

order to comply with airfield safety regulations. As such, the appraisals indicated both parcels have no economic use in a competitive marketplace and therefore worth a nominal or “zero” monetary value. The restrictions will stay in place after the land exchange in order to serve both parties future interests with regard to the usage of the land.

On September 18, 2020, the Air Force notified the appropriate Congressional committees of the terms and conditions of the proposed exchange pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2869(d)(2).

Authority: 10 U.S.C. 2869(d)(1) and 10 U.S.C. 2684a(d)(4)(B)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Draft Environmental Impact Statement Addressing Heat and Electrical Upgrades at Fort Wainwright, Alaska

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as part of the environmental planning process to address heat and electrical upgrades at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. The current condition of the heat and power plant, one of the oldest coal-fired central heat and power plants (CHPP) in the United States, and its aging heat distribution system requires an upgrade to provide reliable heat and electrical infrastructure for the installation that resolves safety, resiliency, fiscal, and regulatory concerns. The Draft EIS evaluates reasonable alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and key issues of concern. A preferred alternative is not identified at this time. Comments received on the Draft EIS will be fully considered prior to determining which alternative would be the Army’s preferred alternative, a preference that will be identified when the Final EIS is published.

DATES: Comments must be received by December 8, 2020 to be considered in the preparation of the Final EIS.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments to Laura Sample, NEPA Program Manager at: Directorate of Public Works, ATTN: IMFW–PWE (L. Sample), 1046 Marks Road #4500, Fort

Wainwright, AK 99703–4500, email: usarmy.wainwright.id-pacific.mbx.heu-eis@mail.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Grant Sattler, Public Affairs Office, IMPC–FWA–PAO (Sattler), 1060 Gaffney Road #5900, Fort Wainwright, AK 99703–5900; telephone (907) 353–6701; email: alan.g.sattler.civ@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fort Wainwright, Alaska is located in the interior of Alaska in the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and is home to the U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Alaska and units of United States Army Alaska (USARAK). The soldiers, families, and civilians that make up the Fort Wainwright population are reliant upon a 65-year old coal-fired CHPP and an antiquated heat distribution system to heat and power more than 400 facilities. The CHPP is one of the oldest operational coal-fired power plants in the United States and is operating beyond the average design life of similar facilities. Constructing upgraded heat and electrical infrastructure would reduce utility costs, minimize the risk of a catastrophic failure, help safeguard mission readiness, meet energy efficiency standards, be compliant with emissions standards, and conform to Army-directed energy security criteria.

The Army identified three reasonable Action Alternatives that would meet the purpose of and need for the Proposed Action. Alternatives considered in the Draft EIS, including a No Action Alternative, are (1) construction of a new coal-fired CHPP, (2) construction of a new dual-fuel combustion turbine generator CHPP that would be primarily fueled by natural gas, and (3) decentralization of heat and power in which heat would be provided by distributed natural gas boilers installed at facilities across the installation and electricity would be purchased from a local utility provider.

The Draft EIS evaluates the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental and socioeconomic impacts of these alternatives. Adverse impacts would be minimized to the extent possible through implementation of the avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures.

Resource areas analyzed in the Draft EIS include: Air quality, utilities, hazardous and toxic materials and wastes, socioeconomic, environmental justice, noise, land use, transportation and traffic, human health and safety, geology and soil resources, water resources, cultural resources, and airspace.

Unavoidable environmental impacts would result from implementation of the Proposed Action. Significant, adverse impacts would be anticipated for socioeconomic (Alternatives 2 and 3, reduced coal demand), environmental justice (Alternatives 2 and 3, reduced coal demand), and cultural resources (Alternative 3, utilidor upgrades in Ladd Field National Historic Landmark). Less than significant, adverse impacts include increases in water turbidity; disturbance of sediments; noise from construction; localized habitat degradation; soil disturbance and erosion; stormwater runoff into surface water; and increased traffic, air emissions, and noise associated with construction vehicles and activities. Beneficial impacts would be anticipated for utilities (increased heating efficiency and improved system reliability). Under the No Action alternative, significant, adverse impacts would be anticipated for utilities, environmental justice, and human health and safety due to continued risk of plant failure.

Federal, state, and local agencies; Alaska Natives; Native Americans; Native American organizations and tribes; private organizations; and the public are invited to be involved in this EIS process by providing verbal or written comments. An online open house is available at <https://home.army.mil/alaska/index.php/fort-wainwright/NEPA/HEU-EIS> and a virtual public meeting will be announced locally. The date and time of the virtual public participation will be announced via Fairbanks and Healy, Alaska local news media and on digital platforms. Holding the public comment meeting virtually is required because of COVID–19 safety concerns.

An electronic copy of the Draft EIS is available online at: <https://home.army.mil/alaska/index.php/fort-wainwright/NEPA/HEU-EIS>. Copies of the Draft EIS will be available for review at the Noel Wien Library, 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701; the Post Library, Building 3700, Santiago Avenue, Fort Wainwright, AK 99703; and the Tri-Valley Community Library, 400 Suntrana Road, Healy, AK 99743, if these facilities are open. Copies of the Draft EIS are also available by submitting a request to: See **ADDRESSES**. Written comments must be sent within December 8, 2020. The Department of the Army will consider all comments received on the Draft EIS when preparing the Final EIS. As with the Draft EIS, the Department of the Army

will announce the availability of the Final EIS.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Clinton District Area Development, U.S. Army Garrison West Point, New York

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), the Department of the Army (Army) announces its intent to conduct public scoping to gather information to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for implementing the Clinton District Area Development Plan (Clinton District ADP) at U.S. Army Garrison West Point (USAG West Point), New York. USAG West Point is home to the U.S. Military Academy (USMA), the U.S. Army's preeminent leader development institution. The EIS will evaluate the environmental impacts from implementing the Clinton District ADP.

DATES: Comments must be received by November 23, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments about the scope of the EIS and questions concerning the proposed action to: Mr. Christopher Pray, U.S. Army Garrison, West Point, NEPA Coordinator, P.O. Box 102, West Point, NY 10996. Comments may also be provided via email to: WestpointClinton-ADPEIS@usace.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Christopher Pray, U.S. Army Garrison West Point, NEPA Coordinator, IMML–PWE, Building 667, Ruger Road, West Point, NY 10996, Christopher Pray at (845) 938–7122 or by email at Christopher.c.pray.civ@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose and need for the proposed action (implementation of the Clinton District ADP) is to provide improvements and effective long-term management of installation facilities and infrastructure within the Clinton District so that USMA can continue to

improve its offerings to meet evolving educational standards concurrent with its goal of training its Corps of Cadets as future leaders in the defense of the nation and its core values. These improvements are necessary to satisfy these high standards while maintaining the visual character of the historic landscape in and around USAG West Point. The Clinton District comprises the main campus of USMA, and this ADP is one of seven separate ADPs in the USAG West Point Real Property Master Plan (RPMP), which addresses the effective long-term management of installation facilities and infrastructure through a comprehensive and collaborative planning process. The Clinton District is the most sensitive area at USAG West Point due to its location within the USMA National Historic Landmark District, and it encompasses historic buildings and structures, archeological sites, and historic landscapes. The Clinton District ADP is a critical component of the RPMP because it is home to USMA's academic core. It contains the majority of the academic, athletic, and waterfront areas, and includes such prominent sites as Trophy Point, West Point Cemetery, Eisenhower Hall, and The Plain.

The implementation of the projects proposed in the ADP would allow improvements and effective long-term management of installation facilities and infrastructure within the Clinton District. USMA needs to continue improving its infrastructure while observing the constraints of its physical location and protecting its cultural and natural resources. The ADP analyses several projects that are to be built, renovated, or reorganized to meet the needs of providing modern structures for the training of its Corps of Cadets as future leaders.

The Clinton District ADP includes the short-, mid-, and long-range components of development. It reflects ongoing projects previously considered under NEPA as well as potential future development opportunities at USAG West Point. These components are at different developmental stages with some under way and others at the conceptual level. One of the short-range components is the proposed construction and operation of the Humanities Center at Trophy Point. The EIS will consider the implementation of the Clinton District ADP relative to the various components, depending on their developmental stages. Components that are further along in development such as the Humanities Center will be evaluated in detail while components at conceptual stages will be evaluated at a

programmatic level in the EIS. For those potential future development opportunities evaluated in the EIS at a programmatic level, the Army will ensure that appropriate NEPA review is completed at the time when the components reach the stage ripe for specific decision-making.

The EIS will analyze the alternatives of full implementation of proposed projects in the Clinton District ADP, implementation of the Clinton District ADP without the revitalization of Trophy Point and the Humanities Center, and a No Action Alternative. The EIS will also evaluate the effects of the proposed action and past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions. There may be significant impacts to historic properties, including the visual historic component. Other potential impacts may occur on land use, biological aspects, and water resources. Construction activities may cause traffic, noise, and air quality impacts. Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office will be required. Permitting actions for construction, air emissions, and storm water pollution prevention may be required.

A tentative schedule has been developed for this EIS. The scoping meeting is anticipated to be held in October of 2020. The Draft EIS and subsequent public meeting will occur in the summer of 2021. The Final EIS is anticipated to be solicited in October of 2022 with the Record of Decision to be issued in November of 2022. The EIS is estimated to be signed and completed in December of 2022.

Native American Tribes; Federal, state, and local agencies; organizations; special interest groups; and individuals are invited to be involved in the scoping process for the preparation of this EIS by participating in the scoping meetings and/or submitting written comments to assist with identifying alternatives or providing information to inform the analysis. Due to the COVID–19 Pandemic and the need to maintain social distancing, all public meeting materials will be provided online, and the public meeting will be hosted by telephone. The meeting materials can be found at <https://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Environmental-Assessment/Clinton-Area-Development-Plan/>. Interested parties will also be invited to attend two public telephone meetings scheduled for October 29, 2020. The phone number and passcode for both meetings is 1–877–229–8493 and 119890. The first meeting will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the second meeting will be from 6:00 p.m.