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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.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355, the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA) Board of Visitors (BoV) will meet in Harmon Hall, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 3300 at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO on 24-25 July 2009. The meeting session will begin at 9 a.m. on 24 July. The purpose of this meeting is to review morale and discipline, social climate, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force has determined that portions of this meeting shall be closed to the public. The Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, in consultation with the Office of the Air Force General Counsel, has determined in writing that the public interest requires that two portions of this meeting be closed to the public because they will involve matters covered by subsection (c)(6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Public attendance at the open portions of this USAFA BoV meeting shall be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis up to the reasonable and safe capacity of the meeting room. In addition, any member of the public wishing to provide input to the USAFA BoV should submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and the procedures described in this paragraph. Written statements must address the following details: The issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and provide any necessary background information. Written statements can be submitted to the

Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the Air Force Pentagon address detailed below at any time. However, if a written statement is not received at least 10 days before the first day of the meeting which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to, or considered by, the BoV until its next open meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the BoV Chairperson and ensure they are provided to members of the BoV before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. For the benefit of the public, rosters that list the names of BoV members and any releasable materials presented during open portions of this BoV meeting shall be made available upon request.

If, after review of timely submitted written comments, the BoV Chairperson and DFO deem appropriate, they may choose to invite the submitter of the written comments to orally present their issue during an open portion of the BoV meeting that is the subject of this notice. Members of the BoV may also petition the Chairperson to allow specific persons to make oral presentations before the BoV. Any oral presentations before the BoV shall be in accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(d), section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, and this paragraph. The DFO and BoV Chairperson may, if desired, allot a specific amount of time for members of the public to present their issues for BoV review and discussion. Direct questioning of BoV members or meeting participants by the public is not permitted except with the approval of the DFO and Chairperson.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Or to attend this BoV meeting, contact Mr. Richard Engle, USAFA Programs Manager, Directorate of Force Development, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, AF/A1DOA, 2221 S. Clark St., Ste. 500, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 602-5075. If members of the public would like to attend, please contact the USAFA Public Affairs Office, (719) 333-7731 for information on access to the Academy meeting site.

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Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

[Docket ID: USAF-2009-0037]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to amend a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of Air Force proposes to amend a system of records to its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: The changes will be effective on August 3, 2009 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Air Force Privacy Act Officer, Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, SAF/XCPPI, 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ben Swilley at (703) 696-6648.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Air Force systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the record system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its entirety. The proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: June 25, 2009.

Morgan E. Frazier,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Status of Ineffective Recruiter. (June 11, 1997, 62 FR 31793).

CHANGES:

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SYSTEM LOCATION:

Delete entry and replace with "Headquarters, Air Force Recruiting Service, 550 D Street, Suite 1, Randolph Air Force Base, TX 78150-4527. Air Force Recruiting activities official mailing addresses are published as an