances. PRBO would submit a final report, including these notes, to NMFS within 90 days after the expiration of the Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA), if it is issued.

#### **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

In 2007, NMFS prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the issuance of an IHA to PRBO to take marine mammals by Level B harassment incidental to conducting seabird research in central California. The draft EA was released for public review and comment along with the application and the proposed IHA (72 FR 41294, July 27, 2007). All comments were addressed in full in the **Federal Register** Notice of Issuance of an IHA for PRBO (72 FR 71121, December 14, 2007). At that time, NMFS determined that conducting the seabird research would not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact.

For this proposed action, PRBO has requested to incidentally harass 31 Steller sea lions, (i.e., 17 more than what was requested in the 2007 IHA). Because of this increase in the numbers of marine mammals incidentally harassed, NMFS has determined that it will update the 2007 EA. NMFS is currently preparing a Supplemental EA which incorporates by reference the 2007 Final EA. Before making a determination on the issuance of an IHA, NMFS will ensure compliance with NEPA and its implementing regulations.

#### **Endangered Species Act**

In a 2007 Biological Opinion issued on July 27, 2007, NMFS concluded that that the issuance of an IHA to PRBO for seabird research was likely to affect, but not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of Steller sea lions. NMFS had issued an incidental take statement (ITS) for Steller sea lions pursuant to section 7 of the ESA. The ITS contained reasonable and prudent measures for implementing terms and conditions to minimize the effects of this take.

Since the proposed pinniped research expands the scope of the previously analyzed action, NMFS is conducting a Section 7 consultation under the ESA to make a determination whether the proposed research project would be likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the eastern U.S. stock of Steller sea lions.

#### **Preliminary Determinations**

NMFS proposes to issue an IHA to PRBO to take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment incidental to conducting seabird and pinniped research activities on Southeast Farallon Island, Ano Nuevo Island, and Point Reyes National Seashore in central CA. The marine mammals most likely to be harassed incidental to conducting pinniped research (NMFS Scientific Research Permit (SRP) 373-1868-00) are primarily Steller sea lions. Issuance of this IHA would be contingent upon adherence to the proposed mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements described in this **Federal Register** notice. For the reasons discussed in this document and in the identified supporting documents, NMFS has preliminarily determined that the impact of seabird research on SEFI, ANI, and PRNS would result in Level B harassment only of small numbers of California sea lions, Pacific harbor seals, northern elephant seals, and Steller sea lions hauled out in the vicinity of the proposed research area; and would have a negligible impact on the affected species. The provision requiring that the activities not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the affected species or stock for subsistence uses does not apply for this proposed action.

No take by Level A harassment (injury) or death is anticipated and harassment takes should be at the lowest level practicable due to incorporation of the mitigation measures proposed in this document.

#### **Proposed Authorization**

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue

an IHA to PRBO for the potential harassment of small numbers of California sea lions, harbor seals, northern elephant seals, and Steller sea lions incidental to conducting of seabird research on Southeast Farallon Island, Año Nuevo Island, and Point Reyes National Seashore, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: September 24, 2008.

**James H. Lecky,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

### **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0139]

#### **Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Federal Acquisition and Community Right-To- Know**

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0139).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning the reporting requirements of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 11001-11050) and the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 13101-13109). The clearance currently expires on January 31, 2009.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VPR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4041, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** Mr. William Clark, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 219-1813.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **A. Purpose**

FAR Subpart 23.9 and its associated solicitation provision and contract clause implement the requirements of E.O. 13148 of April 21, 2000, published in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 24595, April 26, 2000. "Greening the Government through Leadership in Environmental Management." The FAR coverage requires offerors, except for acquisitions of commercial items as defined in FAR Part 2, in competitive acquisitions over \$100,000 (including options) and competitive 8(a) contracts, to certify that they will comply with applicable toxic chemical release reporting requirements of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 11001-11050) and the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 13101-13109).

##### **B. Annual Reporting Burden**

Respondents: 167,487.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 167,487.

Hours Per Response: 0.50.

Total Burden Hours: 83,744.

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**PROPOSALS:** Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VPR), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0139, Federal Acquisition and Community Right-to-Know, in all correspondence.

Dated: September 17, 2008.

**Al Matera,**

*Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Department of the Air Force**

#### **Amended Notice of Intent**

**AGENCY:** United States Air Force, Air Mobility Command, Federal Aviation Administration.

**ACTION:** Amended notice of intent.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347; 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508; and 32 CFR Part 989.

**SUMMARY:** On Thursday, September 18, 2008, the Air Force issued its Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Beddown and Flight Operations of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) at Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota (**Federal Register**/Vol. 73, No. 182/pg. 54139).

This Amended Notice of Intent extends the scoping period from 30 October 2008 to 21 November 2008, and reflects the collaborative efforts put forth by both the Air Force and FAA, as cooperating agencies, to meet their respective roles and responsibilities in the EIS process. Additional information is available at the project Web site listed below.

*For Further Information and Comment Submittal Contact:* Mr. Doug Allbright, 618-229-0846, HQ AMC/A7PI, 507 Symington Drive; Scott Air Force Base, Illinois 62225 or via the project Web site at: <http://www.grandforksuaseis.com>.

**Bao-Anh Trinh,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Department of the Air Force**

#### **Air Force Real Property Agency; Exchange of Air Force Real Property for Private Land Acquisition**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**Authority:** Title 10, United States Code, Section 2869(d)(1).

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies excess Federal property under the administrative jurisdiction of the United States Air Force that the Air Force intends to exchange for land beneficial to the Air Force.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms Diane Bailey, Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA), 143 Billy Mitchell Blvd., Suite 1, San Antonio, TX 78226-

1816; telephone (210) 925-3076, (this telephone number is not toll-free).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 10 U.S.C. Section 2869(d)(1), the Air Force is publishing this Notice to identify Federal real property that the Air Force intends to dispose of in exchange for land beneficial to the Air Force.

*Description of the Air Force property:* Two non-contiguous sites to Dyess Air Force Base, TX (1) a transmitter site (20 acres) (2) middle marker site (0.13 acres).

*Property Number:*

*Status:* Excess.

*Comments:* Transmitter site and middle marker site are composed of approximately 20.13 acres which are no longer used to support Dyess Mission. The proposal is to exchange the 20.13 acres of government land at an estimated Fair Market Value or \$40,260.00 for 16 acres of privately owned land to meet the current airfield criteria for Runway Lateral Clearance and Transitional Surface criteria along the bases.

*Privately owned land acquisition:*

Approximately 16 acres estimated Fair Market Value of \$48,000 of privately owned land adjacent to the Northwest boundary of the base.

**Bao-Anh Trinh,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Department of the Air Force**

#### **U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** Due to scheduling difficulties the U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board was unable to finalize its agenda in time to publish notice of its meeting in the **Federal Register** for the 15-calendar days required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a). Accordingly, the Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement. Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense announces that the United