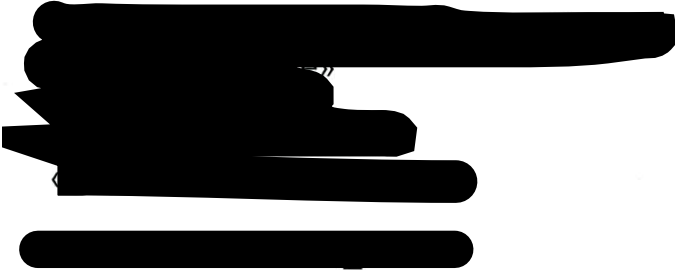




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The U. S. Army (Army) has developed a Draft Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to analyze the environmental impacts of the requested withdrawal and reservation for military purposes of approximately 22,000 acres of public lands, adjacent to the Yuma Proving Ground (YPG), that are currently managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). A Notice of Availability of the Draft LEIS was published in the Federal Register on March 1 2024. This withdrawal, if approved by Congress, would add these lands to YPG and would extend the installation boundary to Highway 95, as shown on the enclosed map.

The Army requires the additional land as a safety buffer for testing advanced air delivery technologies and aviation systems, as well as more complex air delivery and tactical scenarios on existing drop zones on YPG. In particular, GPS-guided parachute systems are requiring larger Surface Safety Zones than are currently available at YPG. The additional land space would provide an additional buffer area in case of release point errors and system failures from higher altitude parachute releases; this would allow YPG to meet testing and training requirements and improve public safety.

The Draft LEIS is now available, and the Army is again seeking input from the public. The public is being invited to review and comment on the Draft LEIS during a 45-day comment period, which runs from March 1 to April 15, 2024. Written comments on the LEIS will be accepted through April 15 2024. During the 45-day comment period, there will be two public meetings scheduled for March 26 and 27, 2024. The public meetings will be hosted online and by telephone.

- Public meeting 1: March 26, 2024 3:00 pm Mountain Standard Time (MST).
- Public meeting 2: March 27, 2024 5:00 pm MST.

Please use the following link to join by computer:
<https://ypg-environmental.com/highway-95-land-withdrawal-leis/public-meetings/>

You can also join by phone at: 1 (571) 616-7941 Conference ID: 642 621 638#

Information about the requested withdrawal, a downloadable version of the Draft LEIS, and public meeting materials are available on the YPG Environmental website at <https://ypg-environmental.com/highway-95-land-withdrawal-leis/>. Inquiries about the requested withdrawal and comments on the Draft LEIS may be submitted via email to usarmy.ypg.imcom.mbx.nepa@army.mil or to USAG YPG Environmental Sciences at U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, 301 C Street, IMYM-PWE, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498, no later than April 15, 2024.

Your input is valued, and we look forward to working with you during this process. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Daniel Steward at (928) 328-2125.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

